

During the 1970s Sub-Saharan Africa experienced deep political, economic and social transformations. The crisis of the post-colonial nation-building processes was compounded by growing authoritarian practices and faltering economic growth. State institutions were further weakened by armed conflicts deeply embroiled in Cold War rivalries. This process was particularly pronounced in the Horn of Africa, where the Ethiopia-Somalia war paved the way to further superpowers' involvement in regional politics, and in Southern Africa. The late decolonization of Angola and Mozambique was followed by deeply internationalized civil wars in both countries. While a new wave of popular protest in South Africa was met by the violent repression of the apartheid regime, the latter denied the independence of Namibia through military occupation. Finally, only in December 1979 the Lancaster House Agreement put an end to the armed conflict in Rhodesia. The conference will discuss the exhaustion of the state-led economic development model and the origins of the debt crisis, the armed conflicts and the military and diplomatic role of regional and international actors, and the independence struggles in Southern Africa.

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## 21 January

Aula A.C Jemolo – Dipartimento di Politica, Istituzioni, Storia  
Strada Maggiore, 45 - Bologna

9:00 - **Welcoming remarks**

9:30 - **Morning, PANEL 1**

MALYN NEWITT - *Chairman*  
King's College London

ANNA MARIA GENTILI  
Dipartimento di Politica, Istituzioni, Storia - Università di Bologna  
**Introductory Remarks**

AURORA ALMADA E SANTOS  
Faculty of Social and Human Sciences of the New University of Lisbon  
**The Decolonization Committee and the Struggle in the Portuguese Colonies in the 1970s**

KLAUS STORCKMANN  
Forschungsbereich "Militärgeschichte der DDR im Bündnis" -  
Militärgeschichtliches Forschungsamt Postfach - Potsdam  
**Helping Decolonisation or Fighting the Cold War in Southern Africa? East German Military Support to Mozambique in the 1970s**

CORRADO TORNIMBENI  
Dipartimento di Politica, Istituzioni, Storia - Università di Bologna  
**Local Political Struggles, Accommodations and the Nation-Building Project. The Independence of Mozambique in the 1970s**

LUÍS NUNO RODRIGUES  
ISCTE – Lisbon University Institute  
**Searching for Political Solutions: Spinola, Senghor and Guinea-Bissau in the Early 1970s**

MARIO DEL PERO - *Discussant*  
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13.00 - **Lunch**

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14:30 - **Afternoon, PANEL 2**

MARIO ZAMPONI - *Chairman*  
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IAN PHIMISTER  
University of Sheffield  
**Introductory remarks**

ALOIS MLAMBO  
University of Pretoria, South Africa  
**Discordant Voices: The Organisation of African Unity's Response to UDI 1965-1979**

BIZECK JUBE PHIRI  
University of Zambia  
**The Impact of the Rhodesian UDI on Politics and Power Relations in Zambia during the Era of Liberation Wars, 1964-1980**

JACOBUS A. DU PISANI  
North-West University, Potchefstroom, South Africa  
**"Today Vorster becomes great" – Reassessing B.J. Vorster's Role in the Détente Initiative for a Rhodesian Settlement, 1974-1975**

ARRIGO PALLOTTI  
Dipartimento di Politica, Istituzioni, Storia - Università di Bologna  
**Tanzania's Foreign Policy, Southern Africa's Liberation, and the Crisis of Ujamaa (1965-1980)**

MARIA STELLA ROGNONI - *Discussant*  
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## 22 January

Sala dell'Aquila – Istituto Gramsci  
Via Galliera, 26 - Bologna

9:30 - **Morning, PANEL 3**

GIAMPAOLO CALCHI NOVATI - *Chairman*  
Dipartimento di Studi Politici e Sociali - Università di Pavia

HENNING MELBER  
Dag Hammarskjöld Foundation  
**Introductory remarks**

DAWNE Y. CURRY  
University of Nebraska - Lincoln  
**Who Knows, Wears or Transports the Secret? The Underground Movement in Alexandra, South Africa**

ALICIA C. DECKER  
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**Militarism, Nationalism, and Intimacy: Musings on the Five Wives of Idi Amin**

LUCA PUDDU  
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**International Aid, Political Modernization and Land Reform: Western Donors and Ethiopia in the Late Period of Imperial Era**

VLADIMIR SHUBIN  
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**Ogaden War: a View from Moscow**

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