International Organizations and Decolonization in Historical Perspective

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### 9:00 – 9:15  Coffee & Registration

### 9:15 – 9:35  INTRODUCTION

**Eva-Maria Muschik** (University of Bern)

### 9:45 – 11:00  PANEL 1

**Debating the Meaning of Decolonization – International Organizations as Venues**

**SPEAKERS**

- **Anne-Isabelle Richard** (Leiden University): "Negotiating Decolonization: African Delegates at the Council of Europe"
- **Elisabeth Leake** (University of Leeds): "Debating Decolonization During the Soviet Invasion of Afghanistan"

**CHAIR & DISCUSSANT**

**Jennifer Foray** (Purdue University)

### 11:00 – 11:30  Break

### 11:30 – 13:00  PANEL 2

**The Imperialism of International Decolonization**

**SPEAKERS**

- **Giorgio Poti** (American University of Rome): "The Matryoshka of Empire: Egypt, Sudan and the League of Nations, 1919 – 1924"

**CHAIR & DISCUSSANT**

**Simon Stevens** (University of Sheffield)

### 13:00 – 15:00  Lunch

### 15:00 – 16:30  PANEL 3

**International Organizations as Platforms for Anti-Colonial Struggles**

**SPEAKERS**

- **Giuliano Garavini** (New York University Abu Dhabi): "Baghdad 1960: the Birth of OPEC as the First International Organization of the Global South"
- **Jeffrey Byrne** (University of British Columbia): "African Unity and the Competing Apparata of the Third World Project"
- **Alanna O’Malley** (Leiden University): "A View from Inside: Examining the Agency of UN officials on the Committee of 24 in Reconstituting the Means and Methods of Decolonization from 1961–1975"

**CHAIR & DISCUSSANT**

**Pamela Ballinger** (University of Michigan)

### 16:30 – 17:00  Coffee Break

### 17:00 – 18:30  PANEL 4

**Shaping Decolonization through Advocacy, Standard Setting and Law Making**

**SPEAKERS**

- **Meredith Terretta** (University of Ottawa): "Early Human Rights NGOs, Anticolonial Activists and Freedom of Movement in Decolonizing Africa"
- **Bastiaan Bouwman** (London School of Economics): "Christianity after Empire: The Ecumenical Movement’s Advocacy of Religious Freedom in Decolonizing Indonesia and Nigeria, 1945–1960"
- **Boyd van Dijk** (University of Amsterdam): "Pluralizing Colonial Sovereignty: Creating International Law for the Wars of Decolonization"

**CHAIR & DISCUSSANT**

**Jessica Pearson** (Macalaster College)

### 9:00 – 10:30  PANEL 5

**Decolonizing Knowledge and Expertise**

**SPEAKERS**

- **Bogdan Iacob** (University of Exeter): "Malariology, Peripheries, and Decolonization: East European Experts from the League of Nations to the World Health Organization"
- **William Carruthers** (University of East Anglia): "Archaeological (Non?) Alignments: Egypt, India and the Scientific Geographies of UNESCO’s Nubian Campaign"
- **Su Lin Lewis** (University of Bristol): "Competitive Cultural Diplomacy and Civil Society in 1950s Burma"

**CHAIR & DISCUSSANT**

**Teilha Sasson** (Emory University)

### 10:30 – 10:45  Coffee Break

### 10:45 – 12:15  PANEL 6

**Decolonization and Humanitarian Interventions**

**SPEAKERS**

- **Noelle Turtur** (Columbia University): "Mothers without Milk: A Humanitarian Crisis in British Occupied Italian East Africa"
- **Brian McNeil** (US Air War College): "The Battle of Geneva: The International Committee of the Red Cross and the Humanitarian Crisis in Biafra"

**CHAIR & DISCUSSANT**

**Roland Wenzlhuemer** (Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich)

### 12:15 – 13:15  Lunch

### 13:15 – 14:45  PANEL 7

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### 14:45 – 15:00  Coffee Break

### 15:00 – 16:00  Concluding Discussion

**INTRODUCTION**

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