THE MOMENTOUS 60S: REFLECTIONS ON AN AFRICAN DECADE
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
JANUARY 6-8, 2019
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Sunday January 6 Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Mandel Building Room 530
12:00-12:30 Gathering & Greetings
12:30-14:00 Becoming Postcolonial
Chair: Ulf Engel
Tal Sela, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Uosmane Sembene’s God’s Bits of Wood: Towards a New Model of an African Society
Yair Hashahar, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Afromodernity and the Limits of the Critique of Pan-Africanism
David J Ndegwah, Jaramogi Oginga Odinga University of Science & Technology
Pan-Africanism and the African Renaissance
Hlngeiwe Dlamini, University of the Free State
The Euphoria of the Wind of Change: The Breakdance of the Western Educated Elite, the Swazi Monarchy and the White Swazis

Monday January 7
Ben Gurion University of the Negev
Barkan Conference Hall
9:45-10:15 Gathering & Greetings
10:15-11:45 Liberation Movements and Ideology
Chair: Anat Rosenthal
Ana Molelo, Leipzig University
Revisiting anti-colonial rhetorics in the long 1960s: contributions from liberation movements of Lusophone Africa
Eric Burton, University of Exeter
Hubs of decolonization: Cairo, Accra and Dar es Salaam as crossroads of African liberation movements in the 1950s and 1960s
Uoldelul Chelati Dirar, University of Macerata
Canibal radicalism: Nationalism, Marxism, Socialism in Eritrea between ideology and praxis
11:45-12:15 Postcolonial States and Nation-building
Chair: Louise Bethlehem
Taiwo Olaiya, Obafemi Awolowo University
Ile-Ife Was 1960s for decolonisation or decolonisation led? Re-examining statehood and nationhood in postcolonial Africa
Olayemi Akiunwumi, Nasarawa University
The Political Developments in the 1960s: A Reflection on the rise and fall of Opposition political parties in Africa
James Kirby, Durham University
Writing histories of human rights in 1960s Africa: The case of Botswana
Naomi Chazan, Hebrew University
The transformation of the colonial state in the 1960s
Nicodemus Fru Awosasom, University of Legon
The Extraordinary Simultaneous Independence and Re-Colonisation of the British Southern Cameroons in 1961 and its Outcome

12:15-13:45 Academia and Emerging Fields of Knowledge
Chair: Ruth Ginio
Raymond Silverman, University of Michigan
“Making African Art”: Founding a Discipline and Shaping a Canon in the 1950s and 1960s
Matthias Middell, Leipzig University
East Germany and Africa in the 1960s
Ruth Wenske Stern, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

16:00-17:30 International/Local/ National Intersections
Chair: Matthias Middell
Hakeem Ibikunle Tijani, National Open University of Nigeria
The transformation of the Colonial State in Nigeria: 1960-1974
Katherine Erickson, Wolfson College, Oxford
The Pope Comes to Namugongo: Church in Africa, 1969
Roni Mikel Arieli, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
From Cottesloe to the Program to Combat Racism: World Council of Churches and the Turn to Violence in South Africa

Tuesday January 8
Ben Gurion University of the Negev
Oren Conference Hall
10:15-11:45 Foreign Relations and Postcolonial Diplomacy
Chair: Miri Stryjan
Thom Loyd, Georgetown University
The African Challenge to Soviet Internationalism in the Ukraine
Steffi Marung, Leipzig University
Revisiting anticolonial rhetorics in the long 1960s: contributions from liberation movements of Lusophone Africa
Ulf Engel, Leipzig University
The Organisation of African Unity in the 1960s

12:15-13:45 Postcolonial Militaries
Chair: Leonardo Cohen
Riina Turio, Centre d’Histoire, Sciences Po Paris
Foreign military assistance and soldiers in building francophone West African states 1958-74
Ruth Ginio, Ben Gurion University of the Negev
African Soldiers in the French Army and the (In)Significance of 1960
Saheed Aderinto, Western Carolina University
Guns and Politics in 1960s Nigeria

16:00-17:30 South Africa in the 1960s
Chair: Lynn Schler
Roni Mikel Arieli, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Holocaust on Trial in a Racial State: The Reception of the Eichmann Trial (1960-1962) in Apartheid South Africa
Karim Berkman, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Remember Sharpeville: Sharpeville and cultural memory in the poetry of the exiled South African poets, Dennis Brutus and Kgositsile
Louise Bethlehem, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
From Cottesloe to the Program to Combat Racism: World Council of Churches and the Turn to Violence in South Africa
Tal Zalmanovich, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
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Turbulent 1960s