

# Postwar Decolonization and its Impact in Europe

University of Exeter  
2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2013

## Programme

Day 1: Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2013

*All panels will be held in the Upper Lounge, Reed Hall, University of Exeter*

09.15 – 09.45 Registration and refreshments

09.45 – 10.00 Welcome, introduction  
James Mark and Andrew Thompson (University of Exeter)

**Panel 1 (Post)-Imperial Interventions**  
10.00 – 11.30 Chair: Andrew Thompson (University of Exeter)

Young-sun Hong (State University of New York at Stony Brook)  
*'The Contours of the Global Humanitarian Regime in the Era of Decolonization'*

Przemysław Gasztold-Seń (Institute of National Remembrance, Warsaw)  
*'The Ideological Struggle and Economic Opportunities. Communist Poland and the Cold War in Africa'*

Anna Bocking-Welch (University of Liverpool)  
*'Youth Against Hunger: debating ideas of international youth service at the end of empire'*

11.30 Refreshments

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**Panel 2**                    **European Radicals and Decolonization**

11.45 – 13.15            Chair: Quinn Slobodian (Wellesley College)

Christoph Kalter (Freie Universität, Berlin)

*'The Discovery of the 'Third World'. Decolonization and the Radical Left in France'*

James Mark (University of Exeter)

*'Between Radical Solidarity and State Mobilisation: Solidarity with Vietnam in Socialist Yugoslavia, Hungary and Poland 1965-1975'*

Sebastian Gehrig (University of Oxford)

*'Exploring Maoism: the West German radical left, the Chinese Cultural Revolution and the Three-World-Theory'*

13.15 – 14.00            Lunch served in the Woodbridge Suite, Reed Hall

**Panel 3**                    **Between a New Europe and the Post-Colonial World**

14.00 – 15.30            Chair: Stuart Ward (University of Copenhagen)

Anne-Isabelle Richard (University of Leiden)

*'The limits of solidarity in a decolonizing world. Europeanism, anti-colonialism and socialism at the Congress of the Peoples of Europe, Asia and Africa'*

Lorenzo Ferrari (IMT Institute for Advanced Studies, Lucca)

*'What International Role for Europe after Decolonization? Reassessing the External Policies of the EEC, 1960–1975'*

Giuliano Garavini, (University of Padua)

*'The 1973 "Oil Shock": Western Europe Facing Economic Decolonization'*

**Panel 4**                    **National Culture and Decolonization**

15.30 – 17.15            Chair: Martin Thomas (University of Exeter)

Anne Gorsuch (University of British Columbia)

*'"Cuba, my love": Revolutionary Cuba and the Soviet Sixties'*

Polymeris Voglis (University of Thessaly)

*'Imagining Decolonization in Greece: Britain, Cyprus, and (Inter-)national Cultures of Anti-Imperialism'*

Helen O'Shea (University of Edinburgh)

*'À La Carte Anti-Colonialism and Implacable Anti-Communism: Independent Ireland, Decolonization and Emergency Malaya and Kenya, 1948 - 1959'*

Alice Cunha (New University of Lisbon)

*'Belonging to Africa or Europe? Shifts in Portugal's Identity Narrative'*

17.30 – 18.30 **KEYNOTE**  
Stuart Ward (University of Copenhagen)  
*“Learning to live in Europe, as mere Europeans”: The European Provenance of “Decolonization”*

19.30 **CONFERENCE DINNER**  
Cote Brasserie, 19 – 21 Cathedral Yard, Exeter

**Day 2: Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2013**

**Panel 5 Transregional studies and entangled histories of decolonization**  
09.00 – 10.30 Chair: Joachim von Puttkamer (Imre Kertész Kolleg, Friedrich Schiller Universität, Jena)

Matthias Middell (Centre for Area Studies, University of Leipzig)  
*‘Decolonization: a comparative research project at Leipzig University in the 1950s’*

Steffi Marung (Centre for Area Studies, University of Leipzig)  
*‘Alternative Modernities after Decolonization: Soviet Research on the Agrarian Question in Africa’*

Geert Castryck (Centre for Area Studies, University of Leipzig)  
*‘Entangled Histories of Decolonization: A Divided Belgium and the End of Empire in Central Africa 1950’s – 1960’s’*

10.30 Refreshments

**Panel 6 Legacies of Decolonization**  
10.45 – 12.15 Matthias Middell (Centre for Area Studies, University of Leipzig)

Ned Richardson-Little (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill)  
*‘Self-Determination and Socialist Human Rights: The Impact of Decolonization on East German Ideology and Diplomacy’*

Kim Christiaens (KU Leuven)  
*‘Europeanizing Latin America? The Creation of European identities in the solidarity movements for Chile and Nicaragua during the 1970s and 1980s’*

Andrew Mycock (University of Huddersfield)  
*“Internal Decolonization” and the future of the United Kingdom’*

12.15-13.15

**Roundtable Discussion**

Chair: James Mark (University of Exeter)

Anne Gorsuch (University of British Columbia)

Matthias Middell (Centre for Area Studies, University of Leipzig)

Andrew Thompson (University of Exeter)

Stuart Ward (University of Copenhagen)

13.15

Lunch served in the Woodbridge Suite, Reed Hall

**CLOSE OF CONFERENCE**

**This is the first in a series of conferences: the second, *'Alternative Encounters: The 'Second World' and the 'Global South', 1945-1990s'* will be held at Imre Kertész Kolleg, Friedrich Schiller Universität, Jena in 2014**