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„POWER AND POWERLESSNESS“

5th INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON AFRICAN STUDIES

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May 6th – 7th

PROGRAMME

Thursday, May 6th	
12:00 – 13:30	Registration
13:30 – 14: 00	OFFICIAL OPENING
14:00 – 15: 00 KEYNOTE SPEECH	<i>States and Social Contracts in Africa</i> Paul Nugent
15:00 – 15:15	Coffee break
15: 15 – 16: 45 PANEL 1	<i>Quo vadis Africa? Power and State 50 Years After</i> Chair: Paul Nugent
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Power of the Powerless in Africa. Petr Skalník, University of Hradec Králové, Czech Republic 2. From Powerlessness to Power and Back: Power Practices during the Sékou Touré Regime in Guinea. Ruth Mauri, University of Torino, Italy 3. Beyond Marginalisation and Exclusion: Nation-building in Southern Sudan. Aleksi Ylönen, African Studies Group, Autonomous University of Madrid, Spain 4. Failed States – Successful Elites? Comparative Study of the Democratic Republic of the Congo’s and Somalia’s Ruling Groups. Loránd Szabó, University of Pécs, Hungary 5. The Role of Various Forms of Social Power in Historical Development of Society. Alemayehu Kumsa, Institute of Ethnology, Charles University, Czech Republic 	
16:45 – 17: 00	Coffee break
17:00 – 18: 30 PANEL 2	<i>Development, Urbanisation, Migration</i> Chair: Albert Kasanda
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Power behind Representations. World Bank and African Poverty Reduction from 1970-2000. Vanessa Wijngaarden, Bayreuth International Graduate School of African Studies, Germany 2. Beyond deficit and disadvantage: Indigeneity and the Problem of the Development Paradigm. Dalene M. Swanson, Universities of British Columbia and Alberta, Canada 3. Afro-Asian Relations and the New Type of Competition Generated in Global Politics Comparing China, India and Japan: Traditions, Attitudes, Strategies. István Tarrósy, University of Pécs, Hungary 4. The Urban Poor, The Informal Sector and the Right to the City in Nigeria. Geoffrey I Nwaka, Abia State University, Uturu, Nigeria 5. Beyond the Promises of the Returning Migrants – the Power of the Myth in the Congolese Political Diasporas. Reinhilde Sotiria König, Amsterdam School of Social Science, University of Amsterdam, NL 	
19:00 – 21:00	Book launch <i>Africanists on Africa: Current Issues</i> Dinner (Museum of Eastern Bohemia)

Friday, May 7th	
9:00 – 9:30	Refreshment
9:30 – 11:00 PANEL 3	<i>Culture, Literature, Language and Power</i> Chair: Petr Skalník
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Philosophy of the Powerless: The Straying Ways of Philosophical Thought in Africa. Alena Rettová, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, U.K. Voicing the Voiceless: the Song “<i>Umshini Wami</i>” (My Machine Gun) as Discursive Site in Contemporary South African Politics. Gert Maree, Department of Anthropology & Archaeology, University of South Africa, South Africa Language and Nation-Building in South Africa. Sihawu Ngubane, School of IsiZulu, University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa English Power Dynamics in Post-apartheid South Africa. Stephanie Rudwick, University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa A Storm in the Archive: Approaching the Ghostly Figure of Krotoa in South African Colonial History. Carine Zaayman, University of Cape Town, South Africa Power of the Holy Spirit. Spirit Possession and the Fluctuation of Prophet’s Charismatic Authority in a <i>mutumwa</i> Church in Lusaka. Kateřina Mildnerová, University of West Bohemia, Pilsen, Czech Republic 	
11:00 – 11:15	Coffee break
11:15 – 12: 45 PANEL 4	<i>Power and Powerlessness in West Africa and the African Horn</i> Chair: Dalene M. Swanson
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Marginal Secret Societies Performing Sierra Leone’s Youth Complex. Nathaniel King, Max-Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle/Saale, Germany Justice for Whom? The Charles Taylor Trial and the Ordinary Sierra Leoneans. Kateřina Werkman, Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University of Prague, Czech Republic Power and Powerlessness in Nigeria: Implications for Winning ‘the Niger Delta Battle’. Ndu Njoku, Dept. of History and International Studies, Imo State University, Owerri, Nigeria The Ethiopian “negus” - a Christian Emperor or a Traditional ruler? Eleonora Lvova, The Institute of Asian and African studies (IAAS), Moscow State Lomonosov University, Russia Power and Powerlessness in Somalia: Ethiopian Involvement and Transitional Federal Government. Kateřina Rudincová, University of Ostrava, Czech Republic 	
12:45 – 14:00	Lunch
14: 00 – 15:30 PANEL 5	<i>Social Problems and Politics</i> Chair: Stephanie Rudwick
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> African Women and Politics. Albert Kasanda, Centre for African Studies and Intercultural Research, Brussels, Belgium “The life is in my hand”: Girls, Education and Re-defining Power Relations within the Nuer Households. Katarzyna Grabska, Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex, UK The Political Power of the Mozambican Women. Olga Iglésias ULHT, Lisbon, Portugal South Africa - The Crime Paralysed Country? Kryřtof Kruliř, Metropolitan University Prague, Czech Republic Powerlessness in the Police: The Example of Diepsloot. Sian ÓFaoláin, South Africa 	
15:30 – 16:00	OFFICIAL CONCLUSION

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