Liberation Struggles in Southern Africa: New Perspectives
Centre for African Studies, UCT, 4 – 6 September

Draft Programme

Thursday 4 September

9.15-10.45: Session 1: Where have we got to?

Chair: Chris Saunders

Arnold Temu (Dar es Salaam, Mbita Project): Opening address

Vladimir Shubin (Russian Institute for African Studies, Moscow): Historiography: conflicting views

Commentator: Jeremy Seekings (Sociology, UCT)

10.45 – 11.00: Liberation Posters (Colin Darch, African Studies Library, UCT)

11.00-11.15: tea

11.15 – 12.30: Session 2: New Perspectives on Armed Struggle

Chair and discussant:

Bernard Mbenga (UNW): MK military operations in the Mafikeng-Zeerust Area

Cornelius Thomas (Fort Hare): MK in the Eastern Cape

Thula Simpson (UP): Strategic Problems in the ANC’s armed struggle, 1974-1980

Brad Brockman (UCT): the Bonteheuval Military Wing

12.30- 1-30: lunch

1.45- 2.15: Launch of the Nordic Africa Institute Website on Liberation in Southern Africa (Proscovia Svärd, Project Co-ordinator/Research Administrator, Unit for Policy and Research Support, The Nordic Africa Institute)

2.15-3.30: session 3: New Biographical Perspectives

Chair and discussant:

Barbara Caine (Monash), Lillian Ngoyi

Ineke van Kessel (Leiden): UDF activists
Walton Johnson (Rutgers): Liberty or Death:

Sandi Sijake (Cape Town) (and Tanya Barben): One man’s memoir

3.30 – 3.45: tea

3.45 – 5 p.m.: session 4: **New International Perspectives**

Chair and discussant:


Anja Schade: the ANC in the GDR and the FRG

Genevieve Simpson (DOE): Publicising the ANC: the Anti-Apartheid News

Mai Palmberg (NAI): Solidarity and the Self-image of the liberation movements

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**Friday 5 September:**

9.45 – 11.00: Session 5: **New Cultural Perspectives**

Chair and Discussant: Mai Palmberg

Raymond Suttner (UNISA): *Fashion, Oaths, Indian precedents and ANC masculinities’*

Brown Maaba (Ife Lethu) (with N.Ramdhani): Visual Artists and Liberation

Niya Mtombeni (MSU): Capturing a Fading Memory: Zimbabwe

L. Bonate (UMoz): Muslims of Northern Mozambique and the Liberation Movements

11.00-11.30: tea

11.30 – 12.45: Session 6: **New Ideological Perspectives**

Chair and Discussant: Raymond Suttner

Leslie Hadfield (MSU): Biko, Black Consciousness, and the System eZinyoka

Colin Darch (UCT) and David Hedges (UMoz): Frelimo ideology
Lara Pawson (Wits): MPLA ideology

Mary Burton (Cape Town): the Black Sash and Liberation

Janet Cherry (UNM) Violence and Nonviolence in the South African liberation struggle: revisiting the 1980s

Chitja Twala (and Jeremy Seekings): Activist Networks and Political Protest in the Free State, 1983-1990

12.45- 2 pm: lunch

2-3.30: session 7: **New Regional and Global Perspectives**:

Chair and Discussant:

Tiffany Jones (Cal State): The role of African states in anti-apartheid

Sehoai Santho (Lesotho): The role of Lesotho in the Liberation Struggle in Southern Africa: 1960 - 1990

Sue Onslow (LSE): The South African Factor in the transition to independence in Zimbabwe


Anna-Mart van Wyk (UP): Atomic Apartheid vs Liberation in the 1970s: Cold War Perspectives

3.30 – 3.45: tea

3.45 – 5 p.m.: session 8: **New Perspectives on Memorialisation:**

Chair and discussant: Crain Soudien (UCT)

Gary Baines (RU): Freedom Park

Leslie Hadfield (MSU): Biko as a Monument: Images and Messages of the Biko Statue

Saturday 6 September

9.30 – 11.00 : Session 9: **Legacies of liberation**
Chair and discussant:

Irina Filatova (CT): The ANC’s Soviet Legacy

Gerald Mazirire (UZim) (with N.Bhebe): the Legacy of Zimbabwe’s liberation war

Terence Mashingaidze (MSU): The liberation struggle legacy in post-colonial Zimbabwe

Reinhart Kossler (Freiberg): Liberation and the Nation: Namibia and Zimbabwe compared

11.00-11.30: tea

11.30 – 12.45: Session 10:

Chair: Chris Saunders (UCT)

Wrap-up: Arnold Temu, Raymond Suttner, and others:

12.45-2 pm: lunch. END OF WORKSHOP

6 pm: Public event: CAS Gallery

Chair: Crain Soudien

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Vladimir Shubin,
Raymond Suttner
Thula Simpson

Followed by snacks and drinks