

**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

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

Commentator: Jeremy Seekings (Sociology, UCT)

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 10.45 – 11.00: Liberation Posters (Colin Darch, African Studies Library, UCT)  
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11.00-11.15: tea  
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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

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 12.30- 1-30: lunch  
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1.45- 2.15: Launch of the Nordic Africa Institute Website on Liberation in Southern Africa (Proscovia Svård, Project Co-ordinator/Research Administrator, Unit for Policy and Research Support, The Nordic Africa Institute)  
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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

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3.30 – 3.45: tea

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

Chair and discussant:

Hugh Macmillan (Oxford): The ANC in Zambia: Crises in Lusaka, 1968-72

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

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11.00-11.30: tea

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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

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12.45- 2 pm: lunch  
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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

Sifiso Ndlovu (SADET): 'The Western powers and liberation in southern Africa, 1948-1980s'

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

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3.30 – 3.45: tea  
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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

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**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

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11.00-11.30: tea

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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

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6 pm: Public event: CAS Gallery

Chair: Crain Soudien

Arnold Temu,  
Vladimir Shubin,  
Raymond Suttner  
Thula Simpson

Followed by snacks and drinks