

ZiF WORKSHOP / VIDEO CONFERENCE

Competing Socialisms: The Sino-Soviet Rivalry in Africa during the Cold War

Convenors: Kirsten Bönker (Köln / Bielefeld, GER)
Thoralf Klein (Loughborough, GBR)

17 – 18 May 2021

MONDAY, 17 MAY

13:00 – 13:20 Welcome address by Marc Schalenberg (ZiF) and the convenors
Kirsten Bönker and Thoralf Klein

1a. Political, Military and Economic Strategies, part I

Chair: Thoralf Klein (Loughborough)

13:30 – 14:15 **Jodie Yuzhou Sun (Shanghai)**
Chinese Support of Rebel Movements in the Congo Crisis (1963-65)
Commentary: Andreas Hilger (Moscow)

14:15 – 14:45 Coffee break in Zoom Breakout Rooms

14:45 – 15:30 **Jeremy Friedman (Harvard)**
The Economic Battle for Supremacy: The Sino-Soviet Competition for Africa in a Global Perspective
Commentary: Stephan Merl (Bielefeld)

15:30 – 15:45 Coffee break

1b. Political, Military and Economic Strategies, part II

Chair: Gesine Drews-Sylla (Würzburg)

15:45 – 16:30 **Kirsten Bönker (Köln / Bielefeld)**
Representing Soviet Economic Aid Strategies or: Framing the Soviet Imagination of Being a World Power
Commentary: Svetlana Boltovska (Berlin)

16:30 – 16:45 Coffee break

16:45 – 18.00 **Meet and Greet in Zoom Breakout Rooms**

TUESDAY, 18 MAY

2. The Imagination and Emotionalization of the 'Other'**Chair: Rachel G. Hoffman (Cambridge)**10:00 – 10:45 **Gesine Drews-Sylla (Würzburg)**

Soviet (post-)colonial imaginations of Africa

Commentary: Kirsten Bönker (Köln / Bielefeld)

10:45 – 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 – 11:45 **Thoralf Klein (Loughborough)**

Fighting Imperialism – Forging Solidarity: Africa in PRC Propaganda, 1950s to 1970s

Commentary: Stephen Smith (Oxford)

11:45 – 13:00 Lunch break: optional meet in Zoom Breakout Rooms

3a. Between Export and Migration. Education, Knowledge Exchange and Foreign Language Policies, part I**Chair: Kirsten Bönker (Köln / Bielefeld)**13:00 – 13:45 **Viktor M. Shaklein (Moscow)**

Cultural Diplomacy during the Cold War: Russian as a Foreign Language

Commentary: Gesine Drews-Sylla (Würzburg)

13:45 – 14:00 Coffee break

14:00 – 14:45 **Andrea Kifyasi (Dar es Salaam / Basel)**

Afro-Asian People's Solidarity Organization (AAPSO) and the Sino-Soviet Conflict, 1957-1967

Commentary: Poppy Cullen (Loughborough)

14:45 – 15:15 Coffee break: optional meet in Zoom Breakout Rooms

3b. Between Export and Migration. Education, Knowledge Exchange and Foreign Language Policies, part II**Chair: Stephan Merl (Bielefeld)**15:15 – 16:00 **Svetlana Boltovska (Berlin)**

Soviet Educational Aid as State Project: Intention and Realisation, 1960-1991

Commentary: Tobias Rupprecht (Berlin)

16:00 – 16:15 Coffee break

16:15 – 17:00 **Bahru Zewde (Addis Ababa)**

The Ethiopian Student Movement and the Left in the Context of the Sino-Soviet Rivalry

Commentary: Felix Brahm (GHI London)

17:15 – 17:30 Coffee break

17:30 – 18:00 **Concluding Session: Results, Interdisciplinary Research Perspective, Publication Plans**