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Workshop

Visions of Socialist Solidarities with Africa during decolonization and the Cold War

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May 25, 10.00 a.m. – 1 p.m.

As the African continent was rapidly decolonizing, both the East and the West increased their interest in building links with African movements and post-colonial governments around their concerns over development issues. The socialists offered an alternative to the capitalist model of development and modernization. Unlike the Westerns, they presented their approach not as unilateral “aid” or “assistance” but as “cooperation” based on solidarity, equality and mutual benefit. Indeed, the discourse of solidarity strongly resonated across the socialist world and played a significant role in building an (imagined) community characterized by growing political, economic and cultural entanglements.



The workshop aims at exploring different visions of solidarity between European socialist countries and parties on one hand and African liberation movements and post-colonial countries on the other during decolonization and the Cold War. The workshop is particularly interested in understanding how non-hegemonic actors constructed and promoted solidarity with Africa and its reception by the addressees.

Speakers:

- **István Tarrósy** (University of Pécs), *Hungary-Africa Relations in the 1960s and 1970s: Socialist Solidarity and Pragmatism*
- **Eric Burton** (University of Innsbruck), *The pen and the gun. African liberation movements and two types of education in the socialist camp*
- **Gabriele Siracusano** (Scuola Normale Superiore, Pisa), *Solidarity networks of Western communist lawyers in Francophone sub-Saharan Africa. From socialist to humanitarian engagement*
- **Nemanja Radonjić** (Institute for Recent History of Serbia, Belgrade), *Yugoslav solidarity with Africa – between the socialist and the nonaligned imaginary*

The workshop will be held on ZOOM. If you are interested in participating, please write to one of the organizers: Arianna Pasqualini (arianna.pasqualini2@unibo.it) or Dora Tot (dora.tot2@unibo.it).