

**Challenging the Liberal World Order:  
The History of the Global South, Decolonization and  
the United Nations,  
1955-2000.**

**Leiden University, 8-9 May 2018**

**Program**



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## **8 May, Lipsius 227**

**12.30pm- 1pm:** Registration

**1-1.30pm** – Welcome and Ice-Breaker

**1.30-3pm: Panel 1. Challenging Empire at the UN**

- “Colonialism on trial”: international and transnational “global South” challenges to the Portuguese colonial empire (1955-1975) - Miguel Bandeira Jerónimo and José Pedro Monteiro (Centre for Social Studies – University of Coimbra)
- “Go Fight Us in New York”: The Security Council, the Indonesian Question, and the Origins of Post- War Decolonization – Jennifer Foray (Purdue University)

Chair: Giles Scott-Smith (Leiden University)

Discussant: Brian Shaev (Leiden University)

**3-3.30pm:** Coffee Break

**3.30-5pm: Panel 2. Innovating the UN**

- Private Spaces and Intimate Publics: Petitioners and Trusteeship Status in the Late Colonial Years of Tanganyika, 1948-1960 – Samantha Moyes (Concordia University)
- The Atlantic Charter and the imagined future of self-determination and decolonization, 1941-1945 – Brad Simpson (University of Connecticut)
- Conferencing the Third World: The Evolution of Afro-Asian Agenda at the Pan-African and Afro-Asian Conferences (1955-1965) - Frank Gerits (Utrecht University)

Chair: Anne-Isabelle Richard (Leiden University)

Discussant: Eva-Maria Muschik (Freie Universität Berlin)

**5.15- 7pm: Keynote Address, Lipsius 227.**

**The Process of Liberation is Irreversible and Irresistible. Looking back at the Third World Project.**

**Vijay Prashad,  
Executive Director of Tricontinental: Institute for Social Research and Chief Editor,  
LeftWord Books**

Chair: Monika Baar (Leiden University)

Followed by drinks at Pakhuis and dinner for participants at Surakarta.

**9 May, Lipsius 147**

**9-10.30am: Panel 3: The Global South and Decolonization in Africa**

- “An African representative”: The African Group, Canada, and the campaign to mobilize international support against South African apartheid at the United Nations, 1984-1990 – Daniel Manulak (University of Western Ontario)
- The United Nations, the Cold War and the decolonization of Namibia: the role of the Global South – Chris Saunders (University of Cape Town)
- Morocco’s involvement through the UN in the 1960-61 Congo crisis – Farid Boussaid (University of Amsterdam)

Chair: Noa Schonmann (Leiden University)

Discussant: Meike De Goede (Leiden University)

**10.30 – 11 am: Coffee Break**

**11.00-12:30pm: Panel 4: Economic Sovereignty and the Quest for the New International Economic Order**

- Institutional Insurrection: North-South Confrontation over the New International Economic Order in the United Nations – David Lee (Temple University)
- The Latin American Road to UNCTAD, 1955-1964 – Stella Krepp (University of Bern)

- Economic Justice at the United Nations? The Rise and Fall of the New International Economic Order, 1974-1978 – Chris Dietrich (Fordham University)

Chair: Maxine David (Leiden University)

Discussant: Bradley Simpson (University of Connecticut)

**12.30-1:30 pm:** Lunch

**1:30-3pm: Panel 5: Pursuing Rights at the UN**

- The Soviet Union's Role in the Natural Resources Debates at The United Nations - David Alenga (Norwegian University of Science and Technology)
- Biography of a Resolution: 'The Treatment of Indians in South Africa', 1946-1962 – Vineet Thakur (Leiden University)

Chair: Claire Vergerio (Leiden University)

Discussant: Santino Regilme (Leiden University)

**3.00-3:30 pm:** Coffee Break

**3:30-5pm: Panel 6: Transnational Actors and South-South Interactions.**

- Decolonisation in the Pacific: West Papua, the United Nations and the Non-Aligned Movement – Emma Kluge (The University of Sydney)
- North Korean and southern African aspirations in the United Nations, 1960-1990 – Tycho van der Hoog (Leiden University)
- Challenging the Liberal World Order from Within, How the Global South altered the mechanics of decolonization at the UN – Alanna O'Malley (Leiden University)

Chair: Karen Smith (Leiden University)

Discussant: Caroline Stolte (Leiden University)

**5.00-5.30pm: Closing Remarks and Future Agenda: Alanna O'Malley & Vineet Thakur**