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The Nordic Africa Institute



EXTENDED RESEARCH WORKSHOP

Collective Memory and Present Day Politics in South Africa and the Nordic Countries

Conference of Historians, Africanists and Development Researchers, Copenhagen 22-23 August 2000

Co-organiser: Centre of African Studies, University of Copenhagen.

PROGRAMME

Thursday 22 August

Venue: Centre of African Studies, Købmagergade 46, 4 floor, Lecture Room 12

Registration: 8.45—9.15

Opening Session: 9.15—9.45

Welcoming Addresses:

Prof. Holger B. Hansen, Head, Centre of African Studies, University of Copenhagen
Lennart Wohlgemuth, Director of the Nordic Africa Institute

1 Session: 9.45—11.00

Chair: Hans Erik Stolten

Prof. Bernhard Makhosezwe Magubane, Director, South African Democracy
Education Trust:

*Whose Memory—Whose History? Whose memory - Whose history? The Illusion of
Liberal and Radical Historical Debates.*

Discussant: Yonah Seleti

Prof. Colin Bundy, Director and Principal, School of Oriental and African
Studies, University of London:

New Nation, New History? Constructing the Past in Post-Apartheid South Africa

Discussant: Martin J. Murray

Coffee break: 11.00—11.30

2 Session: 11.30—13.00

Chair: Gorm Gunnarsen

Prof. Christopher Saunders, Dept. of History, University of Cape Town:
Four Decades of South African Historical Writing: A Personal Perspective

Discussant: Saul Dubow

Dr. Merle Lipton, Senior Research Fellow, School of African & Asian Studies,
Sussex University:

Revisiting the Debate About the Role of Business Under Apartheid.

Dr. Hans Erik Stolten, Danish Research Fellow, The Nordic Africa Institute:

Note: Capitalism and Apartheid. Elaborations over Lipton and Yudelman

Lunch break: 13.00—14.30

3 Session: 14.30—16.00

Chair: Lennart Wohlgemuth

Dr. Catherine E Burns, Senior Lecturer, Dept. of History, University of Natal:
A Useable Past: The Search for "History in Chords"

Discussant: Colin Bundy

Prof. Saul Dubow, Chair of History, School of African and Asian Studies, Sussex
University:

*South Africa and South Africans. Ideas About South Africans and South African
Societies*

Discussant: Ann Langwadt

Afternoon break: 16.00—16.30

4 Session: 16.30—18.00

Chair: Signe Arnfred

Ann Langwadt, Copenhagen Colonial and Postcolonial Studies, Department of
English, University of Copenhagen:

Healing History. An Analysis of the Place of History in the TRC

Discussant: Catherine Burns

Dr. Tina Hamrin-Dahl, Dept. of Comparative Religion, Stockholm University:
Historical Anthropology and Witch Accusations

Discussant: Cecilie Jacobsen

Friday 23 August

Venue: Centre of African Studies, Købmagergade 46, 4 floor, Lecture Room 12

5 Session: 9.30—11.00

Chair: Ann Langwadt

Prof. Yonah Seleti, Director, Killie Campbell Collections, University of Natal,
Chairman, Ministerial History Committee:

*Knowledgepower, Ideology and Solidarity in South African Historiography:
Prospects and Challenges for the New School History Curriculum*

Discussant: Ben Magubane

Prof. Albert Grundlingh, Head, Department of History, University of
Stellenbosch:

*Reframing Remembrance: The Politics of The Centenary Commemoration of The
South African War of 1899-1902*

Discussant: Allison Drew

Commentary: Giulia Ray, Masters student, Social and Cultural Analysis,
Department for Thematic Studies and Research, Linköping University:

The Use of History Education in Nationbuilding in Post-Apartheid South Africa

Coffee Break: 11.00—11.30

6 Session: 11.30—13.00

Chair: Holger Bernt Hansen

Prof. Martin J. Murray, Department of Sociology, State University of New York:
*Globalisation, Siege Architecture, and Postmodern Urbanism: The Evolving
Spatial Geography of Johannesburg After Apartheid*

Discussant: Merle Lipton

Dr. Anna Bohlin, Department of Social Anthropology, Gothenburg University:
Land Restitution and Local Citizenship: Place, Memory and Democratisation

Discussant: Tina Hamrin-Dahl

Lunch break: 13.00—14.30

7 Session: 14.30—16.00

Chair: Bjørn Møller

Dr. Gorm Gunnarsen, Department of English, University of Copenhagen:
The Tricameral Boycott of 1984 and the Democratization of South Africa

Discussant: Christopher Saunders

Dr. Allison Drew, Senior Researcher, Department of Politics, Derwent College,
University of York:

'1922 and all That': Facts and The Writing of South African Political History

Discussant: Albert Grundlingh

Afternoon break: 16.00—16.30

8 Session: 16.30—18.00

Chair: Hans Erik Stolten

Dr. Thiven Reddy, Senior Lecturer, Department of Political Studies, University of
Cape Town:

*From Apartheid to Democracy in South Africa: A Reading of Dominant Discourses
of Transition*

Discussant: Jeppe Standsbjerg

Steen Christensen, MA, Head of the Secretariat for Aid to Developing Countries in
the Danish National Trade Union Organisation LO/FTF:

*Note: The Danish Debate on Support to the African Liberation Movements and the
General Danish Political Debate in this Respect*

Discussant: Morten Nielsen

Dr. Håkan Thörn, Docent, Department of Sociology, Gothenburg University:

*Note: The Meaning of Solidarity: Anti-Apartheid and the Globalisation of Politics
1960-1994*

Discussant: Bjørn Møller

Prof. Holger Bernt Hansen, Head, Centre of African Studies, University of
Copenhagen:

Closing Address: African Studies and Higher Education in Denmark

Closing of Workshop

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