

Women and the history of state building in Africa

6 – 7 June 2024 University of Vienna, Austria



Thursday, 6 June 2024

Location: "Marietta-Blau-Saal" lecture hall

Main Building of the University of Vienna, Universitätsring 1, 1010 Vienna

8:45 Welcoming of all participants

9:00 – 9:30 Introductory words

Anaïs Angelo (University of Vienna)

9:30 - 10:30 Breaking in powerful institutions: critical reflections

Of Cabinets, Shadow Cabinets and a Woman's Place: Gendering Cabinet Positions and the Impact on Kenyan Women's Political Careers 1960-2010

Phoebe Musandu (Georgetown University in Qatar)

Brooks, Cissé, and Jiagge: The United Nations as a Site of Feminist Pan-Africanism Yusra Abdullahi (University of Leiden)

Moderator: Lucile Dreidemy (University of Vienna)

10:30 - 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 -12:30 Keynote

Women and Nation-Building in Post-Colonial Africa

Prof. Olufunke Adeboye (University of Lagos)

12:30 - 13:30 Lunch break

13:30 – 14:30 Rethinking women's political participation

Married the Chimurenga: Rethinking the Histories of the Wives of Zimbabwe's Nationalist Leaders

Tracey Muradzikwa (University of the Witwatersrand)

From Ticklish Women to Women Leaders: Female Mobilization and Transmission of a Repertoire of Action Between Illegalism and Conformation to Gender Norms

Mamaye Idriss (University Centre of Mayotte)

Moderator: Daniela Atanasova (University of Vienna)

14:30 - 15:00 Coffee break

15:00 – 16:00 Shaping political imagination

The Woman Question in the Thinking of a Sudanese Feminist

Rogaia Mustafa Abusharaf (Georgetown University in Qatar)

Danger of a Single-Narrative regarding Female Characters in "Memories we Lost and Other Stories"

Arthur K. Muhia (University of Pecs)

Moderator: Martina Kopf (University of Vienna)

Friday, 7 June 2024

Location: Department of African Studies - Seminar Room 1

Spitalgasse 2, Campus of the University of Vienna, Court 5, 1090 Vienna

8:45 Welcoming of all participants

9:00 – 10:00 Politicising welfare: why the 1950s were crucial years

Nurses' Leadership and Political Participation in Sudan (1956 to 1970s)

Mariam Sharif (Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales)

Ethiopian Observer's Perspectives: Women's Involvement

in the Post-Occupation State-Building Project of Modern Ethiopia

Silvia Bruzzi (University of Turin)

Moderator: Kirsten Rüther (University of Vienna)

10:00 - 10:30 Coffee break

10:30 - 12:00 Neoliberalism and the politics of gender

Marriage, Motherhood and Means. Kenya's Gender Debates in the Age of Neoliberalism and Women's Rights

Kara Moskowitz (University of Missouri)

Women, Politics and Television Archives in Liberia (1981-1989)

Edidiong C. Ibanga (University of Bayreuth)

Between Recognition and Cooptation: Institutionalizing Nigerian

Women's Agenda under Military Rule (1984-1993)

Sara Panata (French National Center for Scientific Research)

Moderator: Eva-Maria Muschik (University of Vienna)

12:00 – 13:30 Sharing ideas and food

Extended lunch moderated by Derek R. Roberts (artist, teacher and AEWTASS member)

13:30 - 15:00 Gendering military histories

Women, Gender and Military Coups in Africa

Miles Tendi (University of Oxford)

The Archives of Mama Bachu: A Portrait of a Congolese Leader

and Her Political Struggles in Congo-Kinshasa

Maria Bacilio (Ecole Normale Supérieure de Paris)

Togo First Woman Mayor, the Nana Benz and the Rise of Military Rule in Togo

Marius Kothor (Yale University)

Moderator: Chenai Murata (University of Vienna)

15:00 – 15:30 Coffee break

15:30 - 16:30 So where do we go now?

General discussion with all presenters

Moderator: Derek R. Roberts & Anaïs Angelo