

THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY AND THE STRUGGLE AGAINST COLONIALISM AND RACISM IN AFRICA



13-14 NOVEMBER 2025

NOVA FCSH, AUDITORIUM B1

PROGRAM

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13 NOVEMBER 2025

10:00h-11:00h – Opening Session

Aurora Almada e Santos, IHC – NOVA University of Lisbon

Keynote Address

Neville Reuben, Open University of Tanzania

11:00h-12:00h – Panel I

Making Africa's Anticolonial Headquarters: Locating, Running and Disputing the OAU's African Liberation Committee in Dar es Salaam

Eric Burton, University of Innsbruck, Austria

Fractured Solidarity: Tensions Between the OAU and African Liberation Movements

Victor Ojakorotu, North West University, Mafikeng, South Africa; Temitope Omotayo Solomon, Glotan Research Services, Lagos, Nigeria

12:00h-13:30h – Lunch break

13:30h-15:00h – Panel II

Driving Humor and Satirical Diplomacy: Idi Amin, Inter-African Rivalry, and the OAU's Anti-Colonial Struggles

Babere Kerata Chacha, Laikipia University in Kenya

From Addis Ababa to New York: Somalia, the 1974 OAU Summit, and the Transnational Struggle Against White Minority Rule

Yusra Abdullahi, Leiden University, The Netherlands

From Havana to Addis Ababa: Revolutionary Alliances in the Struggle against African Neo(colonialism)

Patrick Michael Ogeto, Laikipia University, Kenya & University of Cape Town, South Africa

15:00h-15:30h – Break

15:30h-17:00h – Panel III

Contesting Legitimacy: OAU Diplomacy for Zimbabwean Independence in the Late 1970s

Siobhán Amelia Smith, European University Institute, Italy

The Role of the OAU in the Liberation of Namibia

Chris Saunders, University of Cape Town, South Africa

Between Addis Ababa and Moscow: The ANC Women's Section Utilising Transnational Platforms in the Struggle Against Apartheid

Sofia Kulikova, HSE University, Russia & University of Pécs, Hungary

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10:00h-11:00h – Panel IV

From OAU Solidarity to Digital Activism: Social Media and the Legacy of Anti-Colonial Struggles in Kenya

Magati Clinton, Kabete National Polytechnic in Nairobi, Kenya

Pan-African Resistance and the Legacy of the OAU: Reimagining the Struggle Against Colonialism and Racism in 21st Century Africa

Chiedozie Ifeanyichukwu Atuonwu, Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike, Nigeria

11:00h-13:00h – Lunch break

13:00h-14:30h – Panel V

The OAU and the Fight against Health Colonialism in Africa: The Challenges of a Failed Health Regionalism

Simplice Ayangma Bonoho, Université de Montréal, Canada

The OAU and the Legacy of Colonial Land Dispossession: The Case of the Saboot Land Defence Force in Post-Colonial Kenya

William Ndiema Kiptoch, Kenyatta University, Kenya

Sense of Insurgency: Africa's Decisive Intervention in Global Terrorism Debates in the 1970–80s

Jeffrey Byrne, University of British Columbia, Canada

14:30h – 14:45h – Break

14:45h – 16:00h – Closing keynote

South-South Solidarity and the National Liberation Movements from Portuguese Colonies, 1963–1975: Some Insights from HMP Publications

Neville Reuben, Open University of Tanzania