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INTELLECTUAL EXCHANGES BETWEEN REVOLUTIONARY AFRICA & LATIN AMERICA, 1950–1990

This year marks the 50th Anniversary of the independence of Angola, Mozambique, Cape Verde and São Tomé and Príncipe from Portuguese colonial rule, following the independence of Guinea-Bissau two years' prior. The violent struggles for the liberation of Portuguese-speaking Africa were articulated with the broader project of the African revolution, decolonization on the continent and the wider struggle for the liberation of the Third World. More-than-national politics were variously expressed in the forms of *négritude*, pan-Africanism, the anti-apartheid movement, Afro-Asian solidarity, the global workers' movement and tri-continentalism.

This **workshop** seeks to examine critically the rich intellectual, political and cultural exchanges that took place in the context of revolution in and between Africa and Latin America, 1950-1990. We posit that this period was characterized by an energetic, if flawed, search for a theory and practice of liberation adequate to the project of revolution and decolonization in the Third World. Our approach proposes to consider the critical exchanges of ideas, themes and concepts that informed and underpinned the projects of liberation in Africa and beyond.

Our aim is to explore how these interactions can nuance our historical understanding of revolutionary exchange and shape our present conceptions of revolution and liberation on the continent and beyond.



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We seek to stage comparative discussions between researchers, writers and activists working on a range of historical periods and geographical regions, with a view to future collaborations. We are looking for participants willing to discuss the following themes, as they relate to their own knowledge, research or experience, in dialogue with other participants working on the same theme, but in a different context:

- *Dependency, (under)development and self-reliance*
- *Revolutionary pedagogy*
- *The worker-peasant alliance*
- *Cultural revolution*
- *Political violence*

We welcome proposals for **10-minute presentations**, which will serve as a springboard for discussion and debate with your fellow panelists. Individual presentations do not necessarily have to be on African *and* Latin American contexts. The workshop itself will stage comparisons between participants.

Please submit abstracts of **up to 250 words** and a **short bio** to tomstennett2@gmail.com by **21 November 2025**.

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