CRIMINALISING VIOLENT PASTS:
MULTIPLE ROOTS AND FORGOTTEN PATHWAYS
(1950s-2010s)

London South Bank University
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Thursday 15 November  
Keyworth Centre, K806

Opening remarks: 9.00 – 9.15

Panel 1: 9.15 – 11.15: Criminalising Colonial Rule

- Berthold Molden (University of Vienna) – “The Southern Struggle for Global justice. Anti-colonial Politics of History Before the Neoliberal Turn”
- Miguel Bandeira Jerónimo (University of Coimbra) and José Pedro Monteiro (University of Coimbra), “Empires under Probation: International Organisations and Portuguese Colonialism (c.1955-1975)”
- Alanna O’Malley (Leiden University), “Where was the UN? The Contestation of Rights in Post-Colonial Africa, from the Individual to the International”

Discussant: Reuben Loffman (Queen Mary University of London)

Coffee Break: 11.15 - 11.30

Panel 2: 11.30 – 13.00: Communist states and the criminalisation of wars and racism

- Sebastian Gehrig (University of Roehampton), “The Socialist Bloc and the Criminalisation of Apartheid through International Law”

Discussant: James Mark (Exeter University)

Lunch: 13.00-14.00

Panel 3: 14.00 – 16.00: Transitional Justice/Criminalization Discourses from the Global South

- Cath Collins (Ulster University), “Latin American Contributions to Human Rights and Post-Dictatorial Justice Discourses”
- Phil Clark (SOAS, University of London), “The Local Turn: Community-Based Criminalisation in Central Africa as a Response to the Nuremberg Paradigm”.
- Raluca Grosescu (University of Exeter), “Revising the 1948 UN Genocide Convention by National Courts. Insights from Argentina, Guatemala and Lithuania”

Discussant: Francesca Lessa (Oxford University)
Coffee Break: 16.00 - 16.15

Panel 4: 16.15 – 18.00: Histories of Decriminalisation

- James Mark (University of Exeter), Sophie Baby (University of Dijon) and Daniel Kressel (Columbia University), “The Spanish Model and its Circulation in Latin America and Central Eastern Europe”
- Federica Rossi (London South Bank University), “The failed amnesty of the ‘years of lead’ in Italy”

Discussant: Rebekka Friedman (King’s College London)

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Panel 5: 9.00 – 11.00: Transitional Justice and Neoliberalism

- Nina Schneider (Koeln University) - “Lost justice claims? About the lost Global South Project, Neoliberalism, and the Rise of a New Field of Knowledge (Transitional Justice)”
- Josh Bowsher (Brunel University) – “TJ as a neoliberal paradigm. Insight from Sierra Leone”

Discussant: Daniela Lai (London South Bank University)

Coffee Break: 11.00 - 11.15

Panel 6: 11.15 – 12.30: Criminalisation of Communist Crimes since the 1990s

- Laure Neumayer, (University of Paris 1) Anemona Constantin (University of Bucharest), Mate Zombory (Hungarian Academy of Science), Muriel Blaive (IWM, Vienna), and Valentin Behr (University of Warsaw) – “The Black Book of Communism and the criminalization of Communism after the Cold War: a pan-European perspective”
- Marie Laure Geoffray (University La Sorbonne Nouvelle) - “Criminalizing the Cuban revolution: crossed inspiration from Central Europe and Latin America”

Discussant: Georges Mink (CNRS, France)

Conclusions/Roundtable: 12.30 – 13.15