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PROGRAM

THURSDAY 8th OCTOBER

13:00–13:15 **Welcome**

Anaïs Angelo | Austrian Academy of Sciences
Nicole Immler | University of Humanistic Studies Utrecht
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13:15–14:30 **Keynote**

Chair: **Anaïs Angelo** | Austrian Academy of Sciences
Frederick Cooper | New York University
Decolonizations: Possibilities and constraints

14:30–15:00 BREAK

15:00–16:30 **Expanding the frontiers of histories of decolonization**

Chair: **Anaïs Angelo** | Austrian Academy of Sciences

Cassandra Mark Thiesen | University of Regensburg
Prismatic discourses on decolonization in immediate post-independence journals from Africa
Florian Wagner | University of Erfurt
'Du bon usage de la décolonisation'? (Mis-)Appropriations of decolonization in the journal Civilizations (1950s-2000s)

16:30–17:00 BREAK

17:00–18:30 **Central Europe as a space of discussion on decolonization**

Chair: **Sophie Schasiepen** | The House of Austrian History

Angela Kóczé | Central European University
Europe's internal colony? Romani women and the decolonial critique of Central Europe
Bolaji Baolgun | SOAS University of London
Varieties of European colonialism: Locating and contextualising Central-Eastern Europe within the "colonial orbit"

FRIDAY 9th OCTOBER

09:00–09:15 **Welcome**

09:15–10:30 **Keynote**

Chair: **Antje Daniel** | University of Vienna
Kodzo Gavua | University of Ghana
Decolonizing the colonized

10:30–11:00 BREAK

11:00–12:00 **Visualizing decolonization? Artistic and research practices**

Discussion with **Noémie Etienne** | University of Vienna

Memory Biwa | University of Cape Town
Places flooded with sound: Outa !Nanseb's letters as counter-archival listening practices

12:00–13:30 LUNCH

13:30–15:00 **Decolonizing knowledge production through state institutions?**

Chair: **Kerstin Klenke** | Austrian Academy of Sciences

Chibuike U. Uche | University of Leiden
Knowledge, state power, and revisionist scholarship
Valérie Rosoux | Max Planck Institute Luxembourg
Coming to terms with Belgium's colonial past: The failure of the parliamentary commission

15:00–15:30 BREAK

15:30–17:00 **Transformative justice – decolonial reparations?**

Chair: **Valérie Rosoux** | Max Planck Institute Luxembourg

John Njenga Karugia | Humboldt University Berlin
Provincialising decolonization: Institutionalising responsible cosmopolitanism
Nicole L. Immler | University of Humanistic Studies Utrecht
Dialogics of justice: towards a decolonial approach to repair

17:00–17:15 SHORT BREAK

17:15–18:15 **Which future to decolonization?**

Chair: **Anaïs Angelo** – **Nicole Immler** – **Johannes Feichtinger**

Closing debate with input by

A. Dirk Moses | City College of New York & Central European University