

### **Europe and Transitions in (Southern) Africa**

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This annual report on activities of the WG complements the earlier report submitted on 12 April for the EADI ExCo meeting in Madrid (see *Appendix 1*).

#### ***WG activities:***

Since then, the WG has successfully organised the planned panels at the *3<sup>rd</sup> European Conference on African Studies (ECAS 3)* in Leipzig early June. In a total of three sessions during the morning and afternoon the WG conveners chaired and acted as discussants to the panel presenters. The sessions were well attended and resulted in some lively and fruitful discussions.

*Ian Phimister*, in collaboration with *Miles Larmer*, organised on 18 and 19 May a *Postgraduate Conference "Writing Change": Transitions in African history* at the *University of Sheffield*, to which *Henning Melber* presented a keynote address on liberation movements as governments (published since then in *The Review of African Political Economy*; see below). The paper also serves as a reference point for a panel discussion organised by ROAPE i.a. with Lionel Cliffe at a democracy conference at the university in Leeds (December 4 to 6).

*Arrigo Pallotti* and *Mario Zamponi* were part of the organisation of an *international conference* on "The Transformation of the International System in the 1970s" at the *University of Bologna* on 27-28 February, at which *Arrigo Pallotti* presented a paper on "African liberation and postcolonial nation building: the breach of relations between Tanzania and the UK, 1965-68".

*Ian Phimister* presented a paper at the *University of Malawi* '50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 1959 State of Emergency' conference in July and delivered a paper at the *University of Zambia* History Department seminar in August in Lusaka; he also will present a paper to a research seminar at Oxford in December.

*Henning Melber* presented a paper on Liberation Movements as Governments at a Workshop "Transition to What?" organized by the *Chr. Michelsen Institute* in Bergen end of February, a paper comparing elections in South Africa and Namibia at a conference at the *University of Pretoria* in mid-July and a paper on the socio-economic perspectives of the SADC for 2020 at a conference organized by the *University College London* and the *University of Namibia* in August in Windhoek. In November he will present a Namibia case study at a seminar/book launch for EU officials in Brussels organised by Nuno Vidal as another member of the WG (see under publications below).

***Selected publications by WG coordinators:***

Henning Melber, Southern African Liberation Movements as Governments and the Limits to Liberation, *Review of African Political Economy*, no. 121, September 2009, pp. 453-461

Arrigo Pallotti, African liberation and postcolonial nation building: the breach of relations between Tanzania and the UK, 1965-68, paper presented at the International Conference: "The Transformation of the International System in the 1970s", University of Bologna, 27-28 February 2009

Ian Phimister, "'Zimbabwe is mine": Mugabe, Murder and Matabeleland', *Safundi. The Journal of South African and American Studies*, vol. 10, no. 4, pp. 471-478

Mario Zamponi, "Promuovere crescita sostenibile a favore dei poveri". La politica di riduzione della povertà in Malawi/"Promoting Sustainable pro-Poor Growth". The Policy of Poverty Reduction in Malawi, *Afriche e Orienti* (bilingual edition - Italian-English), special issue no.2, 2009, pp. 166-177 and 178-191 respectively

*In cooperation with other members of the WG*

Roger Southall/Henning Melber (eds), *A New Scramble for Africa? Imperialism, Investment and Development*. Scottsville: University of KwaZulu-Natal Press 2009, 440 pp.

Henning Melber, Namibia. In: Nuno Vidal with Patrick Chabal (eds), *Southern Africa: Civil Society and Politics*. London: Routledge 2009 (in print)

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Henning Melber/Arrigo Pallotti/Ian Phimister/Mario Zamponi