

“Neo-Imperialism” in Post-Independence Africa: Definitions, Case Studies and Human Impacts

**Yale University, March 27 - 28, 2009
34 Hillhouse Avenue, New Haven, CT, USA
Luce Hall Auditorium**

Keynote Speakers:
Immanuel Wallerstein – Yale University
Eunice Njeri Sahle – University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Friday, March 27

8:00 – 9:00 – Registration and Continental Breakfast

9:00 – 9:15 – Welcome Remarks

Jason Warner, Conference Coordinator

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9:15 – 10:30 – Keynote Speaker: **Eunice Sahle**, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

10:30 – 10:45 – Coffee Break

10:45 – 12:15 – **Panel One: Discourses on Neo-Imperialism: Globalization, Development and Debt**

Moderator: **Mike Degani** (PhD Candidate - Anthropology, Yale University)

Edward Lama Wonkeryor, Temple University

“‘Neo-Imperialism’ in Post-Independence Africa: Globalization and its Role in Shaping the Development of Democracy in Africa”

Ghelawdewos Araia, City University of New York

“Africa in the Global Economy: Aid, Debt, and Development”

Steve Sharra, Michigan State University

“Africa Unspared: The Mixed Agendas of Neo-imperialism and Development”

12:15 – 1:15 – Lunch – Common Room

1:15 – 2:45 - **Panel Two: Ideological Imperialism: Neo-Liberalism, Human Rights, and Conservation**

Moderator: **Karisa Cloward** (PhD Candidate - Political Science, Yale University)

Karl Sandstrom, University of St. Andrews

“Pax Liberalis: Spreading Enlightenment to the Barbaric Fringes”

Leigh Graham, Columbia University

“‘In Sudan, Your Body is Not Your Own’: Private Places, Public Practice, and Capitalist Principles”

Patience Kabamba, Emory University

“Trading on War: New Forms of Life from the Debris of the Democratic Republic of the Congo State”

James Igoe, Dartmouth College

“The Nature of Neo-Imperialism in Neo-Liberal Africa: Some Observations and Implications of Biodiversity Conservation and the Privatization of Sovereignty”

3:00 3:15 – Coffee Break

3:15 – 4:45 **Panel Three: Cultural Imperialism**

Moderator: **Mohamed Rafiq Yunus** (Master’s Candidate – African Studies, Yale University)

George Paul Meiu, University of Chicago

“Mombasa Morans:” - Neo-imperial Visions, the Dialectics of Desire, and Samburu Bodies in Kenyan Tourism” □

Sarah Quesada, University of Georgia

“Exposing Oral Tradition and Neo-Imperialisms in Literature about Post-Independent Africa”

Steve Lichty, University of Florida

“Defining the Domain Where Spirituality and Governmentality Tango: Implications of Spiritual Imperialism’s Influence on Political Belief and Behavior in Contemporary Kenya”

Denise Nepveux & Emily Smith, York University & University of Minnesota

“Transnational Social Entrepreneurship and the Third World Disabled Body in Need: A Look at *Emmanuel's Gift* and *Moja Moja*”

4:45 – 5:00 – Closing Remarks

Saturday, March 28

8:00 – 9:00 – Continental Breakfast- Common Room (Luce Hall – 2nd Floor)

9:00 – 10:15 – Keynote Speaker: **Immanuel Wallerstein**, Yale University

10:15 – 10:30 - Coffee Break

10:30 – 11:45 **Panel One: EU and US Neo-Imperialism: Trade and NGO Funding**

Moderator: **Ruth Kelly** (Fox Fellow Visiting Scholar, Cambridge University)

Franziska Müller, University of Kassel

“Transferring Liberalism, Re-Framing Neo-Imperialism? The European Union and the Southern African Development Community in Search of a New Bilateral Trade Policy Paradigm”

Ismaila Ndiaye, Bordeaux

“The Role of the European Union and the United States in Global Economic Governance: the Case of Africa”

Jacqueline Musiitwa, Drexel University

“The Emergence of Social Entrepreneurship in Africa: Will it Take Over the Western Non-Profit Sector in Africa?”

11:45– 12:00 – Coffee Break

12:00 – 12:45 **Panel Two: Neo-Imperialism or South-South Cooperation?**

Moderator: **Sinead Hunt** (Master’s Candidate – International Relations, Yale University)

Anita Spring, University of Florida

“Chinese Agricultural Assistance, Agribusiness, and Entrepreneurship in Africa: What is the reality? What are African reactions?”

Dana de la Fontaine, University of Kassel

“Brazil in Africa: South-South Cooperation or Neo-Imperialism?”

12:45 – 1:45 Lunch - Common Room (Luce Hall – 2nd Floor)

1:45– 3:00 **Panel Three: British Neo-Imperialism / French Neo-Imperialism**

Moderator: **Cécile Ondoa-Abeng** (Visiting Lector, École-Normale Supérieure)

Onek Adyanga, University of Connecticut

“The British Commonwealth of Nations: A Neo-Colonial Project”

Ekua Andrea Agha, University of London

“Neo-imperialism in Africa: The Case of Senegal”

Jose Muñoz, Northwestern University

“*Le Retour des Colons*: Past and Present of the Transport Sector in Northern Cameroon”

3:00 – 3:15 Coffee Break

3:15 – 4:45 **Panel Four: African Agency: Rejection and Appropriation**

Moderator: **Nathaniel Cogley** (PhD Candidate – Political Science, Yale University)

Claudine Desjardines, Quebec

“The People’s Forum: Mali’s Civil Society Rejecting Neo-Imperialism”

Patricia Kingori, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine

“ A Critical Appraisal of ‘Neo-Imperialism’ in Transnational Medical Research Institutions in Kenya: A View from the Local Agents Within Them”

Ross Herbert, South African Institute of International Affairs

“Democracy, Non-Delivery and the Dynamics of Imperial Rule by African Elites”

Joschka Philipps, University of Wisconsin – Madison

"Government Legitimacy and Cultural Identification in Uganda: (How) Does Colonialism Matter Today?"

4:45 – 5:00 **Closing Remarks**

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