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PROGRAMME

3RD OCTOBER

9.30-10.00 GREETINGS

INTRODUCTION **Antonio Pezzano; Daniela Pioppi** (CeSAC, "l'Orientale", Napoli)

10.00-13.00 **1. PUBLIC POLICIES AND GOVERNANCE**

CHAIR: **Maria Cristina Ercolessi** (University of Naples, "l'Orientale")

DISCUSSANTS: **Federica Duca** (University of the Witwatersrand - PARI, Johannesburg)
Daniela Pioppi (University of Naples, "l'Orientale")

Mounira Soliman (Cairo University)

"Claiming Agency in Academia: The Case of North Africa"

Bariki Gwalugano Mwasaga (University of Perugia)

"Local Government Authorities in Tanzania as Agents of Transformation"

10-45-11.00 (Coffee break)

Beatrice Ferlaino (University of Turin)

"Seeds of State. The Moroccan Green Plan: an agricultural policy with variable geometry"

Edgar Cossa (University Eduardo Mondlane, Maputo)

"Planning in Mozambique: The Role of Stakeholders as Transformers in Public Policy Formulation and Implementation, the case of the Multisectoral Action Plan on Chronic Malnutrition Reduction (PAMRDC, 2010/14-2020)"

13.00-14.30 LUNCH BREAK

14.30-18.00

2. MOBILITY / DIASPORAS

CHAIR: **Pier Paolo Frassinelli** (University of Johannesburg)

DISCUSSANTS: **Moha Ennaji** (University of Fes "Sidi Mohamed Ben Abdellah")
Noor Nieftagodien (University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg)
Valeria Saggiomo (University of Naples, "l'Orientale")

Esmeralda Mariano (University Eduardo Mondlane, Maputo)
"Migration, trafficking and xenophobia between Mozambique and South Africa"

Sara de Simone (University of Trento)
"Individual and collective agency and identity construction among South Sudanese refugees in Adjumani District, Uganda"

Koffi Léopold Kouakou (University Paris 7-Diderot)
"Urban practices and migration logics of West African migrant entrepreneurs in Abidjan (Ivory Coast) and Accra (Ghana): Between standards and circumvention"

15.45 - 16.00 BREAK

Nicola Di Mauro (University of Naples, "l'Orientale")
"The individual and collective agency of the Moroccan Muslim in a transnational space: the case of Italian Islamic Confederation"

Lucia Ragazzi; Yassine Tamim (CEFA)
"The nuances of return migration – an analysis of personal experiences of returning to Morocco within an Assisted Voluntary Return programme"

4TH OCTOBER

9.30-13.00

3. AGENCY IN CONTENTIOUS, INFORMAL AND MARGINAL SPACES

CHAIR: **Claudio Mungoi** (University Eduardo Mondlane, Maputo)

DISCUSSANTS: **Antonio Pezzano** (University of Naples, "l'Orientale")
Rosita Di Peri (University of Turin)

Moha Ennaji (University of Fes "Sidi Mohamed Ben Abdellah")
"The Agency of Youth in the Maghreb: New forms of Citizenship"

Alessio Iocchi (University of Naples, "l'Orientale")
"Life Trajectories and the "Boko Haram" Crisis"

Erika Grasso (University of Turin)
"Living in a cosmopolitan «small town» of Africa. Individual trajectories and ethnicity in Marsabit, Northern Kenya"

10.45-11.00 COFFEE BREAK

Noor Nieftagodien (University of the Witwatersrand)

“The Industrial and Commercial Workers Union (ICU) and the constitution of popular protest politics in South Africa, in the 1920s”

Mamokete Matjomane (University of the Witwatersrand - GCRO)
“Manifestations of street trader leaders’ agency in the Gauteng City Region”

13.00-14.30 LUNCH BREAK

14.30-18.00 4. GENDERED AGENCY

CHAIR: **Ersilia Francesca** (University of Naples, “l’Orientale”)

DISCUSSANTS: **Shereen Abouelnaga** (Cairo University)
Esmeralda Mariano (University Eduardo Mondlane, Maputo)

Fatima Sadiqi (University of Fes “Sidi Mohamed Ben Abdellah”)
“The Post-Arab Spring Amazigh Women’s Emerging Agency”

Sarah Bruchhausen (University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg)
“The politics of black women nurses in Lebowa hospitals, 1984 – 1987”

Tumi Mampane (University of Johannesburg)
“Pentecostal Charismatic Constructions of Femininity in Alexandra Township”

15.45 - 16.00 BREAK

Maha El Said (Cairo University)
“In The Belly Of The Beast: Collective Agency To Combat Sexual Harassment On Campuses”

Marta Tarantino (University of Naples, “l’Orientale”)
“Men’s Contribution to Anti Sexual Harassment Movements in Egypt: the Cases of HarassMap and OpAntiSH”

5TH OCTOBER

5. ARTS, CULTURE AND MEDIA AS ACTIVISM

10.00 - 13.00 FIRST SESSION

CHAIR: **Livia Apa** (CeSAC, “l’Orientale”, Napoli)

DISCUSSANTS: **Maria Suriano** (University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg)
Fatima Sadiqi (University of Fes “Sidi Mohamed Ben Abdellah”)

Pier Paolo Frassinelli (University of Johannesburg)
“Spaces, Technology, Audiences, Agency and African Cinemas: A Tale of Two Festivals”

Eman Mostafa Elsherbiny Antar (Cairo University)
“Dances of Resistance from The Middle East and North Africa”

10.45-11.00 COFFEE BREAK

Varona Sathiyah (University of Johannesburg)

“Exerting agency in cultural tourism: a case study of the Venda and Tsonga indigenous communities at two cultural camps on the African Ivory Route in Limpopo, South Africa”

Sara Borrillo (University of Naples, “l’Orientale”)

“From oppressed to insurgent. Artivism as transformative agency for egalitarian citizenship in post 2011 Moroccan urban spaces”

13.00-14.30 LUNCH BREAK

14.30-16.30 SECOND SESSION

CHAIR: **Livia Apa** (CeSAC, “l’Orientale”, Napoli)

DISCUSSANTS: **Mounira Soliman** (Cairo University)

Maha El Said (Cairo University)

Shereen Abouelnaga (Cairo University)

“Transformative Agency in the Age of Silence”

Collen Chambwera (University of Johannesburg)

“Agency in Zimbabwean business newsrooms”

Nada Magued Ibrahim (American University Cairo)

“Resistance Literature: Subverting the Stereotype”

16.30-17.00 CONCLUSION

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