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SOUTH-SOUTH COMPARATIVISM: HISTORIES, METHODS, REPERTOIRES

DAY 1, JULY 2

9:30 Welcome address

Beatrice Gruendler & the organizers

Panel 1

09:40 – 11:00 South-South Solidarities

Moderator: Estefanía Bournot

Anaheed Al-Hardan (Howard University),
“Recovering African-Asian Anti-Colonialism”

Anne Garland Mahler (University of Virginia)
“A Wide Net of Solidarity: Antiracism and
Anti-Imperialism from the Americas to the Globe”

Discussant: Sebastian Conrad (Freie Universität
Berlin)

11:00 – 11:15 Coffee Break

Panel 2

11:15 – 12:35 Afro-Asianism and Its Legacies I

Moderator: Johannes Stephan

Dilip Menon (University of Witwatersrand)
“Insurrection of Subordinated Imaginations: Afro
Asia for our Times”

Annette Damayanti Lienau (Harvard University)
“Literature, Afro-Asianism, and the Comparative
South: From Bandung to Reformasi and the Mass
Protest Decade”

Discussant: Beatrice Gruendler (Freie Universität
Berlin)

12:35 – 14:00 Lunch

Panel 3

14:00 – 16:00 Afro-Asianism and Its Legacies II

Moderator: Magalí Armillas-Tiseyra

Judhajit Sarkar (University of Heidelberg)
“An Indologist as Afro-Asianist: The ‘Africanism’ of
Suniti Kumar Chatterji”

Carmina Yu Untalan (Universidade NOVA de
Lisboa) “Unsettling Emanations: On the
Spectrality of Comparison in the Anti-Colonial
Praxis of Rizal and Cabral”

Hala Halim (New York University)
“An Exemplary Career Translating the Afro-Asian:
Nehad Salem”

Discussant: Mahmoud Al-Zayed (Freie Universität
Berlin)

16.00 – 16:30 Coffee Break

Panel 4

16.30 – 18:30 Repertoires of Comparison and Method I

Moderator: Mahmoud Al-Zayed

Rosario Hubert (Trinity College) “Revolutionary
Repertoires”

Michael Allan (University of Oregon)
"Cinema from Below? The Lumière Brothers and
the Labor of Representation."

Preeti Singh (Duke University)
“Emergency/ Emergence: Cold War Aesthetics
and the Politics of Decolonization in Anand
Patwardhan’s Seventies Documentaries”

Discussant: Arvind Rajagopal (New York
University)

19:00 Dinner

DAY 2, JULY 3

Panel 5

10:15 – 12:15 South-South Methodologies

Moderator: Johannes Stephan

Ipshita Chanda (English and Foreign Languages University, Hyderabad)

“Learning to Listen to Silence: Comparative Practice in a Plural World”

Magalí Armillas-Tiseyra (Pennsylvania State University)

“Cross-Correlations: On Comparison, Borrowing, and Other Forms of Exchange across the South Atlantic”

Estefanía Bournot (Austrian Academy of Sciences)

“Specularity: Notes on Othering Otherwise”

Discussant: Anupama Rao (Columbia University)

12:15 – 13:30 Lunch

Panel 6

13:30 – 14:50 Repertoires of Comparison and Method II

Moderator: Estefanía Bournot

Gilbert Ndi Shang (University of Bayreuth)
“‘Resource’ Literature: Relational Networks of South-South Textualities”

Zakariae Bouhmala (Mohammed I University, Oujda)
“Africa Rethought: A South-South Comparative Analysis of Existence, Identity, and Resistance in Moroccan and Afro-Caribbean Novels”

Discussant: Kai Kresse (ZMO & Freie Universität Berlin)

14:50 – 15:15 Coffee Break

Panel 7

15:15 – 17:15 Methods of Comparison: Arabic Literature

Moderator: Magalí Armillas-Tiseyra

Maha AbdelMegeed (American University of Beirut)

“Writing Literary History after the Demise of Inhabit: Interventions from the Debates on Turath”

Johannes Stephan (Freie Universität Berlin)

“The Problem of Translating adab into Literature: Challenges and Prospects”

Mahmoud Al-Zayed (Freie Universität Berlin)

“South-South Comparison in Arabic”

Discussant: Islam Dayeh (Ghent University)

17:15 – 17:30: Coffee Break

17:30 – 18:30: Closing Session

Moderator: Schirin Amir-Moazami (Freie Universität Berlin)

Arjun Appadurai

“Hard Nationalism in the Era of Financialization: China, India, the USA”

Discussants: Anupama Rao & Arvind Rajagopal

18:30 Concluding Address

19:30 Dinner

