

The efforts to develop under-developed areas of the world have recently been given increasing attention in historical research which has re-discovered that the socialist world system had its own corresponding efforts labelled Solidarity or, in the Cuban case, Internationalism. We feel that this new field of research is properly situated within the broader approach of Global History. This means that comparisons and transfers take centre stage.

Activities in a development perspective comprised a broad range of resource flows from uni-vectoral Aid and Solidarity-transfers to trade "in the mutual interest". The question of uni-laterality or of mutuality/reciprocity in the transfer of resources thus is at the center of the first panel of this conference. A second panel tries to follow the route of concepts travelling in this sphere. Development and Solidarity activities were platforms of encounters between "East," "West" and "South" which brought together profoundly unequal actors. Modes of coming to terms with inequality in a universal (modernization, socialist) frame are the topic of the third panel. These activities in the Development/Solidarity Sector brought massive flows of people – experts, advisors, development workers, contract workers, students – into circulation. These encounters are the subject of a fourth panel.

This conference is to present ongoing or very recently accomplished research on development practices in the Cold War era, including a look at actors of African, Latin American and Asian countries.

**Convenors:** Berthold Unfried and Eric Burton

**Research Project:** *Experts in "Development" and "Socialist Aid" in the era of global competition between the political systems "West" and "East"* (Department of Social and Economic History, University of Vienna)

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# International Conference *Development, Solidarity and the Mutual Interest*

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Friday, 2 December 2016

Venue: Alois Wagner-Saal, C3 - Centrum für Internationale Entwicklung, Sensengasse 3, 1090 Vienna

13.00-13.30 Welcome and registration

13.30 -13.45 Berthold Unfried, Eric Burton (Vienna): Opening Remarks

**13.45 -15.00 Introductory Lecture**

David Engerman (Brandeis): The Politics of Development Aid: Three Frames of Analysis

Commentary: Petra Dannecker (Vienna)

15.00-15.15 Coffee break

**15.15 – 17.00 PANEL I: Mutuality/Reciprocity in the transfer of resources: Trade, Aid, Solidarity**

Chair and Commentary: Alexandra Sindrestean (Vienna)

Simon Godard (Paris): Dealing with inequality in an international socialist organization: how the integration of Cuba and Vietnam changed CMEA-discourse on “development” and “internationalism”

Berthold Unfried (Vienna): Uni-vectoral transfers and the mutual interest: Solidarity, Trade and Migration in the Socialist World System

17.00-17.30 Coffee break

**17.30-19.00 PANEL II: Travelling Concepts**

Chair and Commentary: Michael Zeuske (Cologne)

Ingrid Miethe (Gießen): Workers’ Faculties globalizing

Verena Kröss (Bremen): The World Bank’s changing agricultural and rural development approaches, 1960s-1980s

19.30 Joint dinner

Saturday, 3 December 2016

Venue: HS 45 (stairway VIII, 2nd floor), University main building, Universitätsring 1, 1010 Vienna

**10.00-11.45: PANEL III: Flows of People in the Development and Solidarity Sector**

Chair and Commentary : David Engerman (Brandeis)

Eric Burton (Vienna): Expatriates and counterparts: Politics and per diems in Tanzanians’ relations with East and West German development workers during *ujamaa*

Constantin Katsakioris (Bayreuth): Creating a Socialist Intelligentsia: Soviet Educational Aid and its Impact on Africa, 1960-1991

11.45-13.00: Informal standing lunch *in situ*

**13.00-14.45: PANEL IV: Development Encounters: Facing Inequality in a Universalist Perspective**

Chair and Commentary: Berthold Unfried (Vienna)

Alena Alamgir (Atlanta): “They Knit Sweaters and Refuse to Follow Foreman's Orders”: Vietnamese Workers’ Labor Disputes in 1980s’ Czechoslovakia

Artemy Kalinovsky (Amsterdam): “A Torch Lighting the Way to Progress and Civilization:” Soviet Central Asian Experts and the Developing World

14.45-15.00: Coffee break

**15.00-16.00 Concluding Lecture**

Piero Gleijeses (Washington): *Internacionalismo & Solidaridad*. Contributions of Cuban "Internationalism" to the international history of development efforts (via Skype)

Commentary: Berthold Unfried (Vienna)

**16.15 Final Discussion, Round Up and Perspectives for Research**