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

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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: Mutualty/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

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

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