

Election Processes, Liberation Movements and Democratic Change in Africa

Conference in Maputo April 8-11, 2010, organised by IESE and CMI

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Programme as of April 8, 2010

Venue: VIP hotel Maputo

Topic: How to Interpret Selected African Developments in the Context of the Recent and Coming Elections.

The conference will be focusing on three themes:

1. Spaces for Political Contestation.
2. The Role of Incumbency and the Rise of Partocracy.
3. A Historical Perspective of Liberation Movements transformed to Ruling Parties and Pro-Democracy Movements Conquering Government.

Comprehensive papers will be presented in the mornings, in sessions open to the public – with simultaneous translation between English and Portuguese.

Case studies will be presented in the afternoon focusing on specific countries and regions.

April 8. Arrival of participants. Dinner.

April 9.

Open Sessions

09.00 – 09.15. Opening of Conference. Carlos Nuno Castel-Branco (carlos.castel-branco@iese.ac.mz) and Helge Rønning (helge.ronning@media.uio.no)

09.15 – 10.00. Luis de Brito: A challenge for democracy: Elections and low turnout in Mozambique, Lesotho and Zambia

10.00 – 10.45. Alois Mlambo (alois.mlambo@up.ac.za) /Brian Raftopolus (braftop@gmail.com) "The Regional dimensions of Zimbabwe's multi-layered crisis: an Analysis".

10.45 – 11.15. *Coffee Break*

11.15 – 12.00. Lise Rakner (lise.rakner@isp.uib.no) : Africa's pro-democracy movements in government: Institutionalization through incumbency?

12.00 – 13.00. Plenary discussion introduced and chaired by Eduardo Namburete

13.00 – 14.00 Lunch

Closed Sessions with case studies

14.00 – 14.30. Sérgio Chichava. (sergio.chichava@iese.ac.mz) MDM: a new political force in Mozambique?

14.30 – 15.00 Eduardo Namburete. (namburete@yahoo.com) The Role of Parliamentary Elections in the Mozambican Democracy.

15.00 – 15.30. Aslak Orre (aslak.orre@cmi.no) Who's to challenge the party-state in Angola? Political space and opposition in parties and civil society.

15.30 – 16.00. Coffee Break

16.00 – 16.30. Dumisani Moyo (dumisani.moyo@wits.ac.za) The New Media And Elections In Zimbabwe: Challenges And Opportunities In The Digital Era

16.30 – 17.00 Martin Nkosi Ndlela (Nkosi.Ndlela@osir.hihm.no) : Mediating Democratic Engagement. Reflections on the role of the media in electoral processes

17.00 – 17.30 Henning Melber (henning.melber@dhf.uu.se): Implications of the Namibian Elections.

17.30 – 19.00 Plenary discussions introduced and chaired by Nkosi Ndlela

20.00 – Dinner

April 10

Open Sessions

09.00 – 09.45 Henning Melber The Legacy of Anti-colonial Struggles in Southern Africa: Liberation movements as governments.

09.45 – 10.15 Kasahun Alemu (kassahunal@yahoo.com) The Ethiopian Transition in Regional Perspective.

10.15 – 10.45 Coffee Break

10.45 – 11.30 Neo Simutanyi (neo.simutanyi@gmail.com) The 2008 presidential elections in Zambia: incumbency, political contestation and failure of political opposition.

11.30 – 12.15 Helge Rønning Democracies, Partocracies, Autocracies? Reflections on What happened when Liberation Movements were transformed to Ruling Parties and Pro-Democracy Movements Conquered Government.

12.15 – 13.15 Plenary discussion introduced and Chaired by Monica B. Chibita

13.15 – 14.15 Lunch

Closed Sessions with case studies

14.15 – 14.45 Sabiti Makara (makara@ss.mak.ac.ug) (sabitiem@gmail.com) Deepening Democracy Through Multipartyism; The bumpy road to Uganda's 2011 general elections.

14.45 – 15.15 Monica B. Chibita. (monica@masscom.mak.ac.ug) Ugandan radio as a political space and the policing thereof.

15.15 – 15.45 Liv Tørres (livtoe@online.no) Party building and bumpy roads to democracy in Sub-Saharan Africa

15.45 – 16.15 Coffee Break

16.00 – 16.30 Nandini Patel (mansadini@yahoo.com) Malawi's 2009 Elections: A Critical Evaluation.

16.30 – 17.00 Marie-Soleil Frère (msfrere@ulb.ac.be) The role of the Media in electoral processes in Central Africa.

17.00 – 17.30 Lennart Wohlgemut (lennart.wohlgemuth@bredband.net) and Jonas Ewald (jonas.ewald@globalstudies.gu.se) The challenge for the opposition and the democratization in Tanzania

17.30 – 19.00 Discussions of issues that were raised at the conference. Introduced and chaired by Elling Tjønneland (elling.tjonneland@cmi.no)

20.00 – Dinner

April 11

Morning session

09.00 – Discussion of the Way Forward – A New Application and Elements of New Project Description.

Afternoon Departure

Practical information:

Paper length: Max 15 pages á 2000 characters.

All full papers will be published on the websites of IESE and CMI.

We will also try to prepare for a special issue of *Africa Spectrum*.

A short conference report in the form of policy briefs based on all papers will be published jointly by IESE/CMI.

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