Programme

Monday 7 March  
Day topic: Perspectives on the Study of African Politics

9.30  The Viability of Democracy in Africa  
Keynote address by Mamoudou Gazibo (University of Montreal)

11.00 Reflecting on the study of African politics  
Lecture by Anna Maria Gentili (University of Bologna)

13.00 Lunch break

14.00 African politics: mapping the field of study  
Junior research dialogue with Allievi of the SSSA

16.00 Key concepts of African politics: a glossary  
Lecture by Francesco Strazzari

18.00 Welcome cocktail

Tuesday 8 March  
Day topic: Political violence, extremism and responses

9.00 Violent contestation of political order in Africa: a genealogy  
Lecture by Francesco Strazzari

11.00 Gender, peace and (in)security in Africa  
Panel discussion with Elisa Piras, Laura Berlingozzi, Clara della Valle

13.00 Lunch break

14.00 Violent extremism and responses: transnational entanglements  
Junior Research Dialogue with PhD students of the SSSA and Scuola Normale Superiore

16.00 Jihadist insurgencies and governance in Africa  
Panel discussion with Edoardo Baldaro (Gerda Henkel research fellow at SSSA), Simone Papale (University of Nottingham), Boubacar Ba (CAGS – Bamako)

21.00 Movie screening: Timbuktu, by Abderrahmane Sissako
Wednesday 9 March
Day topic: Economies/Ecologies

9.00 Developmental politics and African civil society
Panel discussion with African civil society activists Cyprian Nyamwamu (Kenya), Margaret Nakato (Uganda), Naseegh Jaffer (South Africa), introduces Luca Raineri

11.00 The sustainable intensification of small holder farming: an African perspective
Panel discussion with Enrico Pè, Matteo Dell’Acqua, Mercy Macharia, Marta Solanegy

13.00 Lunch break

14.00 Critical perspectives on Africa’s political economy
Panel with Vasco Molini (World Bank), Ali Zafar (UNDP), introduces Andrea Roventini

16.00 Lessons from the margins: ecologies and economies of African drylands
Panel discussion with Greta Semplici, Giulia Gonzales (European University Institute)

Thursday 10 March
Day topic: Africa in a changing international system

9.00 A post-colonial perspective on Africa
Lecture by Francesco Strazzari

11.00 The changing geopolitics of Africa (and Europe)
Panel discussion with Giovanni Faleg (EU Institute of Security Studies), Luigi Narbone (EEAS), introduces Luca Raineri

13.00 Lunch break

14.00 African agency at the UN Security Council: a scholarly-political perspective
Lecture by Mahamane Tidjani Alou (University of Niamey)

16.00 The “new scramble for Africa” and its protagonists
Panel discussion with Federico Donnelli (University of Genova), Adam Sandor (Adam Smith International), introduces Francesco Strazzari

Friday 11 March
Day topic: Afroconnections: narratives and borderscapes

9.00 Beats of dissent in African popular music: identity, politics and the sounds of resistance
Lecture by Mattia Grandi (University of Bologna)

11.00   An introduction to digital ethnography
        Lecture by Edward Stoddard (University of Portsmouth)

13.00   Lunch break

14.00   Media narratives on/from Africa: an insider perspective
        Lecture by Veronica Fernandes (Rai News24)

16.00   African identities in question: diaspora, hybridity, recognition
        Panel discussion with Ada Ugo Abara, Gabriella Ghermandi, introduces Luca Raineri