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PROGRAMME

December 4, 2024, Wednesday

10:00 On-site registration

10:30 Opening speeches (Hungarian-language session)

- Prof. Dr. Tamás Fedeles, DSc, vice-rector for education, head of the Interdisciplinary Doctoral School
- Dr. habil Krisztián Bene, dean, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences
- Prof. Dr. Ferenc Fischer, DSc, professor emeritus, former dean of the faculty





- 11:00 Overview of the first 15 years of operation of the Africa Research Centre and commemoration to Prof. Dr. Sándor Csizmadia (1946–2021) founding director (Hungarian-language talk with English-language PPT)**
Prof. Dr. István Tarrósy, director of the research centre, co-convenor of the Africa Sub-Committee of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences
- 11:30 Projects and collaboration with the South African partner of the University of Pécs (Hungarian-language talk with English-language PPTs)**
- Dr. habil András Trócsányi, dean, Faculty of Sciences
 - Zoltán Madaras, director, Research Institute for Viticulture and Oenology
- 11:50 Projects and collaboration with the Ethiopian partners of the University of Pécs (Hungarian-language talk with English-language PPTs)**
- Dr. habil. Zoltán Vörös, associate professor, director, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Department of Political Science and International Studies
 - Dr. Titusz Bugya, assistant professor, head of department, Faculty of Sciences, Institute of Geography
- 12:10 The importance of the Hungarian Journal of African Studies (HJAS) (Hungarian-language talk with English-language PPTs)**
- Dr. habil Gábor Búr, ret. associate professor, Eötvös Loránd University, external research fellow of the Africa Research Centre, co-convenor of the Africa Sub-Committee of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, co-editor-in-chief of HJAS
 - Dávid Lovász, University of Pécs Library and Knowledge Centre, technical editorial assistant
- 12:30 African content in the International Seasons intercultural events series of the University of Pécs (Hungarian-language talk with English-language PPT)**
Attila Szabó, International Centre, project manager, events coordinator of the International Seasons
- 12:40 Plans for the second fifteen years (Hungarian-language talk with English-language PPT)**
Prof. Dr. István Tarrósy, director
- 12:50 buffet lunch
- 14:00–18:00 Doctoral students' presentations (full English-language session)**
- 14:00 Africa, An Incomplete Decolonisation**
Fabiola Stephanie Todisoa, Ludovika University of Public Service





- 14:15 Redefining The Transnational Novel After The Ontological Turn in Literary Studies: African And Afro-American Perspective**
Arthur Muhia, University of Pécs
- 14:30 Consumer Awareness And Attitudes Towards Sustainable Fashion In Morocco**
Salima Akbour, Hungarian University of Agriculture and Life Sciences
- 14:45 The Cyberpragmatics of Understanding Impolite Utterances on Facebook in Kenya**
Susan Wangari Gitu et al., University of Nairobi, Kenya (virtual)
- 15:00 Q&A (15 minutes)**
- 15:15 African Politics and Populism: Navigating the Nexus**
Neo Sithole, University of Szeged
- 15:30 The EU's Soft Power Approach in the Horn of Africa Amidst Geopolitical Rivalries**
Pamela Chemelil, University of Pécs
- 15:45 The Complex Dynamics of Coup d'États, Uranium, and International Law in the Sahel Region – A Focus on Niger**
Ayoub El Alaoui, University of Pécs
- 16:00 Addressing Illegal Migration in Tunisia: The Need for A Comprehensive Policy Approach**
Hajer Trabelsi, University of Pécs
- 16:15 Q&A (15 minutes)**
- 16:30 coffee break**
- 17:00 Ecuador as an entry point for African migration to the American continent**
Manuel Montero Lara, University of Pécs
- 17:15 Hungarian Diaspora in South Africa**
Márk Palócz, University of Pécs
- 17:30 Impact Of Ethnic Conflicts On Economic Development In Marsabit County, Kenya**
Abagaro Galgallo Wako, University of Public Service (virtual)





17:45 Influence of Innovativeness On Performance Of Kenyan-Owned Airline Enterprises

Zacchaeus Ivutha Syengo et al., Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology (virtual)

18:00 Q&A (15 minutes)

18:30– African cultural evening

in the aula magna of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences

Opening remarks: Dr. habil. Krisztián Bene, dean

December 5, 2024, Thursday – Focus on East-Central Africa

10:00 Opening remarks (English-language session)

- Prof. Dr. Attila Miseta, rector, University of Pécs

- HE Dr. Zsolt Mészáros, ambassador of Hungary to Kenya (online)

10:30 The role of women in Rwanda's development 30 years after the genocide

Lecture by Dr. Jolly Rubagiza, PhD, associate professor, University of Rwanda

11:00 Discussion with the lecturer led by: Prof. Dr. István Tarrósy

11:15 coffee break

11:45 Ethiopian–Hungarian bilateral relations in a historical perspective

Dr. Balázs Szélinger, PhD, historian, former consul at the Hungarian Embassy in Addis Ababa

12:30 buffet lunch

14:00 Geopolitical challenges of the Horn of Africa region (virtual)

Dr. Yonas Ashine Demisse, PhD, associate professor, head of department, Addis Ababa University, Department of Political Science and International Studies – followed by a Q&A (10 minutes)

14:45 Youth on the move: Ethiopian migration today (virtual)

Dr. Firewihot Sintayehu, PhD, assistant professor, Addis Ababa University, Department of Political Science and International Studies – followed by a Q&A (10 minutes)

16:00 Closing of the conference

