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**The Fiftieth Anniversary of the African Independences:  
Marginalized, Forgotten, and Revived Political Actors.**

23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> September at IFRA Nairobi

**Program**

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**8H: Registration**

Welcoming Remark: Christian Thibon (IFRA), Ambreena Manji (BIEA)

**8H30: Introductory Session: Silences and memories: historiographical challenges**

*Introduction* by Pr. G. Muriuki (UoN)

*Keynote:* Dr Mutuma Ruteere (Center of Human Rights)

*Revisiting the silences in human rights struggles in Kenya*

Discussants: Dr K.B Chacha (Laikipia Univ) and Dr. Susan Mwangi (KU)

**11H: Session 1: Forgotten Heroes**

*Keynote:* Pr.Ochieng (Maseno Univ)

**Presentations**

❖ Pr. Peter Ndege (Moi Univ)

*Biography of political struggle in Kenya: the case of Ramogi Achieng Oneko*

❖ Dr. E. Mworoha (University of Burundi)

*Biography of Thadée Siryumusi*

❖ Dr.W. Ndiri (KU)

*Biography of Martin Shikuku*

- ❖ Dr.C. Musambayi(UoN) :*Back in time: Murumbi's intona and Kenya's contemporary twin questions of leadership*

**1PM-2PM: Lunch time**

**2PM Session 2: Conflicting memories**

Keynote: Dr Marie Aude Fouéré (IFRA)

Presentations :

- ❖ Dr Susan Mwangi (KU) :  
*Intrumentalization of the Mau Mau memories*
- ❖ Dr. E.W. Wahome (UoN)  
*The Abandoned heritage: the case of the Mau Mau legacy around Mont Kenya*
- ❖ Dr.F. Kiruthu (KU)  
*The Establishment of Mukurwe-ini Dairy in Nyeri County and Mau Mau Memories*
- ❖ Christian Pedersen (University of Copenhagen)  
*Orphans of empire and the meaning of Kenya Independence*

**Tuesday 24th**

**9H Session 3: Mobilization without gain?**

Keynote: Pr.Issa Shivji

Presentations

- ❖ Dr.M. Said (University of Dar Es Salam)  
*A Nation without heroes*
- ❖ Dr.B. Knighton (UK)

*Harry Thuku was Mau Mau":The commonality of Gikūyū struggle for autonomy through half-centuries either side of Kenyan independence'*

- ❖ Dr.Patrick Mbataru (KU)

*Farmer's societies in economic development: challenges and successes*

**11h30 Session 4-An embattled community: the East African Asians**

Keynote: Pr. Ambreena Manji (BIEA)

Presentations

- ❖ Dr.J.S.Nabende (KU)  
*Fifty years of independence in Kenya: taking stock of gains for Asian community in Kenya*
- ❖ Zarina Patel and Zahid Rajan  
*Forgotten heroes of a minority*

**1PM-2PM: Lunch time**

**2 PM     Session 5: the Women of independence**

Keynote: Dr.Mildred Ndeda (Oginga Odinga Univ)

Presentations

- ❖ Joseph Lwannia (Dar es Salam Univ)  
*Bibi Titi Mohamed-Retracing the footprints of an independence heroine in Tanzania*
- ❖ DR. M. Ndenda and Ngesa( Oginga Odinga Univ)  
*The responses of Nairobi women petty traders to the vulnerabilities in the 1960s*
- ❖ Nyakwaka (Oginga Odinga Univ)  
*The neglected terrain in post independent Kenya: Women's struggle against political marginalization in Luo Nyanza*

**General Debate and way forward**

Speakers: Pr Muriuki and Pr Ochieng

**Attendance is free but please R.S.V.P your attendance to this event by email at [seminars@ifra-nairobi.net](mailto:seminars@ifra-nairobi.net)**

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>**

*Café scientifique at the Alliance Française: What does Panafrican mean?*

A short documentary from the 4-part documentary series 'Africa, History of a Continent' will precede discussions with distinguished East African historian