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## CONFERENZA INTERNAZIONALE

# STATE, LAND AND DEMOCRACY IN SOUTHERN AFRICA

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**Aula 1.3  
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The ongoing democratization processes in Sub-Saharan Africa are taking place in a context characterized by high levels of poverty and inequality, the weakness of governance institutions, and strong external pressures which are resulting in ever-increasing policy conditionalities.

In Southern Africa these issues are closely linked to the efforts of the post-colonial states aimed at regulating and defining land access and the institutions of local governance in the rural areas. The consequence of this process has been the re-statement of the idea of a bifurcated state, based on dual forms of citizenship - national and local-ethnic, that has contributed to the crisis of State institutions. The answer to this crisis has to take into consideration both processes of institution building and issues of local development and access to and control of key resources, such as land.

The extensive debate about the land question affects most of the Southern Africa countries and in particular Zimbabwe. The latter is an emblematic case of the complex relations between democracy and access to resources in Southern Africa.

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**Morning session**  
**9.00-12.30**

**Chair: Pierluigi Valsecchi**, University of Pavia

Introductory remarks

**Anna Maria Gentili**, University of Bologna

*An Unfinished Agenda in Neoliberal Context?  
State, Land and Democracy in Malawi*  
**Blessings Chinsinga**, University of Malawi

*The Political Limits of Neoliberal Development:  
Decentralization and Land Reform in Tanzania*  
**Arrigo Pallotti**, University of Bologna

*Land and Democracy in Zambia*  
**Federico Battera**, University of Trieste

*Is There a Land Issue in Mozambique?  
State, Land and Labour in Historical Perspective*  
**Corrado Tornimbeni**, University of Bologna

**Afternoon Session**  
**14.30-18.00**

**Chair: M. Cristina Ercolessi**, University  
L'Orientale, Naples

*State and Land in Zimbabwe in Historical  
Perspective*

**Mario Zamponi**, University of Bologna

*The Fast Track Land Reform Programme and  
Its Effects in Zimbabwe*  
**Ian Scoones**, IDS Institute for Development  
Studies, Brighton

*Women and Land Reform: Lessons from  
Zimbabwe*  
**Rudo Gaidzanwa**, University of Zimbabwe

*The New Agrarian Question - The Meaning of  
Zimbabwe's Land Reform Programme  
in Regional Context*  
**Padraig Carmody**, Trinity College, Dublin