Is post-apartheid South Africa a ‘success story’? Or, can the democratic transition in South Africa be considered as an “unfinished business”? Serious economic and social challenges still remain to be addressed in South Africa twenty years after the first democratic elections of 1994, and the country’s internal transformations are all the more relevant when considering the political and economic role it has been playing at the regional, African and international level. Democratization, development processes and foreign policies in post-apartheid South Africa are debated in this Conference by scholars and researchers from Africa, Europe and the United States.
8 May
09:00 Opening addresses

09.45 Introductory addresses
Arrigo Pallotti University of Bologna
Paul Nugent University of Edinburgh and President of the Africa-Europe Group for Interdisciplinary Studies
Ulf Engel University of Leipzig

9:30 Keynote address
Anna Maria Gentili University of Bologna

10:00 Session one
The international agenda, past and present
Chair: Arrigo Pallotti University of Bologna

Timothy Scarnecchia Kent State University
South African influence in Zimbabwe: from destabilization in the 1980s to liberation war solidarity in the 2000s
Chris Saunders University of Cape Town
The ANC and SWAPO: aspects of a relationship
Arrigo Pallotti and Lorenzo Zambernardi University of Bologna
Twenty years after. South Africa and security in Southern Africa
Nicholas Dietrich University of Leipzig
South Africa and the Southern African Regional Police Chiefs Cooperation Organisation (SARCCO): what kind of integration?

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14:30 Session two
The domestic agenda

Chair: Maria Cristina Ercolessi
L’Orientale, University of Naples

Ulf Engel University of Leipzig
A luta continua: democracy, elections and governance in South Africa, 1994-2014

Bill Freund University of KwaZulu-Natal

John Sender School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London
The Political Economy of Restructuring in South Africa

Preben Kaarsholm Roskilde University
Sufi networks, Islamic politics and secularist regimes in post-1994 South Africa and Mozambique

Mandisa Mbali Stellenbosch University
AIDS activism and the state in post-apartheid South Africa

Roberta Pellizzoli University of Bologna
The ebb and flows of gender equality along the twenty years of South African democracy

9 May
09:30 Session three
Land and rural development

Chair: Mario Zamponi University of Bologna

John Sender School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London
Backward capitalism in rural South Africa: prospects for accelerating accumulation in the Eastern Cape

Nancy Andrew Sciences Po-Bordeaux
‘Bug’ or ‘system failure’? The limits of South African land reform and tenure rights for farm labour

Harvey M. Feinberg Southern Connecticut State University
Dispossession, black South African land ownership and restitution in historical perspective, 1913 to 1948 and beyond

Cherryl Walker Stellenbosch University
Does land matter? Reflections on South Africa’s faltering land reform programme twenty years after the transition to democracy

Lungisile Ntsebeza University of Cape Town
The more things change, the more they remain the same: rural land tenure and democracy in the former bantustans