

**African scholarship and its contribution to knowledge. The event was an opportunity for participants to reflect on the conditions in which African scholarship and leadership have emerged and discuss the complex trajectories and legacies of these figures.**

This study half day aims to present and revisit a part of African scholarship and contribution to knowledge. The speakers involved in this event will each introduce a prominent African thinker or political leader and analyse both their biographies and political thought/action in a didactic but critical way. The event will be an opportunity for all participants to reflect on the conditions in which African scholarship and leadership has emerged. It will also provide an opportunity for researchers to discuss and compare the often complex trajectories and legacies of these figures during Q&A sessions.

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## **PROGRAMME**

**University of Portsmouth, School of Languages and Area Studies**

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2018, 1-5pm**

**Park Building, Lecture Theatre 3.23**

All welcome

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1pm Welcome and introduction (Tony Chafer, Portsmouth)

1.15pm **Panel 1: Resistance and decolonisation**

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. Chair: Ed Naylor (Portsmouth)

. Olivia Rutazibwa (Portsmouth): **Thomas Sankara**

. Walid Benkhaled (Portsmouth): **Fatma N'Soumer**

. Margaret Majumdar (Portsmouth): **Frantz Fanon**

. Short Q&A

2.30pm Short break

2.35pm **Panel 2: Memory and Identity**

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. Chair: Fabienne Chamelot (Portsmouth)

. Andrew Smith (Chichester): **Keita Fodeba**

. Dieunedort Wandji (Portsmouth): **Mobutu Sese Seko**

. Jeremy Allouche (Sussex): **Ivoirité**

. Short Q&A

3.45pm Tea and coffee break

3.55pm      **Round Table Discussion** (All Panellists)

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.              Chair: Camille Jacob (Portsmouth)

4.55pm      Closing remarks (Dieunedort Wandji, Portsmouth)

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