



Political Parties in Africa

2026 CONFERENCE DAY 1

[Zoom link](#)

Friday 06 March

PANEL 1

2pm - 3:30pm (GMT)

CHAIR

Matthias Krönke
(Reading)

DISCUSSANTS

Jeremy Seekings (UCT)
Darren Janz (MIT)

Party Breakaways and Post-Liberation Politics in Southern Africa: A Comparative Analysis of Mozambique and South Africa

Abdul Tavares (CDD), Adriano Nuvunga (CDD),
José Adalima (Eduardo Mondlane University)

Guns, Cash and Constitutions: The Question of Succession in ZANU PF

Emmanuel Tembo (UCT)

Gatekeepers of Power: Political Parties and the Persistence of Two-Party Dominance in Sierra Leone

Ibrahim Bangura (Sorie and Bangura)

A constrained and fractured opposition: The impact of the Basutoland Congress Party's factionalism at home and in exile, 1952-1989

Patrick Whang (UCT)

Friday 06 March

PANEL 2

4pm - 5:30pm (GMT)

CHAIR

Ahmed Elmi (Bristol)

DISCUSSANTS

Abdul Tavares (CDD)
Bob Mattes (Strathclyde)

Internal Party Democracy in Nigeria's Fourth Republic: A Comparative Evaluation of All Progressive's Congress and People's Democratic Party

Anthony Egobueze (Rivers State University)

Money and Power: the Role of Party Finances in Shaping Ethiopia's Political Landscape

Kefale Beyazen Gella (Bahir Dar University)

The role of party selectorate in weakening legislative power in Tanzania

Consolata Sulley (University of Dar es Salaam)

Beyond the Label: Do Independent MPs Challenge or Reinforce Party Machines?

Levi Mvula (Shikamo) and Cynthia Manjolo (Shikamo)



Political Parties in Africa

2026 CONFERENCE DAY 2

[Zoom link](#)

Friday 13 March

PANEL 3

2pm - 3:30pm (GMT)

CHAIR

Sarah Lockwood
(Bristol)

DISCUSSANTS

Michael Wahman
(MSU/UT Austin)
Afolabi Toya (University
of North Texas)

Friday 13 March

PANEL 4

4pm - 5:30pm (GMT)

CHAIR

Ferguson Tsvangirayi
(Kusasa Hub)

DISCUSSANTS

Robert Nyenhuis (Cal
Poly Pomona)
George Bob-Milliar
(KNUST)

Campaigns as Classrooms: Teaching, Tools, and the Professionalisation of Political Parties in Africa

Delta Milano Ndou (Political Campaigns Resource Hub) and Nyasha McBride Mpani (Political Campaigns Resource Hub)

Narrative Infrastructure: Podcasts and Contemporary Campaign Strategy in Africa

Primrose Z.J. Bimha (Campaign Pulse Podcast)

The Geography of Control: Roadblocks in Electoral Authoritarian Regimes

Lindsay Favero (MSU) and Sophie Sunderland (MSU)

From Liberation to Dependency: Neo-Colonialism and Foreign Assistance to Political Parties in Angola

Shalini Singh (Amity University, Noida)

Why Do Parties Become Ethnic? Evidence from Africa 2005–2025

Ahmed Hamza (University of North Texas)

Varieties of Representation in African One- and Multiparty Parliaments

Michael Wahman (MSU/UT Austin) and Haakon Gjerløw (PRIO)

Women in Cabinet Positions: Do Western Educated Leaders Move Toward Gender Parity?

Afolabi Toye (University of North Texas)

Votes for Voices: Informal Support Mechanisms in the Self-Reintegration of Former Child Soldiers in Nigeria

Margaret Abazie-Humphrey (Bristol)



Political Parties in Africa

SPEAKERS GUIDE

[Zoom link](#)

FORMAT

In order to provide enough time for each presenter to share their work and receive detailed feedback, we will have two sessions per day.

3-Paper Panel: Three presentations (15 minutes each), two discussants (10 minutes each), plus time for Q&A

4-Paper Panel: Four presentations (15 minutes each), two discussants (10 minutes each), plus time for Q&A

CHAIRS

- At least one week before the conference, please write to all presenters and discussants on your panel to remind them of the panel, and to remind presenters to circulate their papers to the discussants and other panel members well in advance.
- On the day, Chairs should be prepared to briefly introduce the panelists to the audience at the beginning of the presentation.
- Keep presenters on schedule and notify them when they have only five minutes left for their presentation.
- If a presenter runs over time, Chairs should feel free to ask them to wrap up in a final minute and be prepared to cut them off if necessary. This is to ensure that all presenters get equal time and feedback opportunities.
- Chairs should field audience questions during the discussion and make sure that the discussion moves along.
- Chairs should conclude the session on time as participants are likely to have scheduled other commitments following the conference



Political Parties in Africa

SPEAKERS GUIDE

[Zoom link](#)

PRESENTER

- All presentation slots are 15 minutes long, presenters should plan accordingly.
- All presentations will be virtual presentations, please prepare for the unforeseen circumstances such as connectivity challenges and power cuts.
- Presenters will be able to share slides
- Please sign in early to avoid delays.

DISCUSSANT

- The goal of a panel discussant is to help facilitate an interconnected dialogue.
- In the absence of a discussant, this role may be filled by the chair or any of the presenters.
- Discussants should prepare some responses and remarks to the presentations in advance of the session.
- Reflections may need to be brief (ca. 5 min per paper) depending on the timely conclusion of presentations.
- Discussants should feel free to reach out to panelists after the event to share more detailed feedback in writing if they would like to

AUDIENCE

- Please be mindful of the length of your questions during the Q&A.
- Please be sure to ask a question to engage the group rather than make a statement.
- Audience members are expected to engage presenters and other audience members respectfully and professionally.