

Coming in from the Cold: A Symposium on the Legacies of Cuban Internationalism in Africa

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Coming in from the Cold: A Symposium on the Legacies of Cuban Internationalism in Africa is a meeting to discuss the cultural, social and political heritage of the Cold War in Africa, with a special focus on the multiple legacies of Cuban internationalism inside Cuba and host countries.

Havana's support for African liberation became evident within a few years of the triumph of the Revolution in 1959. In addition to offering numerous scholarships to students from Angola to Zimbabwe, military support for anti-colonial and revolutionary groups began shortly after Ernesto 'Che' Guevara visited Africa in 1963. Tens of thousands of Cubans fought alongside African people in Angola, the Congo, Ethiopia, and elsewhere, and an equal number was involved in creating 'new' societies through education and training, medical care, engineering, and construction.

20-minute papers are invited that help in the understanding of the difference that Cuban internationalists have made in their own and other countries, and to shed light on present-day Cuba-Africa relations. Hence, the focus is not solely interested in papers that consider the 'soft power' of Cuba's African policy, as administered through cultural and educational encounters and exchanges.

Interested participants are requested to send an abstract of 200-300 words along with a brief biography to Christabelle Peters c.a.peters@warwick.ac.uk by October 31, 2015.