



CALL FOR PARTICIPATION

**Bandung Conference (Africa-Asia Conference) and
South-South Cooperation:**
Solidarities, Knowledge and Worldmaking
A DOCTORAL SCHOOLS COURSE

MAY 6, 7 & 8 2025 at Ghent University

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This doctoral course examines the legacy of the Bandung Conference as a geopolitical movement, a historical moment, and a critical trope for analyzing contemporary global events and South-South relations. In this three-day intensive, multidisciplinary program, participants will have the opportunity to explore the significance of the Bandung Conference, engage with critical debates that cluster around it, and examine how it provides a framework for studying decolonization. The course will also focus on analyzing the interconnected and intersectional solidarities and movements within the Global South and the Global North. Furthermore, it will investigate the production of knowledge in, for, and about the Global South.

OBJECTIVES

- Contextualize the historical and political emergence of the Bandung Conference and South-South relations.
- Investigate the theoretical and discursive tropes for understanding the Bandung Conference, Tricontinental, and South-South solidarity.
- Reflect on the relevance of the Bandung Conference and South-South solidarity in relation to contemporary global events and discourses.
- Examine emerging solidarity movements, knowledge production and frameworks within the Global South, and contemporary planetary actions and modes of worldmaking.
- Identify enduring and emerging social and political issues affecting the Global South and the broader world.
- Integrate the comparative and intersectional experiences of peoples in Africa, Asia, Latin America, especially in terms of class, race, and gender.

AUDIENCE

The doctoral school course is convened by PhD students and postdocs for researchers in the Social Sciences, Humanities, and non-social science disciplines. We also extend our invitation to academics from other disciplines who are interested in the critical study of the Global South and South-South cooperation. This event will be held in person.

Language: English.

Teaching methods will include masterclasses by invited speakers, discussions and Q & A with participants. Reading materials will also be provided

PROGRAM

DAY 1 - MAY 6 (TUESDAY)

Theme: Bandung Conference, Tricontinental, and South-South Solidarities: Historical Relevance and Political Agency

Sovereignty and Solidarity 70 Years After Bandung

Dr. Paris Yeros: Professor of International Relations and World Political Economy, Federal University of ABC, São Paulo, Brazil and Editor of Agrarian South

Provocation

Dr. Wildan Sena Utama: Scholar of Global Political History, Universitas Gadjah Mada, Indonesia

The Spirit of the Bandung

Dr. Vijay Prashad: Director and founder, Tricontinental: Institute for Social Research. Indian historian and journalist

DAY 2 - MAY 7 (WEDNESDAY)

Theme: Bandung Conference and South-South: Solidarities, Praxes, and Worldmaking

Roundtable discussion

Grassroots organizations, cultural and social workers and activists

The intersection of ecology, (de)coloniality and policy making as site of contestation, compliance and disregard for the energy transition in the Global South

Dr. Clement Sefa-Nyarko: Scholar of Security, Development and Natural Resource and Climate Governance. African Leadership Centre, King's College London

DAY 3 - MAY 8 (THURSDAY)

Theme: Bandung Conference and South-South: Knowledge, Methods, and Theorizing

Arab Agrarian and Development Questions: Genealogies in their Contexts

Dr. Max Ajl: Université de Tunis, The Merian Center for Advanced Studies in the Maghreb (MECAM) and Associated researcher at the Tunisian Observatory for Food Sovereignty and the Environment.

Title TBA

Dr. Neferti Tadiar Professor of Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies. Barnard College, Columbia University and Director of Puón Institute, Philippines

REGISTRATIONS



<https://event.ugent.be/registration/bandungconference70>

30 participants will be accepted to the doctoral school.

Please only register if you are sure you will be able to attend the courses from beginning to end” This will allow other aspiring participants to take the available slot as soon as possible. We also welcome international/ exchange students but please Doctoral Schools regulations first. The organisers cannot provide assistance with visa applications, travel grants, or other forms of financial support. For Ghent University students, the no show policy applies.

This Doctoral School is organized by Ghent University and the Bandung Conference and South-South Initiative Discussion Laboratory (BASIN DiscLab) UGhent

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