Soviet Union – Africa: Ideology, Culture, Technology
13th October 2017
NYU’s Jordan Center, 19 University Place, 2nd Floor

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8.30-9.15: Registration, Coffee and Breakfast

9:15-10:45: Session One: Ideology I – Ideology as Worldview

1. Hilary Lynd, ““The Soviet Union is for South Africans a Big Crystal Ball”: Encounters at the End of the Old World.”

Discussant: Pedro Monaville

10:45-11:15: Coffee break

11:15-12:45: Session Two – Ideology II: Ideology as Practice

1. Rachel Applebaum, “Teaching Lenin in the Lycées of Dakar: The Promotion of Russian in Cold War Africa”

Discussant: Brandon Schecter

12:45-1:45: Lunch

1:45-2:30: Film screening Atomic Junction: The Road to Nuclear Power by Abena Dove Osseo-Asare (documentary film, 30 mins)

2:30-4: Session Three: Technologies I – Technology, Aid and Development

2. Alessandro Iandolo, “Politics by Other Means: Soviet Trade with Ghana and Mali as Development Competition.”
3. Laura-Ann Twigara, "Farming for the State: Mechanization, Gender, and Collective Work in 1960s Mali”

Discussant: Elidor Mehilli

4-4:30: Break
4:30-6: Session Four – Technologies II – Technology as Connection


Discussant: Greg Mann

6-6:30: Wrap-Up Discussion led by Alden Young & Robyn d’Avignon.

7pm: Reception & Dinner (at NYU’s Africa House)