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# AFRICA AS CONTEXT, AFRICA AS METHOD

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## Morning Session Selenia Marabello Chair

- 9,00 Opening remarks** **Donatella Malavasi** (UNIMORE, International Relations DSLC)  
**Paolo Pavan** (UNIMORE, Vice Rector International Relations)  
**Nadia Monacelli** (CUCI-UNIPR, ACHIEVE IT project leader)  
**Alessandro Capra** (UNIMORE, ACHIEVE IT)
- 10,00 Keynote Lecture** **Akosua Adomako Ampofo** (University of Ghana)  
*An African agenda in today's academy: making it make sense*
- 11,00 Debate**  
**Coffee break**
- 11,40** **Karin Pallaver** (University of Bologna)  
*East African societies, colonialism, and the materiality of money*
- 12,00** **Francesca Declich** (University of Urbino)  
*The forgotten queens of Northern Mozambique*
- 12,30 Debate**  
**Light lunch**

## Afternoon Session Alessandra Gribaldo Chair

- 14,45 Keynote Lecture** **Jean François Bayart** (Geneva Graduate Institute)  
*L'Afrique dans la sociologie historique et comparée du politique*
- 15,45 Debate**
- 16,00** **Corrado Tornimbeni** (University of Bologna)  
*At the origin of 'sovereignism':  
Democracy, development and citizenship in Sub-Saharan Africa*
- 16,20** **Armando Cutolo** (University of Siena)  
*«Au-déla de l'histoire». Reflections on Ivorian sovereignism*
- Tea break**
- 17, 15 Round Table** *Italian Ethnological Programmes in Africa*  
Chair **Valentina Fusari** (University of Turin)  
**Pino Schirripa** (University of Messina) - Ghana and Tigray  
**Francesca Declich** (University of Urbino) - Malawi, Mozambique and Tanzania  
**Cecilia Pennacini** (University of Torino) - Equatorial Africa

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