

Fourth Benjamin Ferencz Workshop
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**The Politics of Forced Displacement during (De)Colonisation: Spaces, Actors
and Processes**

Cologne Center for Advanced Studies International History and Law (CHL),
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23 July

Welcome Coffee

16:00-16:15: Welcome and Introduction

16:15-17:30: Panel 1 – Challenging narratives of conflict and displacement: actors, voices, chronologies

Chair: Andrew Thompson (University of Oxford)

Speaker 1 – Against the Archive: Women's Testimonies and the Reconstruction of Forced Resettlement in Colonial Kenya (Beth Rebisz, University of Bristol)

Speaker 2 - The City as a Refuge? A Longue Durée Perspective on Forced Migration in Kisangani, DR Congo (1870s-Present) (Margot Keulen Luyckfassel, University of Antwerp)

Speaker 3 – Civilians as a contested resource: (dis)information and the politics of displacement in Uganda's Luwero triangle, 1980-1986 (Phoebe Shambaugh, University of Bayreuth)

17:30-18:00 Break

18:00-19:30 Discussion

20:00: Dinner at Culinarius, Dürener Straße 193-197

24 July

10:00-11:15 Panel 2 – Decolonization and Cold War intertwinements: refugeedom, humanitarianism and human Rights

Chair: Fabian Klose (University of Cologne)

Speaker 1 – From the frying pan into the fire? The Cold War, human rights, and decolonization in refugee history (Bastiaan Bouwman, University of Utrecht)

Speaker 2 – Refugeedom and Humanitarian Governance: Layers of competition and cooperation during decolonization in Kenya, Algeria and Angola (Ana Guardiola, University of Florence)

11:15-11:45 Coffee

11:45-13:15 Discussion

13:15 Lunch Buffet