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Morning Session *Selenia Marabello* Chair

9,00 Opening remarks **Donatella Malvasi** (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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