

Globalising the Yugoslav Revolution in the Postcolonial World: Veterans, Memory and Transnational Networks of Solidarity

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Socialist Yugoslavia's commitment to anticolonialism and support for anti-colonial struggles across Africa between the 1950s and early 1980s intertwined with the experience of the antifascist liberation war and socialist revolution during the Second World War. This talk illuminates the role of memory and legacies of war in Yugoslav socialist internationalism and anti-colonial solidarity, focusing on the exchanges between Yugoslav Partisans and anti-colonial liberation fighters. Centring on the example of Algeria, the talk discusses multifaceted entanglements of antifascism and anticolonialism, such as the identification with and embracing of the anticolonial struggle as a shared cause, the extension of the Yugoslav experience of the People's Liberation War and building of state socialism in Algeria, and veterans' internationalism and cooperation.