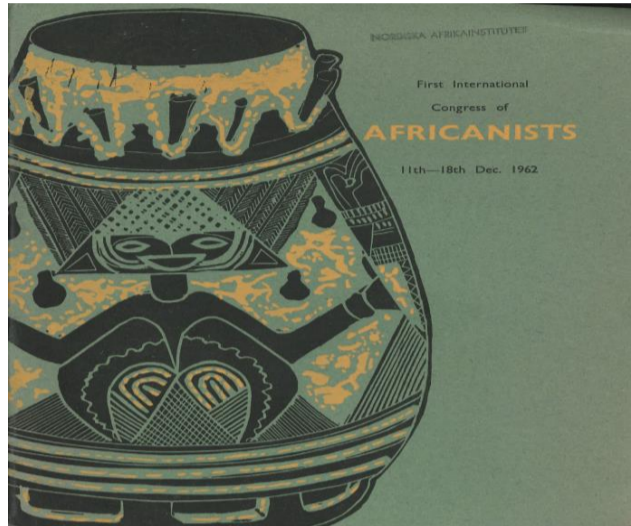




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## Friday Seminar in Africa Studies



### The International Congress of Africanists: Towards a (Re)Definition of the World of Science? (1962-)

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**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October , 2024. 9.30-11.00**

Venue: ENG3-2028, Engelska Parken,  
Thunbergsvägen 3H, Uppsala

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In 1962, the first International Congress of Africanists took place in Accra, Ghana. The Ford Foundation, the governments of Nigeria and Ghana, and the UNESCO financed most of the initiative, while the idea for the event originated at the Academy of Sciences of the USSR. In the wake of the African independence movements, the International Congress of Africanists constituted a place for contestation and renegotiation of the role of science in and for Africa. This seminar will present the actors who steered these debates, focusing in particular on the role of Kenneth Onwuka Dike, Nigerian historian, Principal of the University College of Ibadan, and Chair of the Congress. As universities, museums, and the civil society are debating ways to decolonising knowledge, this presentation will contribute to placing these discussions in a historical context, and illuminate in new ways some of the issues (still) faced by today's scholarly communities.

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