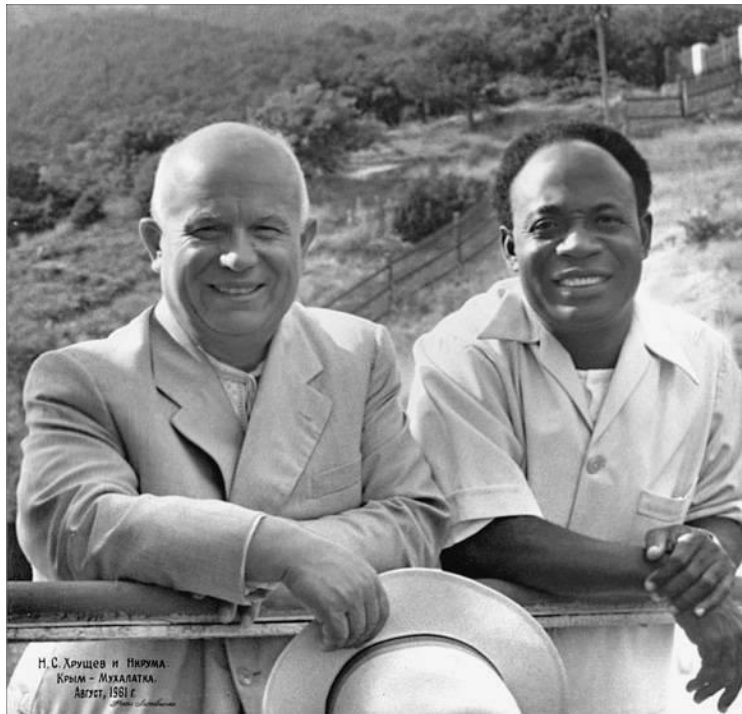


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Invitation

**Politics by Other Means: Soviet Trade with Ghana
and Mali as Development Competition**

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This lecture analyses trade exchanges between the Soviet Union, Ghana and Mali during the first half of the 1960s, exploring the principles that guided trade and assessing its impact on the three countries' economies and finances. In Moscow, economic decisions were subordinated to political considerations, and in particular to Cold War competition against the United States, Western Europe, and Western businesses, which all competed for the attention of the local governments and, ultimately, for the possibility of shaping the path to modernisation that newly independent countries took. Ghana and Mali also embraced trade with the socialist bloc because of politics, regional as well as international. West African leaders saw alternatives to trade with Britain and France (and the latter's local allies) as essential to the push for economic independence.

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