

# **FOREIGN POLICY PHASE ANALYSIS:**

## **THE GDR's ENGAGEMENT IN SOUTH YEMEN**

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The following chapters analyze East Berlin's engagement in South Yemen according to a chronological scheme of phases that is focused on the *turning points* and *catalyst events* of the GDR's policy. The analysis of each phase begins with a short account of the major turning point that is considered to be the beginning of the phase, setting in motion internal South Yemeni socio-political changes. Next, Soviet interests and policies during the phase are sketched briefly to allow for an assessment of Moscow's major fields of engagement and, more importantly, Moscow's level of engagement. This short account of Soviet engagement is followed by the analysis of the GDR's foreign policy in South Yemen itself. The analysis draws extensively from the introductory outline of Moscow's policy and South Yemen's internal political developments, as they are considered the major determinants of the GDR's activities on the ground.

