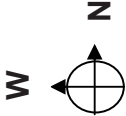
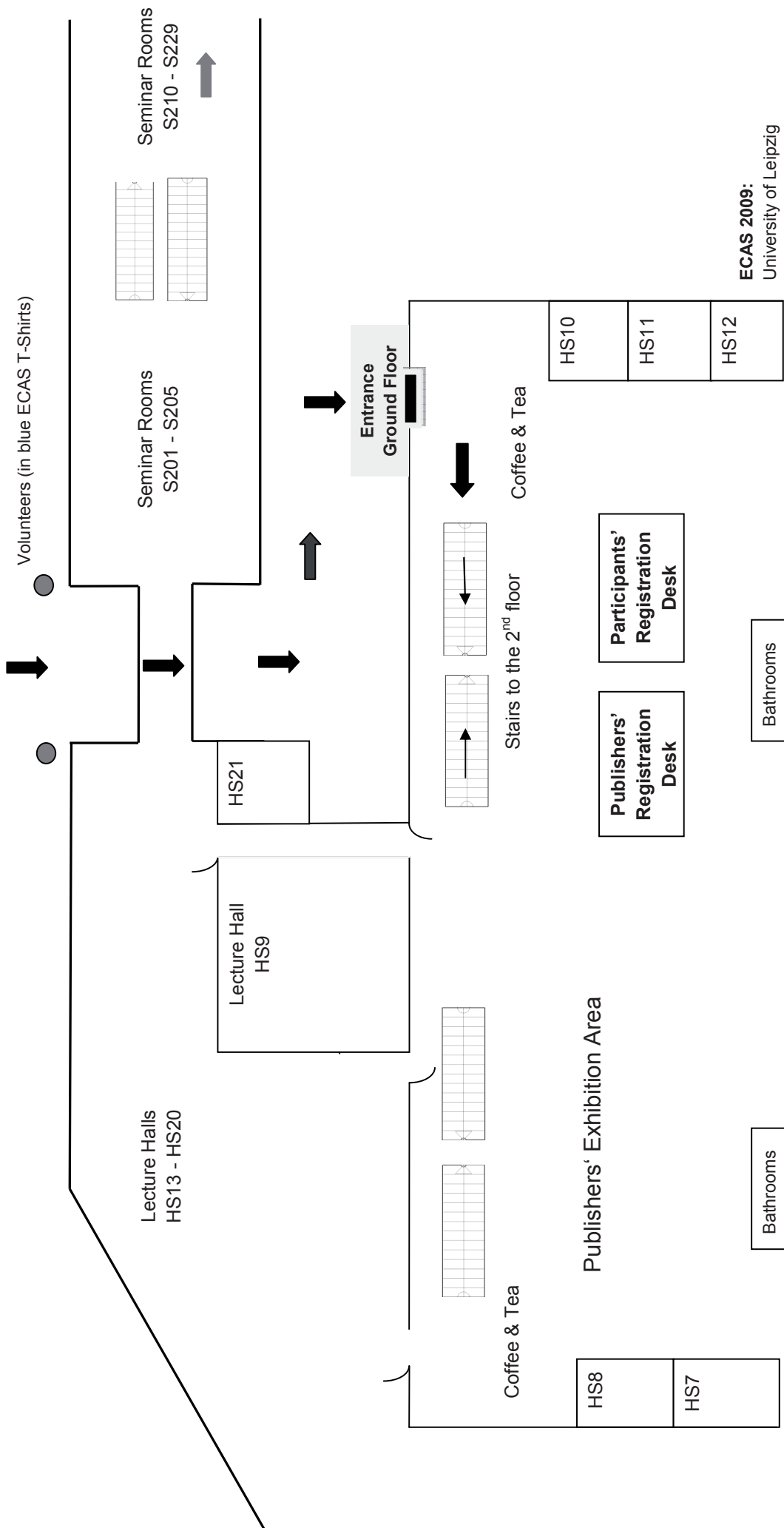


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PREFACE

WELCOME TO THE THIRD EUROPEAN CONFERENCE ON AFRICAN STUDIES

If you are reading this conference programme, it means that you have successfully registered for ECAS 3. We hope that this four-day event in Leipzig will provide you with an intellectual exchange that is more intense, challenging and also more enjoyable than the conventional academic conference. The first ECAS meeting in London in 2005 brought the idea of a Euroconference, which had been under discussion for some years, to fruition. ECAS 2 in Leiden (2007) built on the lessons of London and achieved something that is notoriously elusive, namely a large academic conference that was also intimate. We believe that ECAS 3, hosted by the second oldest university in Germany, will raise the bar one more time. The theme of 'Respacing Africa' is intended to explore more fully the spatial turn within African Studies in recent years. The Board of AEGIS is immensely grateful for all the hard work put in by the organizing team in Leipzig who promise to deliver another memorable event.

AEGIS is unusual in that its membership does not consist of individuals, but rather of Centres of African Studies across Europe. It is a comparatively young organization, having been founded in 1991, initially amongst a small circle of friends. In the beginning, only a handful of Centres were members, in part because of the one-country-one-member rule. In the last five years, AEGIS has experienced exponential growth. At the present time, there are no fewer than 23 member Centres. Almost every country in the European Union has at least one, and some have several. It is fitting that Leipzig is hosting ECAS 3 given that Germany has no fewer than four active members of the network.

Although ECAS emerges out of a common agenda amongst the member Centres, it is not the intention to operate as an exclusive club. Very many of the participants in Leipzig will be scholars based in academic institutions in Europe that are not a part of the AEGIS network. The latter are welcome to take part in a range of activities, of which the ECAS represents the cornerstone. European Africanists have become accustomed to partaking in the annual migration to the African Studies Association conferences held in a different American city each year. It has taken time for AEGIS to become known to North American colleagues. However, there was increased American participation in Leiden and it is hoped that the reverse migratory flow will be increased in Leipzig. It has been the intention of AEGIS to increase the level of participation of scholars from Africa in ECAS 3. The issue of how a symmetrical form of European-African academic co-operation might be enhanced is of some concern to AEGIS and will, in fact, be one of the items under discussion at the conference itself. The Board of AEGIS is grateful for the support of those sponsors who have made it possible for more African colleagues to take part.

Finally, on a sadder note, many of you will have heard of the recent passing of one of the founders and stalwarts of AEGIS over the years, namely Gerti Hesseling. She was a tireless promoter of the Africanist cause in Europe and it is to her memory that we dedicate this conference.

And now to work.....

Paul Nugent, AEGIS President



AVANT-PROPOS

BIENVENUE A LA TROISIEME CONFERENCE EUROPEENNE D'ETUDES AFRICAINES

Bienvenue. Puisque vous lisez cet avant-propos c'est que vous êtes bien inscrit à ECAS3. Notre désir le plus cher c'est que cette conférence vous apporte non seulement le stimulus intellectuel qui s'impose mais aussi le plaisir d'une rencontre plus chaleureuse que les conférences auxquelles nous assistons tout au long de l'année.

Notre premier rassemblement, à Londres en 2005, nous a permis de concrétiser l'ambition de mettre sur pied une conférence européenne d'études africaines nourrie de longue date. Notre second rendez-vous, à Leiden en 2007, a réussi le tour de force d'être à la fois imposant et intime. Nous sommes certains que cette troisième édition, tenue cette fois-ci au sein d'une des plus anciennes universités d'Europe, sera à la hauteur d'une attente toujours plus exigeante. Le thème – 'Respacing Africa' – devrait nous permettre d'aborder sereinement la notion d'espace qui s'impose depuis quelque temps au sein des études africaines.

Le Board d'AEGIS tient ici à exprimer toute sa reconnaissance envers les organisateurs de l'université de Leipzig, qui ont dû se surpasser pour mener à bien l'organisation d'ECAS3.

AEGIS diffère des autres associations de type académique en ce qu'il est un réseau de centres d'études africaines européens et non de membres (chercheurs et universitaires) individuels. Notre association est encore jeune, puisqu'elle n'a vu le jour qu'en 1991, à l'époque un cercle informel de collègues en France, Grande Bretagne, Espagne et Allemagne. Mais depuis cinq ans AEGIS s'élargit rapidement : nous comptons aujourd'hui 23 membres issus de pratiquement tous les pays de l'Union Européenne. Et il est logique que nous nous réunissions cette année en Allemagne car ce pays n'a pas moins de quatre centres au sein de notre réseau.

Bien que nos conférences ECAS s'organisent autour de thèmes dont nous débattons en commun, notre ordre du jour reste l'ouverture. Un nombre important de participants vient de centres ou d'universités qui ne font pas partie d'AEGIS. Ceci n'a pas d'importance puisque nous concevons notre rôle avant tout comme 'catalyseur' d'activités africaines au niveau européen. Un certain nombre d'entre nous a pris l'habitude de participer à l'ASA Annual Conference aux USA. Il est maintenant temps que nos collègues américains fassent le chemin inverse, car les conférences AEGIS permettent aujourd'hui un rassemblement d'africanistes d'horizons divers qui est sans précédent. Nous avons déjà eu le plaisir de recevoir un certain nombre de collègues nord-américains à Leiden et nous espérons qu'ils seront encore plus nombreux à Leipzig. Quoi qu'il en soit, AEGIS a fermement l'intention d'œuvrer à un rapprochement entre africanistes européens et américains.

Mais notre priorité reste la participation des nos collègues africains et nous tenons à remercier ici tous ceux qui ont parrainé les bourses de voyage qui nous permettent d'augmenter leur nombre.

Pour conclure, nombre d'entre vous savent déjà que nous sommes en deuil : notre collègue Gerti Hesseling, fondatrice et pilier d'AEGIS depuis des années, nous a quittés cette année. Gerti a oeuvré plus que tous pour un rapprochement entre l'Afrique et l'Europe et nous dédions cette conférence à sa mémoire.

Et maintenant au travail ...

Paul Nugent, AEGIS Président

APRESENTAÇÃO

BEM-VINDO A TERCEIRA CONFERENCIA EUROPEIA DE ESTUDOS AFRICANOS

Se está a ler este programa é porque o seu registo na ECAS 3 foi bem sucedido! Esperamos que este evento, que terá lugar em Leipzig durante quatro dias em Junho, lhe proporcione a oportunidade de participar numa troca de ideias intensa, desafiante e esperamos, mais agradável do que uma conferência académica típica. Se a primeira reunião da ECAS em Londres em 2005 deu corpo à ideia já há muito discutida no seio da AEGIS de uma Euro-conferência, a ECAS 2 que teve lugar em Leiden em 2007, conseguiu algo de muito especial – transformar uma conferência académica alargada num espaço de reflexão íntimo. Acreditamos que a ECAS 3, que decorrerá na segunda mais antiga universidade da Alemanha, volte a ultrapassar as expectativas. A temática 'Respacing Africa' pretende explorar, de uma forma mais sistemática, o redireccionamento dos Estudos Africanos nos últimos anos. O Comité Executivo da AEGIS está imensamente grato pelo trabalho desenvolvido pela equipe que organizou este evento em Leipzig – evento que será certamente memorável.

A AEGIS é, em muitos aspectos, fora do comum já que os seus membros não o são numa capacidade individual – os membros da AEGIS são Centros de Estudos Africanos baseados na Europa. É também uma organização relativamente nova, tendo sido criada em 1991 por um pequeno grupo de amigos. No início, apenas um pequeno número de centros era membro da AEGIS – consequência em parte da regra que limitava a representação na AEGIS a um centro por País. Hoje, a AEGIS conta com 23 centros provenientes de quase todos os Países da União Europeia. A realização da ECAS 3 em Leipzig é bastante apropriada já que a Alemanha é representada na AEGIS por quatro centros de estudos africanos.

Embora a ECAS deva a sua origem a uma agenda comum entre os membros da AEGIS, de forma alguma é um clube exclusivo. Muitos dos participantes em Leipzig são académicos provenientes de instituições académicas espalhadas pela Europa que não são membros da rede AEGIS. Todas estas instituições são bem vindas a esta conferência assim como a participar nas várias actividades que se desenvolvem à volta da ECAS. Os Africanistas europeus estão à muito habituados à migração anual aos EUA que os leva à conferência da African Studies Association que tem lugar, em cada ano, numa cidade americana diferente. O conhecimento dos nossos colegas norte americanos em relação à AEGIS tem aumentado ao longo dos anos, e se a tendência observada em Leiden se repetir, temos confiança que o fluxo migratório inverso se venha a repetir, desta feita em direcção a Leipzig. Para além disso, a AEGIS continua a ter como preocupação o desenvolvimento de uma relação mais simétrica entre a Europa e a África no domínio da cooperação académica – tema que será também discutido em Leipzig. Neste sentido, o Comité Executivo da AEGIS agradece a todos os patrocinadores que permitiram a participação dos nossos colegas Africanos nesta conferência.

Por último, lembramos o falecimento recente de Gerti Hesseling, uma das fundadoras e maiores entusiastas da AEGIS. Defensora incansável da causa Africanista na Europa, é a Gerti que dedicamos esta conferência.

E agora, ao trabalho!

Paul Nugent, Presidente da AEGIS



VORWORT

HERZLICH WILLKOMMEN ZUR DRITTEN KONFERENZ DER EUROPÄISCHEN AFRIKAWISSENSCHAFTEN

Wenn Sie dieses Konferenzprogramm in den Händen halten, haben Sie sich erfolgreich für ECAS 3 angemeldet. Wir hoffen, dass diese viertägige Konferenz in Leipzig für Sie einen intellektuellen Austausch bereithält, der intensiver, herausfordernder und unterhaltsamer als auf den üblichen Konferenzen sein wird. 2005 in London wurde die seit einigen Jahren diskutierte Idee einer europäischen Afrikakonferenz mit ECAS 1 erstmals ins Leben gerufen. ECAS 2 in Leiden (2007) hat die Erfahrungen von London aufgegriffen und etwas nur sehr schwer Herzustellendes erreicht, eine große akademische Konferenz mit einer intimen Atmosphäre. Wir hoffen, dass ECAS 3 – ausgerichtet von der zweitältesten deutschen Universität – die Messlatte noch einmal etwas höher legen wird. Mit dem Thema 'Respacing Africa' wollen wir die Auswirkungen des spatial turn in den Afrikawissenschaften näher ausleuchten. Der Vorstand von AEGIS ist den Organisatoren in Leipzig sehr dankbar für die harte Arbeit, die in die Vorbereitung eines weiteren denkwürdigen Ereignisses gesteckt worden ist.

AEGIS ist eine etwas andere Organisation, weil ihre Mitgliedschaft nicht aus Individuen, sondern aus Afrikazentren aus zahlreichen europäischen Staaten besteht. AEGIS ist noch vergleichsweise jung, sie wurde 1991 als ein kleines Netzwerk von Freunden gegründet. In den ersten Jahren blieb die Zahl der Mitgliedszentren niedrig, dies war einer „ein Zentrum pro EU-Mitgliedsstaat“-Politik geschuldet. In den letzten fünf Jahren ist AEGIS exponentiell gewachsen. Gegenwärtig zählt sie nicht weniger als 23 Mitgliedszentren. Beinahe jedes Land der EU hat zumindest ein Mitgliedszentrum, einige haben sogar mehrere. Es passt daher, dass Leipzig ECAS 3 ausrichtet – nicht weniger als vier aktive Mitglieder des Netzwerks kommen aus Deutschland.

Obwohl AEGIS aus einer gemeinsamen Agenda der Mitgliedszentren hervorgegangen ist, besteht nicht die Absicht, einen exklusiven Klub zu bilden. Zahlreiche der Teilnehmer in Leipzig werden Wissenschaftler von akademischen Institutionen aus Europa sein, die nicht Teil des AEGIS-Netzwerkes sind. Sie sind herzlich willkommen, an den zahlreichen AEGIS-Aktivitäten teilzunehmen, deren Herzstück ECAS ist. Europäische Afrikawissenschaftler haben sich an den jährlichen Herdentrieb zur African Studies Association-Konferenz gewöhnt, die jedes Jahr in einer anderen Stadt der USA abgehalten wird. Es hat einige Zeit gedauert, bis AEGIS bei den US-Kollegen bekannt wurde. In Leiden gab es aber bereits eine nennenswerte Beteiligung amerikanischer Kollegen. Wir hoffen, dass sich diese umgekehrte Migrationsbewegung in Leipzig noch erhöht. AEGIS hat das Ziel verfolgt, die Beteiligung afrikanischer Wissenschaftler an ECAS 3 zu erhöhen.

Wie eine gleichgewichtige Form der europäisch-afrikanischen Kooperation befördert werden könnte, ist AEGIS ein wichtiges Anliegen, und stellt auch eines der Themen dar, die auf dieser Konferenz diskutiert werden. Der AEGIS-Vorstand dankt jenen Sponsoren, die unseren afrikanischen Kollegen eine Teilnahme an der Konferenz ermöglicht haben.

Viele von Ihnen werden mit Trauer vernommen haben, dass mit Gerti Hesselring jüngst ein Gründungsmitglied und eine langjährige Mentorin von AEGIS verschieden ist. Sie war eine unermüdliche Förderin afrikawissenschaftlicher Anliegen in Europa. Wir widmen diese Konferenz ihrem Andenken.

Und nun an die Arbeit ...

Paul Nugent, AEGIS-Präsident

WORD FROM THE ORGANISERS

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Dear delegates

On behalf of the organisers, a very warm welcome to the 3rd European Conference on African Studies and to the city of Leipzig! We are delighted to have you with us at a time when the celebrations for the 600th anniversary of the University of Leipzig are in full swing.

This conference is held under the auspices of the Saxon State Minister for Higher Education, Science and the Fine Arts, Dr. Eva-Marie Stange. We are deeply grateful for her personal effort and the ministry's financial support. After academic (London 2005) and political (Leiden 2007) keynote speeches in the past, this time we decided to pay closer attention to the changing landscape of higher education in Europe and its impact on African Studies. We are happy that with Volkswagen Foundation Secretary-General Dr. Wilhelm Krull we have found a more than suitable speaker in this regard. For many years, the foundation has been a generous funder of African Studies, with a special emphasis on 'working with' rather than 'working about' Africa under its initiative 'Knowledge for Tomorrow? Cooperative Research Projects in Sub-Saharan Africa'. We are very pleased that the International Africa Institute (London) has agreed, again, too have its annual meeting back-to-back with AEGIS. We are also fortunate that the IAI is sharing its annual Lugard Lecture with us. This year, Paul Tiyanabe Zeleza (Department of African American Studies, University of Illinois at Chicago), who also happens to be president of the US African Studies Association, will talk about Africa policy under US President Barack Obama.

As one of the third (?) generation member of AEGIS – our history still has to be written – Leipzig is proud to be entrusted with organising this event which, after London 2005 and Leiden 2007, now is going to take place the third time. Again, the popularity of a conference on African Studies held in Europe has been overwhelming. This confirms our initial assumption that Europe's African Studies community was ripe for this format. We have received 820 papers which will be given in more than 150 panels. We are also encouraged by the fact that, again and despite many odds, so many African colleagues have managed to find their way to ECAS.

While the organisation of ECAS 3 has been entrusted to the Institute of African Studies, we have aligned ourselves with a number of local academic institutions which in the past have been reliable and capable allies: The Global and European Studies Institute in the Faculty of Social Science and Philosophy, the Research Academy Leipzig (which is hosting our structured PhD programmes) and ENIUGH, the European Network in Universal and Global History, whose headquarter is based in Leipzig, too.

Our meeting's theme is 'Respacing Africa'. Space has been reintroduced as an analytical category to the humanities and social sciences in the early 1990s. African Studies is one of the fields of knowledge production where the so-called spatial turn has proved to be extremely fruitful. The continent provides ample evidence for complex processes of deterritorialisation (migration, globalisation, sub-nationalisms) and reterritorialisation (new regionalisms, processes of bordering, etc.). These dialectic processes are driven by a variety of actors: political elites, multinational companies, warlords, donor governments, local traders, international NGOs, etc. As a result substantial parts of Africa witness the emergence of new regimes of territorialisation: re-ordered states, transnational and sub-national entities, new localities and a variety of transborder formations. We are happy that the call for panels and the call for papers have resulted in many extremely interesting contributions to this end.

We are grateful for a number of sponsored round tables and panels. The International Africa Institute is supporting a round table on 'The Occult'; the Heinrich Böll Foundation is organising a round table on the Sudan at a critical



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crossroad; the Hanns Seidel Foundation is promoting a panel on the African Peer Review Mechanism; the Friedrich Ebert Foundation is financing the participation of colleagues from Zimbabwe in a panel on this country; the Deutsche Gesellschaft für technische Zusammenarbeit (GTZ) is facilitating a round table on 'Global Trade and Regional Integration Challenges and Perspectives for Africa' and, finally, the German Foreign Office is generously supporting a round table with top representatives of AEGIS, CODESRIA and OSSREA as well as the US ASA on perspectives of African Studies in a globalising and still unequal world.

A number of cultural events will be staged around ECAS 3. To start with, after the opening ceremony we will meet at Moritzbastei for an evening with music. The main act is Stella Rambisai Chiweshe from Zimbabwe who plays the Mbira, a hardwood soundboard with metal keys (she started her career in 1970 when playing this traditional instrument was still banned for women; later she was a soloist with the Zimbabwe National Dance Company). We are also happy to have a series of documentary movies on show on Friday and throughout Saturday. Friday night there will also be the traditional publishers' reception. For Saturday night you can buy tickets for a dégustation of local wines from the Herzer winery (Naumburg, Saale/Unstrut), still underrated but extremely interesting ones. And on Sunday we will have the pleasure to open an exhibition with cartoons from Zapiro (i.e. Jonathan Shapiro), arguably the sharpest political cartoonist on the African continent.

It has become a routine that the early stages of planning of ECAS conferences are facilitated by a Steering Committee. This time it comprised representatives from the last, the present and the next ECAS, i.e. Gitty Petit (Leiden), myself, Ulf Engel and Carin Norberg (Uppsala). In addition Paul Nugent (Edinburgh) and Michel Cahen (Bordeaux) as well as Andreas Mehler (Hamburg), Dieter Neubert (Bayreuth) and Thomas Bierschenk (Mainz) followed an invitation to be part of the group. I would like to thank them all for their collective and individual inputs.

For their relentless efforts in making this event possible my special thanks are to the AEGIS Board members Paul Nugent, Leo de Haan, Andreas Mehler and Manuel João Ramos. Thanks are also to Patrick Chabal and Alessandro Triulzi, long-time board members who now serve on the AEGIS Advisory Council.

Our conference team will be of assistance, whenever we can. You will recognise team members by their dark blue T-shirts with the conference logo (coincidentally, these T-shirts are also for sale – just beware when and where you are wearing them!).

We hope that you will find the ECAS 3 programme intellectually engaging, stimulating and rewarding. Our next meeting will be in Uppsala, Sweden, 15 to 18 June 2011.

Welcome again to Leipzig and ECAS 3! Please enjoy.

Ulf Engel
Institute of African Studies, University of Leipzig

COMMEMORATION

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Today we are preparing the third of our AEGIS European Conference on African Studies (ECAS3), which will bring together close to a thousand colleagues in Leipzig in what has now probably become the largest single gathering of Africanists in the world. The history behind our ECAS conferences is a long one but its most notable turning point occurred almost exactly ten years ago and it should be credited to our friend and colleague, Gerti Hesselning.

On 21 June 1999, Gerti went before a notary in Amsterdam and lodged the deed that established Stichting AEGIS as a Foundation in the Netherlands. On that day our network acquired a legal existence, which made it possible to institutionalise what had originally been an informal grouping of close colleagues from a few African Studies Centres (London, Bordeaux, Leiden, Bayreuth and Barcelona). What had started as a coming together of academics with a shared interest in Africa, friendship and good wine had now become a federation of Centres dedicated to more systematic exchange, research and collaboration.

That Gerti should have been the driving force behind the consolidation of AEGIS is not just due to the fact that she was a trained lawyer and knew that legal registration would be easiest in the Netherlands. It was down to her extraordinary personal qualities. Gerti had already been involved in the first, more informal, period of AEGIS collaboration through her long-established links with the CEAN in Bordeaux. This may well have had something to do with the fact that she preferred to speak French than English or that she delighted in the infinite variety of French wines she could sample on her forays to Bordeaux. But it was also because she was well aware that any academic network should be based on personal ties and friendship, which she used with great skill to steer AEGIS through some of its more troubled history.

Committed as she was to this European venture, Gerti galvanised our network when she became the Director of the ASC (Leiden) in 1996. Not only did she devote enormous energy to strengthening the ASC but she used every opportunity to offer ASC help to our fledgling association. It is no exaggeration to say that AEGIS could not have been institutionalised as it was without the substantial commitment, enthusiasm and resources the ASC provided at every juncture between 1996 and 1999. To this day we owe our continued administrative and legal existence to the ASC, which Gerti's successor as Director, Leo de Haan, has continued vigorously to support.

But all this is dry history. If we celebrate Gerti today it is primarily because of the person she was. Yes, she was the backbone of AEGIS. Yes, she always provided the practical and financial support we most needed. Yes, she led us through some of our most difficult meetings. But, above all, Gerti was a person of joy and enthusiasm, with an infinite curiosity and empathy for all of us within the AEGIS family. As she would say on every occasion we met: "If we don't enjoy ourselves, there is no point in doing all this!"

And enjoyed ourselves we did! All of us will have anecdotes of our meetings, steeped as they are in the friendliness that pervades our most earnest deliberation, but I will recall here Gerti's insistence that we should eat and drink well when we gathered. I remember many occasions when, because it seemed that the price of a good bottle of wine was excessive (in the old Scandinavian days!), Gerti would declare with a laugh that she would pay for it ... and for the next one. Of course, we all sat at her table! Gerti also loved beautiful objects, which was noticeable in the magnificent African necklaces she favoured, and there never was a meeting when she did not enlist one of us to go and look for the beauty – frescoes in one of Rome's baroque churches or a Marimekko shop in Stockholm – that was to be found where we were. For that too we are grateful.

Gerti was a big personality, who marked her presence wherever she was, but she was modest. Her enthusiasm, her laugh, her visible friendships were also characteristic of a person who gave herself freely to the bigger cause of our



network. To say that she was committed to the development of African Studies in Europe would be to minimise her stance: she was entirely devoted to the better understanding of Africa and the closer collaboration between African and European scholars. As the Chair of the Board, of which Gerti was the key member, I can report her constant concern to increase the profile of African Studies and to improve exchanges between Europe and Africa.

In so many ways, Gerti showed us the road ahead. She was utterly devoted to the personal ties that sustain our network but she clearly saw the need for AEGIS to institutionalise. She prized the more intimate atmosphere of our early meetings but she worked to devise the best way to expand the network without diluting the friendliness of our gatherings. She enjoyed our informality but realised early that we would have to define more firmly our aims and ambitions, if we were to strengthen African Studies in Europe. She knew the importance of the Board but she stepped down as soon as she realised she could not give it her all. Gerti possessed the greatest quality of all pioneers: to make oneself dispensable.

It is my hope that AEGIS will be able to celebrate Gerti in the way she would have preferred: moving forward with pleasure and enthusiasm to do what we like doing and share it with others, both here and in Africa. 2009 will be the year when we rejoice in Gerti's life.

Patrick Chabal
Alessandro Triulzi

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- Stella Chiweshe
- Jonathan Shapiro
- and last, but not least, our colleagues from AEGIS.

Ulf Engel, for the organisers





CONFERENCE SUMMARY

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THURSDAY, 4 JUNE 2009

09:00–11:00	Panels I
11:00–11:30	Tea Break
11:30–13:30	Panels II
13:30–14:30	Lunch Break
14:30–16:30	International Africa Institute's Lugard Lecture Presented by Paul Tiyambe Zeleza, president of the US African Studies Association, on "Pan-Africanism in the Age of Obama"
17:00	Conference Opening (Venue: Gewandhaus: Mendelssohnsaal) Franz Häuser Rector of the University of Leipzig Welcome address on behalf of the University of Leipzig Eva-Maria Stange Saxon State Minister for Higher Education, Research and the Fine Arts Welcome address on behalf of the Saxon Ministry for Higher Education, Research and the Fine Arts Paul Nugent AEGIS President Welcome address on behalf of AEGIS Wilhelm Krull Secretary-General of the Volkswagen Foundation ECAS 3 Keynote Lecture "Knowledge for Tomorrow: Africa, Europe, and the Way Ahead" Ulf Engel Welcome address on behalf of the organising committee of ECAS 3
19:00	Reception in the Moritzbastei & African Music
19:30	Andreas Müller Second Mayor of the city of Leipzig Welcome note
20:00	Dinner Buffet
21:00	Engenga The members of the African choir from Leipzig sing traditional songs in Swahili, Lingala and French.
21:30	Stella Chiweshe The Zimbabwean musician presents traditional Shona songs combined with the sound of the mbira.

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FRIDAY, 5 JUNE 2009

09:00–11:00	Panels III
11:00–11:30	Tea Break
11:30–13:30	Panels IV
13:30–14:30	Lunch Break
14:30–16:30	Panels V
	Round Table Discussions
	Meet the Author: Round Table discussion with Patrick Chabal on his latest book: "Africa: The Politics of Suffering and Smiling"
16:30–17:00	Tea Break
17:00–19:00	Panels VI
19:00–20:00	AEGIS Round Table Discussion
20:00–21:00	Publishers' Reception (Venue: Exhibition Area)

SATURDAY, 6 JUNE 2009

09:00–11:00	Panels VII
11:00–11:30	Tea Break
11:30–13:30	Panels VIII
13:30–14:30	Lunch Break
14:30–16:30	Panels IX
	Round Table Discussions
16:30–17:00	Tea Break
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09:00–11:00	Panels XI
11:00–11:30	Tea Break
	Exhibition of political cartoons by the South African cartoonist Zapiro, official opening with the artist
11:30–13:30	Panels XII
14:00–15:00	Closing Ceremony (Venue: Alte Handelsbörse / Old Stock Exchange)



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Lugard Lecture

The International African Institute's Lugard Lecture will be presented by Paul Tiyambe Zeleza, Department of African American Studies, University of Illinois at Chicago, and president of the US African Studies Association, on "Pan-Africanism in the Age of Obama".

Time: Thu, 4 June, 14:30-16:30 | Venue: Lecture Hall, HS9 (second floor)

ECAS 3 Keynote Lecture

The keynote lecture will be held by Wilhelm Krull, Secretary-General of the Volkswagen Foundation, during the official opening ceremony on "Knowledge for Tomorrow: Africa, Europe, and the Way Ahead".

Time: Thu, 4 June, 17:00 | Venue: Gewandhaus, Mendelssohnsaal

Meet the author

Round Table discussion with Patrick Chabal, King's College London, former AEGIS President, on his latest book: "Africa: The Politics of Suffering and Smiling"

Chair: Paul Nugent, University of Edinburgh

Discussants: Jan Kees van Donge, Dieter Neubert, Nicolas van de Walle

Time: Fri, 5 June, 14:30-16:30 | Room: S202

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSIONS

Round Table 1: Sudan at the Crossroads: Perspectives and Visions beyond Fragmentation

Organiser: Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung – Heinrich Böll Foundation

Time: Fri, 5 June, 14:30-16:30 | Room: HS7

At a crucial stage of the Sudanese peace process, the rifts between North and South, centre and periphery and between the different political camps seem wider than ever. The Heinrich Böll Stiftung brings together Sudanese and international experts to discuss visions and concrete perspectives that go beyond an uncritical acquiescence to the further fragmentation of Sudan.

Chair:

Kirsten Maas-Albert, Head of Africa Department, Heinrich Böll Foundation (Berlin)

Discussants:

Hayder Ibrahim, Director, Centre for Sudanese Studies (Khartoum)

Suzanne Jambo, Co-Ordinator, New Sudanese Indigenous NGOs Network (Nairobi)

Edward Thomas, Rift Valley Institute, author of "Against the Gathering Storm. Securing Sudan's Comprehensive Peace Agreement" (Chatham House, 2009)

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Round Table 2: The Occult

Organiser: International Africa Institute

Time: Fri, 5 June 14:30-16:30 | Room: HS8

In a recent article on Africa, Terence Ranger signalled an affinity between scholarly works on the occult and popular Western ideas about Africa as backward and superstitious. This has evoked a critical rejoinder. Is invoking the category of the occult unavoidable? What is the politics of use of this category?

Chair:

Karin Barber

Discussants:

Filip de Boeck

Peter Geschiere

Gerrie Ter Haar

Stephen Ellis

Birgit Meyer

Isak Niehaus

Round Table 3: AEGIS Round Table: European-African dialogue on research cooperation

Organiser: AEGIS

Time: Fri, 5 June, 19:00-20:00 | Room: HS7

With this Round Table the Africa-Europe Group for Interdisciplinary Studies (AEGIS) would like to facilitate dialogue between representatives of African Studies' organisations in Europe, Africa and North America to address key issues of doing African Studies in an unequal world of entanglements.

What direction is African Studies taking in different parts of the world? What are the respective local conditions for doing research and teaching in African Studies and how have these changed in recent years? What are the prospects for developing and maintaining joint research / teaching activities under conditions of increased processes of globalisation? And what does this mean for the nature of this dialogue in a post-colonial era?

Chair:

Andreas Eckert, Humboldt Universität (Berlin)

Discussants:

Paschal Mihyo, executive director, Organization for Social Science Research in Eastern and Southern Africa

Paul Nugent, AEGIS president

Ebrima Sall, executive secretary, Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa

Arnold van Zyl, vice rector research, University of Stellenbosch (South Africa)

Paul Tiyambe Zeleza, president of the US African Studies Association



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Round Table 4: Global Trade and Regional Integration Challenges and Perspectives for Africa

Organiser: Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit (GTZ) GmbH – German Technical Cooperation

Time: Sat, 6 June, 14:30-16:30 | Room: HS7

Participation of Africa in global trade is ultimately limited and unbalanced. Results of regional integration seem to be more evident in the areas of peace, security and governance than with respect to economic development. So what can be done to make global trade and regional integration motors of economic development in Africa? What policy space do African countries have? What is the responsibility of the international community? What can be done in the framework of development cooperation?

Chair:

Georg Schäfer, Chief Economist, Africa Department, GTZ

Discussants:

Representatives from academia, the international trade administration, African regional organisations and German development cooperation

Round Table 5: The impact of APRM on good governance in Africa

Organiser: Hanns-Seidel-Stiftung – Hanns Seidel Foundation

Time: Sat, 6 June, 14:30-16:30 | Room: HS8

Slave trade, colonial time and the cold war has often been used as the ultimate cause to explain Africans dreadful state. In 2003 all African leaders agreed that these external factors should not be used as an excuse anymore but the absence of leadership and good governance as reason of 'the African disaster'. This understanding led to the NEPAD initiative and to its key instrument the African Peer Review Mechanism APRM.

Is APRM having any Impact on a new Africa, and is there a New Partnership?

The Hanns Seidel Foundation brings together African decision-makers and experts with the representative of the European Commission to discuss the impact of APRM, the perspectives for the participating countries future co-operation and support as well as the starting points resulting from the APRM.

Chair:

Klaus Liepert, Head of the Africa Department, Hanns Seidel Foundation (Munich)

Discussants:

Francis Appiah, Executive secretary of the APRM in Ghana (Ghana)

Grace Ongile, CEO of the Kenyan APRM Council (Kenya)

Elmar Frank, Representative of the HSF in West Africa (Germany)

N.N., representative of the European Commission, directorate general development and relations with ACP

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CONFERENCE OPENING

All delegates are cordially invited to attend the conference opening on Thursday, 4 June at 17:00. This will be held in the Mendelssohnsaal at Leipzig Gewandhaus, Augustusplatz 8, 04109 Leipzig. This is a 250 year old famous concert hall in about five minutes walking distance from the lecture hall and seminar building.

WELCOME RECEPTION

After the official opening you are invited for an African music evening and a buffet in the Moritzbastei which is next door to the Gewandhaus.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDY AND RESEARCH IN AFRICA AND HOW TO APPLY FOR DAAD SUPPORT

For more than 50 years the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) has supported African students and scientists for further training and research in Germany and Africa. Similar programmes exist for Germans to travel in the opposite direction. An overview about such funding opportunities and possible support for joint projects will be given by the head of the DAAD Africa desk, Dr Roland Weiss, on Friday, 5 June at 9:00 in room S211. This will be illustrated by some examples of successful co-operation.

BOOK EXHIBITION

During the conference several academic publishing houses will present and sell recent publications on issues on African Studies in the lecture hall building, 2nd floor.

RECEPTION OF PUBLISHING HOUSES

All delegates are invited to join the reception of the publishing houses to be held Friday, 5 June from 20:00 to 21:00 in the exhibition area, lecture hall building, 2nd floor.

MEETING WITH APAD – the Euro-African Association for the Anthropology of Social Change and Development
The Euro-African Association for the Anthropology of Social Change and Development (APAD) is hosting a meeting for members, potential members and anyone else interested in the organisation Friday, 5 June at 19:00 in room S222. For further information please contact: Sten Hagberg (sten.hagberg@antro.uu.se), Gabriella Körling (gabriella.korling@antro.uu.se), or APAD's email apad@ascleiden.nl.

WINE TASTING

You are cordially invited to join the wine tasting event on Saturday, 6 June at 20:00. Wine from the region (Naumburg, Saale/Unstrut) will be offered by Herzer vineyard at the Paris Syndrom, Karl-Tauchnitz-Straße 9, 04107 Leipzig. Tickets will be sold next to the registration desks at € 12,00 each. Tickets are limited.

EXHIBITION OF POLITICAL CARTOONS

There will be an exhibition of political cartoons in the lecture hall building, 2nd floor, by the South African cartoonist Zapiro (Jonathan Shapiro). He will officially open the exhibition on Sunday, 7 June at 11:00. Zapiro will also sell and sign some of his books.

CLOSING CEREMONY

All delegates are invited to attend the closing ceremony on Sunday, 7 June at 14:00 at the Alte Handelsbörse / Old Stock Exchange.



CINEMA SESSION

CINEMA SESSION WITH RECENT DOCUMENTARIES ON AFRICA

Fri, 5 June | Room: HS9

- 17:00 "Come un uomo sulla terra" (Like a Man on Earth) (60min)
Dir: Andrea Segre, Dagmawi Yimer, Riccardo Biadene. Original version in Italian and Amharic. Subtitles in English.
Introduction: Alessandro Triulzi (Naples)
The film is linked to Panel 92: African Migration to Europe (Robert McKenzie / Alessandro Triulzi). Panel 92 will take place Fri, 09:00-11:00; 11:30-13:30 and 14:30-16:30, room: HS 16.

Sat, 6 June, all day | Room: HS9

- 9:00 "Medienmagazin Zapp über Feuerherz" (Zapp about Heart of Fire) (45min)
Introduction: Marco Schäfer (Mainz)
The film contains the investigative research from the journalists Peter Disch and Julia Salden as to the bestselling book "Feuerherz / Heart of fire" and the eponymous movie inspired by the book.
The film is linked to the presentation given by Marco Schäfer and Günter Schröder on "Heart of Fire" in Panel 90a (Fri, 14:30-16:30, room: S225).
- 10:20 "Kampala Babel" (54min)
Introduction: Cecilia Pennacini (Turin)
The famous Ugandan writer Moses Isegawa (Abyssinian Chronicles, 1998) guides us discovering Kampala and its complex religious life.
The film is linked to Panel 51: Spatial transformations in African towns.
- 11:40 "Hidden Guarantee: Identity and Gule Wankulu between Mozambique and Somalia" (17min)
Introduction: Francesca Declich (Urbino)
The documentary shows the area of the Indian Ocean as a cultural and trade corridor where commodities as well as people were exchanged.
- 12:00 "Howzit!? Life in Johannesburg" (60min)
Introduction: Marietta Kesting (Vienna)
This documentary examines the living conditions in Johannesburg by comparing an inner city 'slum' area to a gated community on the outskirts.
- 13:15 "Dhoof baa i Galay (Travel is haunting my mind)" (38min)
Introduction: Luca Ciabbari (Halle/S.)
These fiction stories have been created by Somaliland youths in a workshop held in Somaliland in August 2008 representing the dreams, imaginaries and risks of migrating to Europe via Libya.
- 14:30 "The Azazo Mischief" (25min)
Introduction: Manuel João Ramos (Lisbon)
- 15:10 "Poetry in Motion: 100 Years of Zanzibar's Nadi Ikhwan Safaa" (75min)
Introduction: Kelly Askew (Michigan)
- 16:45 "God Deserves our Praise" (30min)
Introduction: John Olukorede Akuro (Lagos)
- 17:30 "Sifinja Die Eiserne Braut" (65min)
Introduction: Kurt Beck (Bayreuth)
- 18:45 "Ifa Nla" (45min)
Introduction: Nelson Fashina (Ibadan)

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4	Children's Rights in Ghana: Rhetoric or Reality?	DeBrenna Agbenyiga/ Robert Ame	Sun 09:00-11:00, 11:30-13:30	S220
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11	'We Tried but they Failed' - Critical Perspectives on Interventionism in Africa	Jan Bachmann	Thu 11:30-13:30	HS19
12	Le rôle de l'école dans la recomposition de l'espace	Céline Labrune-Badiane	Sun 09:00-11:00	S203
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15	Conflict and Space: Secessionist and autonomy conflicts in sub-Saharan Africa	Matthias Basedau	Sun 11:30-13:30	HS13
16	Medicine, Science, and the Location of Africa	Manuela Bauche/ Stefan Hoffmann/ Mary K. Webel	Fri 11:30-13:30	S226
17	Violent actors and the re-shaping of political orders in Africa	Kerstin Bauer	Sun 09:00-11:00, 11:30-13:30	HS19
18	Political parties and the space in Africa	Sebastian Elischer/ Anika Moroff	Fri 11:30-13:30, 14:30-16:30	S228
19	Translating Conflict	Andrea Behrends	Fri 09:00-11:00	HS13
20	States, public bureaucracies and civil servants: Organisational fields and actors' practices	Mahaman Tidjani Alou/ Thomas Bierschenk/ Giorgio Blundo/ Jean-Pierre Olivier de Sardan	Sat 09:00-11:00, 11:30- 13:30, 14:30-16:30, 17:00-19:00	S215
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25	Re-locating Africa in the Indian Ocean World	Gwyn Campbell	Fri 11:30-13:30	S221
26	Doing research in African spaces as young researchers	Fanny Chabrol/ Edrich-Nathanaël Tsotsa	Sun 09:00-11:30	HS16
27	CREATING FP7 Project on East African territorial integration	Bernard Charlery de la Masselière	Sun 11:30-13:30	S221
28	Negotiating distances, reshaping immediacy. Fulbe communities in emerging translocal settings	Riccardo Ciavolella/ Lotte Pelckmans	Sun 09:00-11:00	HS15
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46	From Porters and Canoe-men to Busboys and Railwaymen, towards a social history of Labour and Transport in Africa	Jan-Bart Gewald	Sun 09:00-11:00	S221
47	Reinventing the International in Africa?	Julia Gallagher/ Maria Gibert	Sat 11:30-13:30	HS19
48	Waterscapes in Africa. The respacing of basins, markets and networks	Olivier Graefe/ Detlef Müller-Mahn	Fri 11:30-13:30	S202
49	Changing mediascapes and new media entrepreneurs in Africa	Tilo Grätz/ Birgit Meyer	Fri 09:00-11:00, 11:30-13:30	S225
50	Chiefs as Politicians and Developers: Postcolonial Transformations in Local Arenas in West Africa	Sten Hagberg	Sat 17:00-19:00	HS14
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58	Diasporic political engagement in Africa. Social and economic remittances and their roles in 'development', 'democratization', and 'peace building'	Markus Höhne	Fri 17:00-19:00	HS15
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91	Spatialities of Hip Hop Music in Africa	Jenny Fatou Mbaye	Sun 11:30-13:30	HS15
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PANEL 40A

CIRCUITS OF SUCCESS: FIGURES OF POLITICAL AND CULTURAL INNOVATION

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Panelists:

Kaarsholm, Preben (Roskilde): Aspiring through Culture: The Role of Religion in the Strivings for Respectability of Slum Dwellers in KwaZulu-Natal

Roesenthaler, Ute (Frankfurt/M.): Managing achievement. Case studies from Cameroon

Ludl, Christine (Witwatersrand): Representations and imaginations of mobility and success: West African migrants in France and South Africa

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PANEL 132A

CONTESTED SPACE IN THE HORN OF AFRICA: REGIONAL AND SPATIAL CONFLICTS IN THEIR ECONOMICAL, POLITICAL AND CULTURAL CONTEXTS

The interdisciplinary panel aims at discussing 'space' in the region of the wider Horn of Africa. 'Space' is the territory, defined by economical, political and family-ties that create the physical place, which eventually will play its crucial role as identity marker.

This focus leads to questions of ownership in two ways: First, the question of legal ownership occurs - the institutional framework that creates legitimacy and marks identity. Second, space provides for natural and economic resources, offers a stage for political and ideological recognition, and living environment for the members of society. 'Space' as living space has seen dramatic changes in the region throughout the last decades: processes of - often forced - population movements lead to changed patterns of 'space', newly discovered oil and gas resources introduced new international economic actors, development in the mode of agricultural production changed livelihoods as much as natural disasters or processes of overpopulation. The workshop thus shall contribute to a better and wide-ranging understanding of the dynamics of conflict and cooperation in the regional space of the wider Horn of Africa.

Panelists:

Cascão, Ana Elisa (London): Contested natural resources and political conflict - case-studies from Darfur and Gambella

Weber, Annette (Berlin): Wherever the Camel goes, that is Somalia. The concept of territory in the Somali context

Bustorf, Dirk (Hamburg): The Place of Space in the Historical Thinking of the Selté (Southern Central- Ethiopia)

Smidt, Wolbert (Hamburg): Contested space in the Kunama borderlands of Tigray in the mid-19th century

Giabbari, Luca (Halle/S.): Biographies of roads biographies of nations: Somaliland state building and the hinterland/coast geopolitics



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PANEL 139A AFRICAN STUDIES ON THE WEB – NEW POSSIBILITIES AND NEW SERVICES FOR ACADEMIC RESEARCH

The panel discusses the complex task of making primary data accessible on the web. The Humanities and Social Sciences working on Africa are generating masses of data, only a smaller part of which are generally published. At the same time, the first generation of scholars which had witnessed the enormous expansion of African Studies in the late 1960s and the 1970s has retired or is about to do so. What happens to the unpublished legacy of a whole scientific life? We discuss different solutions for accession and digitization of special collections and how academic institutions may handle such material. How and to whom can primary data be made accessible on the web? How can we develop innovative documentation solutions for research groups? Could we establish central documentation services at a transnational level? Many academic institutions and research groups, archives and libraries, face similar problems. The possibility of future co-operative ventures and the necessity of common standards will be discussed. Finally, the services of the projects presented are examples of a future E-Science. The panel addresses the scientific community to articulate their academic needs and to discuss them with experts from digitization projects, archives and libraries.

Panelists:

Damen, Jos (Leiden): Electronic Journals on African Studies: A Factual Analysis and Some Trends
Conteh-Morgan, Miriam (Columbus): Long Tail or Long Odds: A Case Study of African E-Journal Usage
Guadagnino, Marco (Napoli): Repositories and Research Communication Challenges in Africa

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PANEL 78 NEW RESEARCH IN GHANAIAN COLONIAL HISTORY

This panel presents new research on Ghana's colonial past by exploring various arenas of 'the politics of control'. Particularly illuminative are sites of encounters between Africans and Europeans, especially those related to administrative, sexual, legal, and political contact and contestation. Colonial authorities often responded to these interactions by imposing boundaries and reinforcing distinctions between the 'African' and 'European', but these encounters also clearly resulted in cultural syncretism and transformed identities and policies in large part because Africans were equally invested in demarcating and/or obfuscating such boundaries. The imposition of European courts, for example, offered opportunities for Ghanaian communities to revisit and reinvent their pasts as a means to assert their economic and political power, especially in reference to land ownership. Faced with the contradiction between the idea of 'traditional' Africa, which they created and promoted, and the reality of a fluid, heterogeneous 'modern' colonial society, European colonists attempted to control Ghanaians in their varied economic activities, such as trading. Sponsored by the Ghana Studies Council, this panel demonstrates the multiple ways in which colonial relations were created, contested and remade in conversation with the changing imperatives of the colonial state and African actors.

Panelists:

Pichillo, Giancarlo (Siena): Historical and Political Legacies of the Transformations of (Dutch) Sekondi's Socio-Economic Landscape in early 20th century
Clark, Gracia (Indiana): Controlling Traders: Building Markets, Licensing Hawkers and Managing Prices in Colonial Kumasi, Ghana
Sackeyfio, Naaborko (Dartmouth): Land Litigation, Urban Space and the Articulation of Ga Identity in Colonial Accra
Ray, Carina (Fordham): The Racial Politics of Anti-Prostitution Legislation: World War II and the Sex Trade in British West Africa

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PANEL 69A REVISITING THE AFRICAN FRONTIER

This panel examines the African frontier in the 21st century. Igor Kopytoff's seminal contribution on *The Internal African Frontier* (1987) provided an important explanation of the processes of pacification and inculturation of pre-colonial African peripheries. The panel revisits Kopytoff's original frontier concept to bring it into conversation with contemporary African frontiers. What kind of dynamics can we observe in African peripheries and territorial borderlands that can be grasped through the concept of frontier? Revisiting Kopytoff's original concept, we want to bring it into fruitful conversations with current writings on the anthropology of the state and literature on African borderlands. As a starting point, we define frontiers as territorial spaces with specific characteristics of violence and order rather than mere borderlines or boundaries dividing civilization from not yet civilized empty territory. The papers in this panel provide ethnographic material on frontier spaces and dynamics in different places, peripheries and borderlands throughout the African continent. A common thread will be their engagement with Kopytoff's legacy in new empirical contexts.

Panelists:

Doevenspeck, Martin (Bayreuth): Internal frontiers of territoriality: the case of the CNDP insurgency in North Kivu, DRC

Casentini, Giulia (Siena): Political changes across the Ghana-Togo border: an internal African frontier?

Tsekenis, Emilios (Aegean): From precolonial fluidity to postcolonial essentialism: the 'African frontier' and the changing concept of 'autochthony' in the Cameroon grassfields

Schlichte, Klaus (Magdeburg): Political classes across borders: the Great Lakes region

Bach, Jean-Nicolas (Bordeaux): New 'centres' and new 'peripheries' in post-1991 Ethiopia?

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PANEL 118A CHILDREN AND MIGRATION IN AFRICA: AN INTERDISCIPLINARY PERSPECTIVE

Increasing attention has been paid in recent scholarship to childhood and mobility in Africa. Migrating African children are no longer considered as accompanying migrants or as victims of the migration decision of adults. To what extent is children migration however different from adult migration? Does the fact of being a child entail specific migratory trajectories? This interdisciplinary panel will draw upon recent scholarship in order to analyze the diversity and complexity of children's experiences of mobility. It aims to analyze the different migratory trajectories of children in several African societies over the last 150 years. The panel will focus on different kinds of fosterage. It will also look at children circulation within Africa and between Africa and Europe. The interdisciplinary perspective of the panel will encourage us to compare different methodological and theoretical approaches and to explore still neglected aspects of the topic. This will allow us to question notions of family migration, transnational families, colonial and post-colonial migration politics, globalization in Africa...

Panelists:

Hampshire, Kate (Durham): Contingent practices: fosterage, child migration and education in context

Rodet, Marie (Vienna): The end of slavery and the circulation of juvenile and female workforce in French Sudan

Denis, Isabelle (Paris): Unfree children in Mayotte island

Deleigne, Marie-Christine (Paris): Child circulation and schooling in malagasy rural area



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PANEL 154A

BUILDING PLACES, RECONFIGURING SPACES: EXPLORING NEW FORMS OF ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, AND POLITICAL LIFE IN AFRICA

This multidisciplinary panel sponsored by the Ghent Africa Platform (GAP) explores new forms of connecting and withdrawing, networking and insulating that produce new places of collaboration and contention, and bring about new spaces of varying magnitude in different parts of Africa and in different domains of life. The various papers ask attention for (a) historical or emerging economic forms and opportunities of collaboration both transnational and/or among urban, regional or national groups that can be either established or emerging, (b) patterns and practices of socialisation and bonding that are more often than not accompanied by radical or contested forms of exclusion related to culture, religion or race-based processes of identification, and (c) the shifting place of politics and state-centred power whereby new economic and military non-state actors and patterns of mediation, representation, and consumption constitute new forms of governance or transform existing ones. The contributors to this panel share a take on place and space which takes into account the multiplex, practice-based, and scalar nature of any spatial configuration from the most local to the more global.

Panelists:

Lagae, Johan (Ghent); Boonen, Sofie (Ghent) and Luce Beeckmans (Groningen/Ghent): Rethinking the colonial city
Arnaut, Karel (Ghent): Governance by spectacle
Vlassenroot, Koen (Ghent) and Karen Büscher (Ghent): The city as frontier
Raeymaekers, Timothy (Ghent): The power of the local in cross border practices

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PANEL 145

CONTINUITY AND CHANGE IN LAND AND ENVIRONMENT CONSERVATION POLICIES IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

During the colonial period in most parts of sub-Saharan Africa environment and conservation issues were intimately related to the fulfilment of the economic and political aims of colonial powers. These elements remained central to the policies of post colonial states. Indeed, within the developmental state environment and land were treated either in relation to economic growth or as something just to preserve.

Since the '80s new projects about natural resource management were developed. They aim at empowering local rural communities to manage land and natural resources in a sustainable manner by decentralisation and participation. Participation has become a core issue on the agenda of both government and donors and sustained by relevant international stakeholders. Notwithstanding changes in paradigms about rural (local) development, the dominant western ideology on conservation remains preservationist. This has relevant effects on land and natural resource use and on the creation of livelihoods for rural people. The panel intends to discuss the possible profitable relationships between (good) governance, sustainable development, and decentralisation.

Panelists:

Jensen, Stig (Copenhagen): Changing discourses on protection of biodiversity with special focus on Southern Africa. A process analysis on the international debate and institutionalization related to protection of biodiversity in Southern Africa using Zimbabwe as case
Bologna, Sarah (Fort Hare): The Other Side of the Fence: People-Based Conservation in South Africa
Kisekka-Ntale, Fredrick (Kampala): A House wrenched by divisions. Institutional conflicts in Managing Environmental Crime in Kenya
Kreye, Lars (Göttingen): Forest Resource Policy in German Colonial Tanzania
Poppe, Julie (Leuven): Manoeuvring in the arena of conservation: Burkinabe pisteurs in the periphery of the transnational park W.

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PANEL 102 ROLE OF INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE IN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

African societies have had their way of interacting with natural environment for survival or livelihood. studies carried out in most parts of Africa indicate that these knowledge systems differ spatially and on the basis of socio-economic context. Most application of IK is largely useful in reversing the environmental degradation and mitigating the shocks of climate change that has been witnessed in the recent past. This panel therefore has been organized to brainstorm on the possible ways of harnessing this rich resources for the purpose of reshaping and redeeming African potential particularly in the area of environment and livelihood. The main sub-themes in this panel include, indigenous knowledge and sustainable development, IK and the community and also the legal implication of IK in African context. The usefulness of IK in management of natural resources and livelihood activities is really the main stake of this panel that is established on the basis of research done both in Eastern and South African regions. We anticipate that the outcome of this discussion will generate knowledge forms needed to inform decision makers in Africa on the best way to integrate local knowledge in planning for both economic and social development. The panel envisions that identification and documentation of IK processes in Africa are critical for social progress as well as livelihoods.

Panelists:

Mebia, Emanuel Mvé (Lyon): Indigenous people of Gabon and sustainable development

Onditi Odari, Francis (Nairobi): The link between development and indigenous knowledge: an African rebirth

Awuor, Ponge (Nairobi): Indigenous Knowledge Systems and Sustainable Development in Africa: A Forgotten Development Parameter in the MVP

Ruppel, Oliver (Windhoek): Implications of Indigenous Knowledge and Customary Law for Biodiversity Conservation in Namibia in the Context of Developmental Considerations

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Panelists:

Frederiksen, Bodil Folke (Roskilde): Livelihoods, Aspirations and Careers in an African Slum

Lauterbach, Karen (Roskilde): Pastors, Power and Politics in Kumasi, Ghana

Christiansen, Lene Bull (Roskilde): Making ends meet: feminist activism and personal achievement in Zimbabwe's crisis

Arnfred, Signe (Roskilde): Women's Identities, Women's Careers through Tufo Dance Associations, Northern Mozambique



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PANEL 11 WE TRIED BUT THEY FAILED – CRITICAL PERSPECTIVES ON INTERVENTIONISM IN AFRICA

It is uncontested that recent 'whole-of-government' interventions in Africa highlighting the interconnectedness of domestic and global politics in the field of security have blurred the boundaries between humanitarian, development and geopolitical objectives. The panel aims for a historical and theoretical contextualisation of strategies ranging from militarization, state capacity building, welfare interventions to participatory projects. Recent Western interventions towards 'peace, security and development' on the continent has broadened the agenda and multiplied the number of actors involved. Whereas during the Cold War it was the hegemonic states that carried out stabilisation operations by granting military and development assistance, today a plethora of state and non-state actors seem to actively pursue strategies of governing-at-a-distance between empowerment and disciplining, securitisation and development, responsabilisation and ownership.

Panelists:

Klantschnig, Gernot (Nottingham): Appropriating foreign interventionism: the case of international drug control assistance to Nigeria
Bergamaschi, Isaline (Paris): Exploring the trajectories and competing uses of 'ownership' and 'poverty reduction' at the country level: The Politics of PRSPs in Mali

Bachmann, Jan (Bristol): 'Doing peace and security' – Shifts in external counterterrorism interventions in Kenya
Veit, Alex (Berlin): 'Après la guerre = Avant la guerre?' Continuity and Change of Domination in Ituri (Dr Congo)

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PANEL 132B CONTESTED SPACE IN THE HORN OF AFRICA: REGIONAL AND SPATIAL CONFLICTS IN THEIR ECONOMICAL, POLITICAL AND CULTURAL CONTEXTS

The interdisciplinary panel aims at discussing 'space' in the region of the wider Horn of Africa. 'Space' is the territory, defined by economical, political and family-ties that create the physical place, which eventually will play its crucial role as identity marker. This focus leads to questions of ownership in two ways: First, the question of legal ownership occurs - the institutional framework that creates legitimacy and marks identity. Second, space provides for natural and economic resources, offers a stage for political and ideological recognition, and living environment for the members of society. 'Space' as living space has seen dramatic changes in the region throughout the last decades: processes of – often forced - population movements lead to changed patterns of 'space', newly discovered oil and gas resources introduced new international economic actors, development in the mode of agricultural production changed livelihoods as much as natural disasters or processes of overpopulation. The workshop thus shall contribute to a better and wide-ranging understanding of the dynamics of conflict and cooperation in the regional space of the wider Horn of Africa.

Panelists:

Campbell, John (London): Contested borders and disputed identities: The plight of those deported during the Ethiopian-Eritrean border war of 1998-2000

Hirt, Nicole (Hamburg) and Abdulkader Saleh Mohammad (Eritrea): Contested Cultural Space as a Challenge to Peace and Stability in the Eritrean Context

Aduugna, Fekadu (Halle/S.): Identity Politics and territoriality in Southern Ethiopia

Vaughan, Sarah (Edinburgh): Federalism & Conflict in Ethiopia: Land, Boundaries, and 'Indigeneity'

PANEL OVERVIEW

Thur, 4 June

Thur, 4 June, 11:30 – 13:30
Room: S221

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PANEL 52 AFRICA AND THE INDIAN OCEAN

The western Indian Ocean constitutes a zone of contact with a long history of exchange and interaction between peoples and cultures. Monsoon winds and sea currents brought Arabia and India into contact with the African coastline and its interior from an early date. The Portuguese brought a new 'Atlantic' experience to this region in the sixteenth century. In this session we look at the trade networks that developed in the western Indian Ocean, the new forms of consumerism that emerged, and the strategies used to construct identities, particularly within the fields of nationalism and religion. Port cities and towns developed as cosmopolitan nodes of interaction in this exchange of goods and cultural practices. The slave trade created a diaspora of forced migrants and their descendents that stretches from India to the Cape of Good Hope. This area of swirling interaction brought about an exchange of goods and ideas, beliefs and practices that, in some areas, led both to a hardening of notions of identity and to a distinctive creolization of peoples and cultures. As a unit of study, the western Indian Ocean provides a space in which to examine the large-scale migration of individuals and communities, the porous nature of frontiers, the fluidity of ideas and identity and, not least, the contribution of this geographical zone to global history.

Panelists:

Harries, Patrick (Basel): The Royal Navy and the Slave Trade in the Indian Ocean: The Case of the Cleopatra and the Progresso
Kaarsholm, Preben (Roskilde): Migration, Islam and Identity Strategies in KwaZulu-Natal : Notes on the Making of Indians and Africans
Olaussen, Maria (Vexjö): Ambivalence in transnational historical narratives: Adbulrazak Gurnah's Paradise and Desertion
Ivanov, Paola (Bayreuth): Consumerism and Identity in contemporary Zanzibar

Thur, 4 June, 11:30 – 13:30
Room: HS14

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PANEL 139B AFRICAN STUDIES ON THE WEB – NEW POSSIBILITIES AND NEW SERVICES FOR ACADEMIC RESEARCH

The panel discusses the complex task of making primary data accessible on the web. The Humanities and Social Sciences working on Africa are generating masses of data, only a smaller part of which are generally published. At the same time, the first generation of scholars which had witnessed the enormous expansion of African Studies in the late 1960s and the 1970s has retired or is about to do so. What happens to the unpublished legacy of a whole scientific life? We discuss different solutions for accession and digitization of special collections and how academic institutions may handle such material. How and to whom can primary data be made accessible on the web? How can we develop innovative documentation solutions for research groups? Could we establish central documentation services at a transnational level? Many academic institutions and research groups, archives and libraries, face similar problems. The possibility of future co-operative ventures and the necessity of common standards will be discussed. Finally, the services of the projects presented are examples of a future E-Science. The panel addresses the scientific community to articulate their academic needs and to discuss them with experts from digitization projects, archives and libraries.

Panelists:

Siebold, Thomas (Hamburg) and Naida Cohen (Frankfurt/M.): Internet Library Sub-Saharan Africa – Building up a Central Subject Gateway for Germany
Prussat, Margrit (Bayreuth): DEVA Bayreuth. Local Databases and Global Networking
Kuba, Richard (Frankfurt/M.): Leo Frobenius Going Digital – Which Images for Whom?



PANEL OVERVIEW

Thur, 4 June

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Room: S225

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PANEL 33 ART SCENES IN AFRICA AND THE GLOBAL ART WORLD

The panel will examine festivals held in Africa since the end of the colonial period as powerful generators of globalisation. Circumscribed to a particular space and time, a festival can be looked upon as a focal point. Close observation of such focal points allows for an analysis of social dynamics which come into play where the internal logics of artistic milieus and the art market come in contact with the external logics of reception by the public. Focusing on the international dimension of African festivals will open up onto an area of comparison that has been little examined in the literature to date. In this comparison, one sees African actors negotiating within and interacting between prescriptive poles situated in the North (Venice Biennial or Kassel Documenta) and new goal marks that have emerged in the South (Sao Paulo, Sharjah and Sydney, for example, in the visual arts). The historical dimension will also be taken into account by the project, in the sense that the events which have been retained for this study have left a powerful mark on the temporality (as well as the spatiality) of the locations - individual cities or entire countries - where they are (or were) held.

Panelists:

Ficquet, Eloi (Paris): The Political Implications of the First World Festival of Negro Arts (Dakar, Senegal, 1966)
Esekong, Andrew (Calabar): Synergizing the Local and the Global: Visual and Theatrical Elements in Two Emerging Nigerian Carnivals
Wendl, Tobias (Bayreuth): From the 1990s Art Biennales to the Joburg Art Fair. The changing art world of South Africa
Pinther, Kerstin (Frankfurt/M.): Artistic Urban Interventions in Cairo
Siegert, Nadine (Bayreuth): Angola's Contemporary Art Scene (Pre- and Post-Triennial de Luanda)
Vierke, Ulf (Bayreuth): Kenya's Contemporary Art Scene and the Global Art World
Hanussek, Christian (Berlin): La Nouvelle Liberte - Le Nju-Nju du Rond-Point : sculpture, traffic and controversy in Douala

Thur, 4 June, 11:30 – 13:30
Room: S213

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PANEL 122 REVIEWING THE AFRICAN FRONTIER: XXI CENTURY NEW AND OLD 'CITIZENRIES'

This panel - based on an R+D going on experience - wants to review the shipwreck of expert knowledge on development south on the Sahara, specially focusing on its difficulties to identify meaningful and legitimate groups to undertake economical and political development. With this aim, we propose to discuss the cross-border movements (persons, goods and ideas) as a key factor and to do this from a positive perspective, constructing from the potential of the groups implied, describing their network dynamics and explaining their contribution to the actual changes in the conceptions and practices of citizenry in Africa and out of Africa. The panel organisers assume that the dynamics implied are *longue durée* ones and that the internal African exchanges have been and continue to be more influential than the contacts with Europe and the Developed countries, maybe the centre of our world way of living but periphery of the African life where nowadays solutions are searched and found. In other words, we consider that the African frontier in the Kopytoff and others sense, continue to be active, and that if we want to study seriously the African political futures and their contributions to our own one, we have to construct from the autonomy of the African societies and from the pluralism of their social networks where the state and 'Global neighbourhood' are present by subsidiaries to other links that should be understood, rather than demonized.

Panelists:

Roca, Albert (Lleida): New Malagasy identities and the citizenry in the African frontier
Costa Dias, Eduardo (Lisbon): Senegambia: frontier land
Martí, Josep (Spanish Council for Scientific Research): Male circumcision and cultural identity among Equatoguinean population living in Spain
Jabardo, Mercedes (Miguel Hernández): Transnationalism and counter-development in Senegal
Aixelà, Yolanda (Spanish Council for Scientific Research): Transnational Communities and Multiculturalism in Bioko Island

PANEL OVERVIEW

Thur, 4 June, 11:30 – 13:30
Room: S215

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Discussant:
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PANEL 54 THE LOCATION OF AFRICA. HISTORICITY OF VILLAGES ON THE MOVE

The location of Africa. Historicity of villages on the move examines how knowledge produced by Social Sciences on Africa organise the eviction of mobilities and migration as historical and dynamic processes in the building of African societies. By an approach crossing on one side historiographical surveys questioning how African Studies conceptualise migration phenomenon and underlying on the other side new scholars produced by migration studies in Africa, this panel will first explore how a multidisciplinary complex located in space and time, contributes by many concepts, categories and typologies to this eviction. Secondly, it proposes to explore this knowledge through the cases of particular rural places built by mobility. The goal will be to underline how categories used to describe social organisation influences our representation and tends to put africans migration and mobilities outside of the historicities of African societies. In that way, empirical research concerning Burkina Faso and Mali will be mobilized to show that migration is a constitutive part of African Studies and should reshape our representation of Africa.

Panelists:

Vincent, Sedogo (Ouagadougou): Social and spatial order of moose from Burkina in their settlement history. The case of Bonam, Balsa Kingdom

Sawadogo, Ram Christophe (Ouagadougou): Historicity of burkinabe migrations in historiographical survey

Hazard, Benoit (Paris): When Claims for autochtony are linked with migrations. Revisiting the ethnography of the bisa people through historicity of mobility (Burkina Faso)

Johnson, Gunvor (Oxford): Migration as tradition. Historical, economic and sociocultural aspects of migration in a Malian village

Dafinger, Andreas (Budapest): The world outside in: Representations of modernity and urban life in rural Burkina Faso

Hochet, Peter (Ouagadougou): Citizenships in West Africa. In-migration, land-tenure and public services at the level of rural societies

Thur, 4 June, 11:30 – 13:30
Room: S202

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PANEL 8 PRESERVING ECONOMIC POLICY SPACE IN AFRICA

The space which African governments have for economic policy decisions has been heavily constrained by IFIs for about two decades. Since the Washington Consensus has in some sort been replaced by poverty reduction strategies, policy blueprints are purportedly replaced by country-specific policy designs. Critics however claim that a still rather uniform pattern of inflation, reserves and debt targeting is in actual practise followed by most African governments and heavily restricts expansionary macro-economic policy. International settings of multilateral and bi-regional trade negotiations further restrict policy space for targeted meso-/micro policy. Here, almost everything is controversial: (1) how much room to move is actually conceded to African governments, in the current international aid and trade setting, (2) to what extent still existing policy space is rather not properly used, and (3) how far informalisation of African economies internally constrains the effectiveness of policy measures. articularly contested is the usefulness of industrial policy in weak states. Their economies may need it most, but limited capacity and political economy concerns caution against ambitious policy designs. Regional integration presents another dimension of challenges and opportunities for reclaiming economic policy space in Africa.

Panelists:

von Drachenfels, Christian (Bonn): Economic policy space in Sub-Saharan Africa? Reclaiming it at the local not at the global level is the key challenge for development

Altenburg, Tilman (Bonn): Industrial policy in Africa. Balancing market and government failure in poorly governed countries

Asche, Helmut (Leipzig): New Trade and industrial policy for Sub-Saharan Africa

Tesfa, Mehari (Addis Ababa): Economic Reform Policy in Ethiopia: Lessons from the Financial Repression Debate and the Ongoing Financial Crisis

Claar, Simone and Andreas Nölke (Frankfurt/M.): Africa and Deep Integration in North South Relations



PANEL OVERVIEW

Thur, 4 June

Thur, 4 June, 11:30 – 13:30
Room: S228

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PANEL 69B REVISITING THE AFRICAN FRONTIER

This panel examines the African frontier in the 21st century. Igor Kopytoff's seminal contribution on *The Internal African Frontier* (1987) provided an important explanation of the processes of pacification and inculturation of pre-colonial African peripheries. The panel revisits Kopytoff's original frontier concept to bring it into conversation with contemporary African frontiers. What kind of dynamics can we observe in African peripheries and territorial borderlands that can be grasped through the concept of frontier? Revisiting Kopytoff's original concept, we want to bring it into fruitful conversations with current writings on the anthropology of the state and literature on African borderlands. As a starting point, we define frontiers as territorial spaces with specific characteristics of violence and order rather than mere borderlines or boundaries dividing civilization from not yet civilized empty territory. The papers in this panel provide ethnographic material on frontier spaces and dynamics in different places, peripheries and borderlands throughout the African continent. A common thread will be their engagement with Kopytoff's legacy in new empirical contexts.

Panelists:

Macamo, Elisio (Bayreuth): Doing borders: an ethnomethodological perspective on African places
Bakewell, Oliver (Oxford): The changing face of the Zambia-Angola border
Santschi, Martina (Bern & Swisspeace): Negotiating authority and boundary in Northern Bahr el-Ghazal, Southern Sudan
Grätz, Tilo (Hamburg): New gold mining frontiers in West Africa
Raeymaekers, Timothy (Ghent): State-making from the margins? A comparative history of an Afghan and Congolese borderland

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PANEL 118B CHILDREN AND MIGRATION IN AFRICA: AN INTERDISCIPLINARY PERSPECTIVE

Increasing attention has been paid in recent scholarship to childhood and mobility in Africa. Migrating African children are no longer considered as accompanying migrants or as victims of the migration decision of adults. To what extent is children migration however different from adult migration? Does the fact of being a child entail specific migratory trajectories? This interdisciplinary panel will draw upon recent scholarship in order to analyze the diversity and complexity of children's experiences of mobility. It aims to analyze the different migratory trajectories of children in several African societies over the last 150 years. The panel will focus on different kinds of fosterage. It will also look at children circulation within Africa and between Africa and Europe. The interdisciplinary perspective of the panel will encourage us to compare different methodological and theoretical approaches and to explore still neglected aspects of the topic. This will allow us to question notions of family migration, transnational families, colonial and post-colonial migration politics, globalization in Africa...

Panelists:

Razy, Elodie (Liège): Contemporary circulation of children. A comparative approach (Center Africa, Mali, France)
Porcelli, Paola (Paris): The impact of deculturation on fosterage patterns, naming and representations in a Malian rural community
Kane, Abdoulaye (Gainesville): Children and migrant Parents relations in home and host countries: Absence-presence versus Presence-absence

PANEL OVERVIEW

Thur, 4 June

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Discussant:
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PANEL 51 SPATIAL TRANSFORMATIONS IN AFRICAN TOWNS

African towns both contribute to and express profound social transformations in African societies. Rapid and dramatic change in the design and utilization of public and social spaces characterized earlier periods of history as well as the present. Bringing together historical and anthropological approaches, the panel aims to explore how social, economic, and political changes have been made visible through the spatial reordering of African urban landscapes. Following the approaches proposed by authors such as Bourdieu, Giddens, Harvey, or Setha Low, we suggest that urban space becomes an arena for the intersection of multiple and often antagonist economic, social and cultural forces. Far from being just a 'given' environment, town is the site where culture is 'spatialized' (Low) and where global and local processes take shape or are constituted by practice in the experience and daily life of public-space users. Increasing inequality and social exclusion, eroding political agency, and emerging forms of identity can all be read in the changing use of urban spaces. In Kampala, for example, an historical analysis reveals the erasure of forms of political accountability from the mid-19th century to the present, and an anthropological analysis of religious practice show how people experience in their everyday life relatively new forms of spatial and social inclusion and exclusion.

Panelists:

Pollaver, Karin (Bologna): 'A second Zanzibar'. Some notes on the history of precolonial and early colonial Tabora, Tanzania (1840-1912)

Büscher, Karen (Ghent): Conflict and urban transformation in Goma, Eastern D.R. Congo

Gusman, Alessandro (Torino): The 'mushrooming' of Pentecostal churches in Kampala (Uganda)

Helgesson Kjellin, Kristina (Uppsala): Relating to the Durban Urban Space. Experiences of spatial transformations among South African Pentecostals

Lanzano, Cristiano (Torino): Rap music and the geography of leisure in Dakar (Senegal)

Thur, 4 June, 11:30 – 13:30
Room: S226

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Discussant:
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PANEL 154B BUILDING PLACES, RECONFIGURING SPACES: EXPLORING NEW FORMS OF ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, AND POLITICAL LIFE IN AFRICA

This multidisciplinary panel sponsored by the Ghent Africa Platform (GAP) explores new forms of connecting and withdrawing, networking and insulating that produce new places of collaboration and contention, and bring about new spaces of varying magnitude in different parts of Africa and in different domains of life. The various papers asks attention for (a) historical or emerging economic forms and opportunities of collaboration both transnational and/or among urban, regional or national groups that can be either established or emerging, (b) patterns and practices of socialisation and bonding that are more often than not accompanied by radical or contested forms of exclusion related to culture, religion or race-based processes of identification, and (c) the shifting place of politics and state-centred power whereby new economic and military non-state actors and patterns of mediation, representation, and consumption constitute new forms of governance or transform existing ones. The contributors to this panel share a take on place and space which takes into account the multiplex, practice-based, and scalar nature of any spatial configuration from the most local to the more global.

Panelists:

Bogaert, Koenraad and Sami Zemni (Ghent): Morocco in the age of globalization

Bassens, David; Derudder, Ben and Witlox, Frank (Ghent): Islamic finance and the integration of the North-African regional economy



PANEL OVERVIEW

Thur, 4 June

Thur, 4 June, 11:30 – 13:30
Room: S223

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Discussants:
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PANEL 158

MODES OF MESSAGE: LIVES NARRATED, MEMORIES PERFORMED, BODIES IN SPEECH AND WOMEN IN ACTION

This interdisciplinary panel focuses on different modes of communication in diverse African and non-African contexts. The panel starts out with a paper on the life narratives of Mozambiquean children who were sent to the former German Democratic Republic; the second paper disclose some prominent discourses of oral memory where stories become performative utterances and historicizing gestures; the third paper explores the cultural cues revealed through body movement in face-to-face interaction with Angolan students living in Portugal; and our last paper investigates the expansion and endorsement of Yoruba women's scopes of action in the Oodua Peoples' Congress in Nigeria.

Panelists:

Müller, Tanja R. (Manchester): 'Memories of paradise' or 'dreams collapsed'? – Life trajectories of a cohort of Mozambiqueans after schooling in the former German Democratic Republic
Joubert, Annekie (Berlin): Performing History: Bringing the past back into the arena of the present
Rodrigues, Isabel (Porto): Embodied Cultures
Nolte, Insa (Birmingham): 'Without women, nothing can succeed': Yoruba women in the Oodua Peoples' Congress (OPC), Nigeria

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Fri, 5 June, 09:00 – 11:00
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PANEL 43

ON BIOMEDICINE, GOVERNANCE AND EXPERIMENTATION (1): AFRICA AS A LABORATORY: QUESTIONING IMPLEMENTATION RESEARCH AND HUMANITARIAN INNOVATION

The media and international organizations predominantly depict Africa as the continent of famine, epidemics and wars. They privilege the view that Africa mainly deals with ongoing humanitarian crises and frame the continent as prototype the states of emergency. This prepares the ground for emergency interventions which require a different legitimization than, for instance, development projects. In an inversion of the classical modernist model of experimentation – where evidence of the efficacy of technology permits intervention – in these scenarios, the exceptional intervention validates itself as being effective and enables to learn a lesson for the next occasion. Implementation and experimentation thus become blurred. Medical care and research are the most evident fields of this newly emerging form of experimentality, which includes also other forms of socio-political and economic governing and humanitarian innovation. It is also mirrored in the emergence of new actors in the field of humanitarian intervention such as PPPs or private foundations. These issues will be explored in this panel.

Panelists:

Beisel, Uli (London): Who bites back first? Ecology and Democracy in Malaria Control Experiments
Bruun, Birgitte (London): Local engagement in medical research in Lusaka, Zambia
Chabrol, Fanny (Paris): The Botswana national antiretroviral (ARV) program as a laboratory for HIV/AIDS treatment in Africa: questioning the link between treatment and research
Kelly, Ann (London): Experimental Huts: Entomological Vectors from Home to Nation
Robins, Steven (Stellenbosch): Humanitarian aid beyond 'sheer survival'. Social movement responses to xenophobic violence in South Africa

PANEL OVERVIEW

Fri, 5 June

Fri, 5 June, 09:00 – 11:00
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PANEL 146A TRANSITIONS IN CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN AFRICA

The nature, actors and obstacles of democratisation and socio-economic change in Southern Africa have stimulated the analyses and debates since the 1990s. The end of the Cold War was followed by a final appeasement strategy in the sub-region. The visible results included uneven (and frequently problematic) transitions from one-party states to multi-party democracies in much of the sub-region, the Independence of Namibia (1990), the transition to a non-racial political system in South Africa (1994), and the implementation of mainstream economic reform packages in many countries in the region. Despite these transitions, the persistence of high poverty rates and the legacy of deeply entrenched authoritarian mindsets and forms of political rule remain among the many obstacles, which stand in the way of deeper democratisation and more equal, sustainable development for the majority of people in Southern and Central Africa. Recent developments and emerging trends suggest the need for an analytical shift away from the mainstream models of democratic transition towards a focus on the realities of Southern African countries' complex negotiation of their political governance both domestically as well as in the sub-region in a rapidly changing international environment.

Panelists:

Kalebe-Nyamongo, Chipiliro (Birmingham): The role of ruling elites in reducing poverty in a changeless Malawi
Conceicao, Paulo (Kent & Canterbury): The Public Sphere and Democratic Governance in Angola
Braathen, Einar (Oslo): Towards pro-poor governance? Transitions in Tanzania, Mozambique and Zambia compared.

Fri, 5 June, 09:00 – 11:00
Room: S203

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PANEL 121 TEXTWORK / FIELDWORK: ON SWAHILI AND OTHER HORIZONS

Since the 1970s performance studies have fought hard for the emancipation of African oral literature from a notion of African literature derived from a (positivist) and hermetic approach to written texts. Various attempts in different fields have been made to pay due consideration to the versatility of verbal creativity and particularly orality in Africa. Eventually the study of orality also had an impact on the study of African written literature, opening it up to a wider notion of text - which was also fostered by cultural studies and post-colonial theory. The relation of text to wider discourses within a culture was put to the fore. In recent years, there have been some few attempts to arrive at a synthesis trying to reconcile philological work and anthropological approaches and this panel is meant to explore its implications. Firstly, it aims at sketching research histories of philological work in the field of African literature and orature, which has shaped our notion of literary texts in Africa. Secondly, the panel is also meant to explore new methodological approaches to 'texts'. How do we methodologically account for the fact that texts are part and parcel of a culture without losing sight of their (aesthetic) stylistic particularity? In many studies of African performances, emphasis has been put on the socio-cultural role of texts - turning texts primarily into messages - which often also meant to downplay their specific aesthetic (literary) value. If we apply a broad definition of text considering it to be 'any configuration of signs that is coherently interpretable by some community of users', how do literary texts relate to other 'texts' (like pictures, photos, films etc.)? How do 'narratives' become part of literary texts and emerge from literary texts?

Panelists:

Garnier, Xavier (Paris): How literature is orientating the space? East African territories and the Swahili Novel
Carré, Nathalie (Paris): Of men and landscapes: crossing borders and shaping identities in kiswahili travel literature
Roy, Mathieu (Paris): Ngonjera : when Kiswahili poetry's pace comes from the Ugogo in Tanzania
Ricard, Alain (Bordeaux & Paris): On kiswahili in films



PANEL OVERVIEW

Fri, 5 June, 09:00 – 11:00
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PANEL 45A FROM NATION-BUILDING TO THE POLITICS OF BELONGING: CITIZENSHIP, GOVERNEMENTALITIES AND BIOPOLITICS

This panel aims to return to the topic of nation-building. This dominant idea from the first decades after Independence seems now to be overgrown by localist politics of belonging, often encouraged by former one-party regimes. However, present-day struggles over belonging can only be understood with reference to different trajectories of nation-building. What is the relevance of notions like 'bio-politics' or 'governmentalities' to understand this transition?

Panelists:

Burnham, Philip (London): From reciprocal assimilation of elites to neo-liberal citizenship - Reflections on the political repositioning of elites in post-independence Cameroon

Last, Murray (London): Nation-breaking & not-belonging in Nigeria: Civil war, rebellion or war of independence?

Dougnon, Isaie (Bamako): Local values and democratic governance - An analysis of Mali nation-building

Banégas, Richard (Paris): Rebuilding the nation in times of crisis: Citizenship, sovereignty and nationalism in Côte d'Ivoire

Fri, 5 June

Fri, 5 June, 09:00 – 11:00
Room: S212

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Discussant:
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PANEL 117 PHILOSOPHICAL PERSPECTIVES ON RE-SCALING AND RE-SHAPING AFRICA

On this panel several philosophers discuss aspects of the theme of re-scaling and re-shaping Africa. Anke Graneß considers globalization (and its resultant wealth disparities) in the context of justice, drawing on the works of H. Odera Oruka, a Kenyan philosopher. Gail Presbey addresses questions of promoting 'national values' after Kenya's recent ethnic strife. Anthony Okoregbe considers questions of nationalism in the context of Nigeria, drawing on the idea of Obafemi Awolowo's linguistic nationalism. Kai Kresse looks to the Swahili context of East Africa to find intellectual practices and expressions of reflexive knowledge in daily life as well as in texts. And Bekele Gutema critiques African universities for their extraversion and their bias against local knowledge and culture.

Panelists:

Graneß, Anke (Vienna): Justice in a Globalized World - The Term of Global Justice

Gutema, Bekele (Addis Ababa): Some Reflections on the African University

Presbey, Gail (Detroit): Attempts to Create 'National Culture' in Kenya

Okoregbe, Antony Otome (Lagos): Rethinking Awolowo's Linguistic Principle

Kresse, Kai (Berlin): African Philosophy and the Need for Fruitful Interdisciplinary Exchange

PANEL OVERVIEW

Fri, 5 June

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Room: HS19

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Discussant:
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PANEL 137 TEN YEARS INTO THE AFRICAN UNION: MANY CHANGES, NO BREAKTHROUGH?

Ten years since the Sirte Declaration began the OAU's transformation into the AU is an obvious landmark at which to evaluate the significance of this process. While the OAU was overhauled, giving rise to new organs, institutions, norms and principles, practice points to a contradictory record. Restructuring received various ideological inputs and led to renewed activism in many areas. New organs as the Pan-African Parliament potentially gave voice to others than the powers-that-be. Against this, one can set old habits or problems as persistent as ever. Institutional expansion has not resolved budgeting difficulties and has only been possible through growing external funding. Democratic norms are confirmed in the response to the Mauritanian coup of 2005, yet show limits in the Nigerian presidential elections of 2007. Capacities are mobilised in the Comoros but prove inadequate in Darfur, and that the culture of good governance has to battle against OAU-style defence of elites is confirmed in Mugabe's attendance of the Lisbon summit. Hence, this panel seeks to address questions on the AU's effectiveness in executing mandates, underlying theoretical explanations and policy-relevant issues. Why is there a chronic discrepancy between institutional ambition and make-do funding? Are theories of international organisation adequate in explaining this? Can institutional engineering overcome bottlenecks inherent in Africa's international relations? Do we really understand the ideological forces driving the Union? What is the role of donors in agenda-setting and implementation of AU mandates? How have relations with the REC's fared? These are just some of the questions that will be addressed.

Panelists:

Shubin, Vladimir (Moscow): Russia and the African Union
Esmenjaud, Romain (Geneva): Who owns the African ownership?
Mumma-Martinon, Constansia A. (Nairobi): The effectiveness of AU in promoting peace and security: the case of Eastern African standby force (EASBRIG)
Welz, Martin (Konstanz): The African Union: Integration vs. Sovereignty
Edelmann, Johannes (Freiburg): Ten Years into the African Union: Many Changes, No Breakthrough?
Back, Irit (Tel Aviv): Non-Intervention Reconsidered: The African Union and the Darfur Crisis

Fri, 5 June, 09:00 – 11:00
Room: S220

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PANEL 104A SEX, SILENCE, GENDER, POWER

New demands for increasing openness about sexuality and gendered intimate relations are particularly striking in African societies struggling with HIV/AIDS. Both silence and openness, however, can have multiple, often unintentional meanings in terms of gender relations, power, emotions, agency and governmentality. Silence can be connected to shame as well as intimacy and protection. The panel seeks to explore messages behind, and implications of, public policies that intend to alter gender relations. How are everyday lives and emotions shaped by new cultures and discourses of sexualities? The panel will present studies on sexualities as lived embodiment and politics: on everyday expressions of sex and gender; sex education programmes, HIV prevention, gendered violence projects, etc. The panel looks for different ways of reformulating the relationship between the vulnerable, lived body and different authorities; here meaning not only state governments, but also global actors influencing HIV policies (the pharmaceutical industry, donors, WTO, faith based groups, LBGT groups, etc), and local social movements like HIV activism across the continent.

Panelists:

Oxlund, Bjarke (Copenhagen): 'Love yourself enough to talk about sex': Sexual talkability and epidemic silences in discourses of the Scamto lovetalk group at University of Limpopo, South Africa
Moletsane, Relebohile; Mitchell, Claudia and Ann Smith (UKZ, SA): When 'No' means more than 'No'! Some ethical issues in using participatory research to facilitate girls' negotiation of sex in South African rural schools
Mkhwanazi, Nolwazi (Fort Hare): Preventing HIV: the politics of providing sexuality education in a post-apartheid South African township
Salo, Elaine (Cape Town): Coconuts don't live in townships. The complex readings of power, place and body politics in urban Cape Town
Hampshire, Kate (Durham) et al: Sexuality and growing up: ambiguity and change for young people in Sub-Saharan Africa



PANEL OVERVIEW

Fri, 5 June

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PANEL 65 RECLAIMING RELIGIOUS SPACE: THE AFRICANIZATION OF CHRISTIANITY IN WEST-AFRICA

After the end of colonization, Christianity on West-African soil has been re-invented. Interestingly, in spite of efforts undertaken by a number of pan-Africanist oriented heads of state of the first generation, to promote African traditional religion (ATR), Christianity has spread rapidly in the sub-region. In addition to its numerical growth, this version of Christianity is strongly marked by pentecostalization. Both, the growth and the shift towards Charismatic Christianity, has been due largely to indigenous initiatives.

The panel tries to tackle the following questions: Why has this version of Christianity been so attractive and successful in West-Africa? What functions does it fulfil more appropriately than ATR? To what degree is West-African Charismatic Christianity (WACC) grounded in, and permeated by ATR?

These questions have been raised by Africanists, Theologians, Sociologist, and Anthropologists in West-Africa, esp. within the last 15 years. A good number of master's and PhD theses have been written on the subject informed by phenomenological methodology, at West-African institutions, researching on continuities and discontinuities between ATR and present Christianity.

Panelists:

Kahl, Werner (Hamburg): Jesus, power, and modernity: The attraction of charismatic Christianity in West-Africa
Harnischfeger, Johannes (Frankfurt/M.): An Igbo Prophetess and Her Crusade against Sorcerers, Shrine Priests and Cult Slavery
Abioje, Pius (Ilorin): The Identity of African Christianity and the Quest for Authentic Christianity
Schirripa, Pino (Rome): Afrikania: Afrocentrism and the refusal of Christian legacy

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PANEL 19 TRANSLATING CONFLICT

During the 1990s war in Sudan, two UN offices, Khartoum and Nairobi, assisted in the Nuba Mountains. While the Khartoum office worked only with the 'Arab' population of a particular, formerly mixed village, the office in Nairobi supported the 'Nuba people' of that village. Contact between the UN offices was politically sensitive and therefore scarce. After the signing of the 2005 Comprehensive Peace Agreement, the division stays on: now the UN offices transferred their former engagement into development assistance. As a result the village remains divided with two separate schools, hospitals and community centres where there used to be one. The conflict management strategy has been translated into development assistance, a re-spacing has taken place. This panel will focus on particular formalised ways of managing conflict situations – 'models' that have been conceptualized both globally and locally - and the ways they travel, interact and influence political space in Africa. 'Translation' serves as a practical tool for observing particular processes in which actors adopt or transform these models and thereby re-define African space during and after conflict.

Panelists:

Behrends, Andrea (Halle/S.): Oil and rebellion. Translating Conflict on the Darfur-Chad Border
Komey, Guma Kunda (Khartoum): Global actors and re-spacing of post-conflict situations in Africa. The Sudan case
Van Der Beken, Christophe (Ghent): Federalism and the Accommodation of Ethnic Diversity: the Case of Ethiopia
Cabane, Lydie (Paris): Treating Social conflicts as Disasters. The rise of Disaster Management in post-apartheid South Africa faced to conflicting population displacements
Krämer, Mario (Siegen): Violence, travelling models of conflict management and political space in post-apartheid KwaZulu-Natal (South Africa)

PANEL OVERVIEW

Fri, 5 June, 09:00 – 11:00
Room: S221

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PANEL 134 INDIA AS RISING POWER IN AFRICA

Common element between India and Africa had their colonial past and India supported anti-colonial struggle of Africa. Indian history never exploitative to Africa in the past and never be in present or future. This historical union denounces India's act as neo-colonial power in Africa on the one hand and growing mutual understanding and trust countering this philosophy among African scholars. India looks differently in international setting from other on number of issues strengthening Africa HRd.

Panelists:

de la Fontaine, Dana (Kassel): Indian Development Assistance to Africa: Interests, Actors and Issues
Murison, Jude (Edinburgh): Pharmaceutical Farming: The Rising Role of Indian Pharmaceutical Companies in Africa
Krishna, Kamini (Lusaka): India Africa Partnership in Twenty First Century: Expanding Horizon
Rana, Rachita and Gajendra Singh (New Dehli): Global Financial Crisis and India–Africa Socio-Economic Prospects

Fri, 5 June

Fri, 5 June, 09:00 – 11:00
Room: HS14

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PANEL 96 TOWARDS A HARMONIZATION OF URBAN STATISTICAL INDICATORS IN WESTERN AFRICA

The 'Africapolis' team has realized a study on the trends of urbanization in Western Africa (CEDAO + Mauritania = 16 countries) from 1950 to 2020 applying for the first time a single statistical definition of 'urban agglomerations'. This definition is strictly based on the continuity of built up areas in 2008, using satellite images, whereas historical population data are given by an exhaustive compilation of population census data (1948-2006) given by the 'villages directories' of each country. This methodology allows to follow the population growth of 2,500 agglomerations, namely and geographically identified through a half century.

The main results show:

- a proliferation of small agglomerations, which are more and more numerous and often stay during several years under a 'rural' or 'village' administrative status. This lack of adequation between real size of locality and administrative/political situation has a lot of negative consequences on local development.
- that the population of biggest cities has been surestimated, specially in Nigeria, as they appear less populated than the estimations and projections predicted (UN/ESA, Habitat, etc.).

Panelists:

Harre, Dominique (Paris): Urban-rural demarcation in West-Africa : empirical measurements and urbanization from below
Harre, Dominique and Cathy Chatel: The urban/rural statistical threshold: a statistical approach
Giraut, Frederic (Geneva): The South-African challenges of building a territorial and urban geohistorical database: lessons for the harmonization of urban statistical indicators in Africa
Thiam, Ousmane and Loic Grasland (Avignon): Un siècle de peuplement urbain en Afrique de l'Ouest Modélisation centrographique
Golaz, Valérie (Paris): Accès aux données censitaires et harmonisation des concepts démographiques en Afrique de l'Ouest : un enjeu majeur pour les chercheurs et les instituts de statistiques



PANEL OVERVIEW

Fri, 5 June, 09:00 – 11:00
Room: HS15

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Discussant:
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PANEL 79A **AFRICAN HEALTH WORKER MIGRATION TO EUROPE: PROBLEMS, PROSPECTS, POLICIES**

This panel analyses the history of health worker migration from various African countries to Europe; the historical and proximate factors that explain this migration; the role of international migrant workers' networks in facilitating their workplace adaptation and the regulation of the health sector's global labour market; the mechanisms and institutional resources of these networks, especially their opportunities and limitations as mediators within the global labour market; policy options available to address this migration flow; and current best practices that harmonize European and African health outcomes.

Panelists:

Lawrence, Andrew (Edinburgh): How can the scenario method assist in African health sector planning?

Williams, Claire (Newcastle): International nurse migration: Impacts on health care delivery of a nurse deficit in Kitwe, Zambia

Plotnikova, Evgeniya (Edinburgh): The implications of the ethical recruitment strategy to the 'brain drain' of health professionals from sub-Saharan Africa

Jessop, Vanessa (Edinburgh): UK NHS medical workforce planning: A critique

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PANEL 49A **CHANGING MEDIASCAPES AND NEW MEDIA ENTREPRENEURS IN AFRICA**

The panel addresses recent developments in the sphere of mass media in Africa that were facilitated by processes of media liberalisation. We will discuss ways in which new media entrepreneurs especially from religious movements, human rights activists, ethnic movements or NGOs, (re)-enter the public sphere, by appropriating independent media such as radio or TV stations, film / video studios, newspapers, publishing houses & websites; or acquiring broadcasting time / space of already established private or public media institutions. Some of these actors establish strong transnational links e.g. by means of partnerships with other media institutions, exchanging data, programs, staff, job training or synchronising TV & Radio broadcasts; others are pursuing a more local agenda. What marks the biographic background & the relationship between these media entrepreneurs & their respective groups / communities? What are the conditions of their success in a competing media environment? In which respect do they alter the public sphere? We are inviting both case studies & essays exploring the general relationship between media & civil society in Africa, also in a comparative & diachronic perspective.

Panelists:

Pyper, Katrien (Birmingham): Charismatic Media Celebrity in Post-Mobutu Kinshasa

Brisset-Foucault, Florence (Paris): How and why international NGOs became journalists. The case of Northern Uganda

Grätz, Tilo (Hamburg & Halle/S.): Religious Radio Broadcasting in Benin

PANEL OVERVIEW

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PANEL 130 NEW DIRECTIONS IN EAST AFRICAN LEGAL HISTORY

Legal history in East Africa has not received sufficient scholarly attention in the last two decades. Indeed, the sole exception to this trend, Sally Falk Moore's, *Social Facts and Fabrications: 'Customary' Law on Kilimanjaro, 1880-1980*, is now more than 20 years old. This lacuna is regrettable as a fresh body of scholarship has begun to demonstrate the centrality of law to colonial and post-colonial projects of state-building - as well as to challenges to these projects - in East Africa. Incorporating anthro-historical methodologies and broad array of documentary and ethnographic sources, recent work examines the nature of legal institutions, policies and actors in East Africa. It illustrates how law has been implicated both in attempts to implement and legitimize state power and in Africans' everyday lives. In this panel, leading scholars will analyze how legal institutions (native tribunals, kadhi's courts, and high courts), legislation, and key debates about law and order have contributed to or challenged the development of state power in East Africa.

Panelists:

Médard, Henri (Paris): Despotisme, patronage et justice au royaume du Buganda au XIXe siècle

Shadle, Brett (Virginia Tech): Struggle for the Courts: Settlers and the Law in Early Colonial Kenya

Waller, Richard (Bucknell): Towards a Social History of Policing in Colonial Kenya

Luongo, Katherine (Northeastern): Individual Initiative or Collective Culpability? The Komen arap Chelal Witch-Killings in 1930s Kenya

Hynd, Stacey (Exeter): The Extreme Penalty of the Law: Capital Punishment as an Aspect of State Power in Colonial Nyasaland, c.1900-47

Strockreiter, Elke (Iowa): British Kadhis and Muslim Judges: Role Reversal, Irreconcilable Differences and Legal Innovation in Zanzibar's Judiciary, 1890-1963

Feingold, Ellen (Oxford): On the Bench: The First Tanzanian High Court Judges

Fri, 5 June, 09:00 – 11:00
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Discussant:
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PANEL 2 ALTERNATIVE ECONOMIC SPACES: AFRICA'S EMERGING MARKETS

African economies have a unique articulation based on very particular social histories, political-economies, institutional structures and social networks. Emerging market spaces of engagement and exchange in Africa may display a range of these characteristics at once. This engagement (re)defines the contextual economic environment that often harnesses foreign investment while still asserting a defensive need to grow the national economy. Panel presenters will present empirical research that considers some of these factors. Papers both from a broader theoretical perspective, and people doing research on successful technology-based economies, food economies, knowledge-based economies, innovation-based economies, regional spaces and other applied foci will be presented.

The academic rationale is to reframe economic spaces in Africa as being part of a broader focus on emerging markets. Developmental initiatives are not the central concern; Transformations in the political-economy context through local networks are. The spaces of scientific, economic, innovation and commodity exchange in this reconceptualised context have implications for broader studies in Economic Development, Science and Development, and Knowledge Economies.

Panelists:

Silva, Gabriela (Porto): Fair Trade in Africa – a shifting reality offering new challenges and opportunities

Abrahams, Caryn (Edinburgh): Beyond organic and Fairtrade: Localising food economies in emerging markets

Busher, Joel (East Anglia): Network Marketing: Shaping local economic spaces in Namibia and Uganda

Binns, Tony (Otago): Emerging markets and alternative food networks among small-scale rural entrepreneurs in South Africa



PANEL OVERVIEW

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PANEL 93

A CONTINENT TRANSFORMED?: THE UTILITY OF THE 'NEO-LIBERAL' EXPLANATION IN AFRICAN STUDIES

In recent years much of the research addressing the political, social and economic crises in Africa has framed its questions and analyses in terms of neo-liberalism. While much of this has expanded our understanding of the connections between the world capitalist system and social change in Africa, we argue that it has acquired something of a determinist character. In particular, the relationship between its economic dimensions (as a version of global capitalism) and its political ones (implying a form of 'governmentality') are often asserted rather than investigated in full. We wish to explore the possible limitations of this concept, and/or to examine how and how far it can be expanded to accommodate nuance and local variation. To what extent do theories of neo-liberalism propose a monolithic and generalised set of changes throughout the continent - and are these valid? Has it revolutionised the spaces for negotiation between the state, international capital and the wider population, creating new networks of power and sources of legitimation? Do the complex processes on the ground result from a single cause, or are there more multifaceted, shifting and ambiguous relationships at work? Has neo-liberalism significantly reshaped distributional/welfarist politics and entrepreneurial activities or has it facilitated the revitalisation of pre-existing structures of power and their associated moral orders and social hierarchies? Has it become so vague and/or contradictory notion that its explanatory capacities are limited? This panel seeks to bring together a variety of scholars in African studies through which a more nuanced understanding of the connections between global changes in the capitalist system have affected local dynamics in a variety of settings south of the Sahara.

Panelists:

Krige, Detlev (Johannesburg): Black diamonds are not forever: Neo-liberal explanations of social change and the South African 'Black Middle Class'

Péclard, Didier (Bern): Towards a neo-liberal developmental State? Angola and the politics of authoritarian transition

Sumich, Jason (London): Neo-Liberalism and State Power in Mozambique

Geissler, Wenzel (London): 'Doing away with the colonial legacy' - African bioscience in the context of neoliberalisation

PANEL OVERVIEW

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PANEL 92A AFRICAN MIGRATION TO EUROPE

Drawing on research undertaken in Africa and Europe, this panel aims to highlight the complex nature of African migration to Europe. Through the voices and stories of migrants and refugees themselves, this panel will explore African migration from different angles and offer a nuanced understanding of the role of globalization in migration. Additionally, this panel proposes to unpack and problematize the categories of 'migrant' and 'refugee' as well as challenge the concepts of 'push' and 'pull' factors in academic discourse.

Panelists:

Graw, Knut (Berlin & Leuven): Border Crossing Narratives: Autobiographic Reflection and Political Economy African-European Migration
Rodriguez, Anne-Line (London): Being young in Dakar and planning for the future in the context of new EU policies against 'illegal migration' to Europe

Gemmeke, Amber (Bayreuth): Migrating Marabouts: Senegalese Between Dakar and Diaspora
Lecadet, Clara (Paris): The process of returning in the context of migrants' expulsions in Mali

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Fri, 5 June, 09:00 – 11:00
Room: HS17

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PANEL 41A AFRICAN CITIES: URBAN AND SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION

Urban poverty is a phenomenon that has gained high visibility in context of the poor world. It affects a vast majority of African cities, especially large ones. The phenomenon has taken on great evidence in the new political and economic contexts that derived from political situations and subsequent strategies of government that several countries have adopted after independence (Sassen 2000). Since then a huge movement of people has been observed- especially from the field to the cities - which has been due to factors ranging from natural disasters, wars, poverty, the decrease of agricultural production and isolation of populations, the lack of road networks which allow the movement of people and goods that might stimulate this exodus.

African cities are, by consequence, becoming a melting pot. People from different ethnic spaces and origins continue to arrive every day to the main cities, trying to survive and to improve their lives. This phenomenon is generating unique and complex changes. If big cities are clearly places of experimentation, Sub-Saharan big cities are arenas of unique novelty; places of opportunities but also of crises.

Panelists:

Freitas, Barbara (Lisbon): Urban and social transformation in Lubango - Angola

McClelland, Jesse (Cairo): Rescaling the Human Right to adequate Housing: Criteria and Condominiums in Addis Ababa

Melo, Vanessa (Lisbon): Sustainable Planning and Construction in the periphery of Maputo: Mumemo 4 de Outubro neighbourhood in the context of the capital's peri-urban area

Raposo, Isabel (Lisbon): Housing Change, Urban Planning, capacity and socio spatial cohesion in the Informal peri-urban areas in cities of Africa (Luanda, Maputo, Bissau and S. Tomé)



PANEL OVERVIEW

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PANEL 3 GLOBALISATION AND AFRICAN MODE OF REVISITING TRADITIONAL 'SCIENCE'

The word 'science' entails both the material and immaterial, tangible and the intangible hypothetical practices in African traditional system. African traditional sciences are materially in the exhortatory, healing, protective and utilitarian modes and immaterially on the mythical level of poesy. The colonial and postcolonial periods put African material and immaterial sciences on an antagonistic plane with Western sciences and technologies. The contemporary era has, however, witnessed a gradual revisit by Africans to the rejected sciences of old, thus, those who practice African medicine, for instance, now place advertisements in mass media without the fear or the shame associated with such in the era of colonialism. Nevertheless, the science of healing has taken the centre stage and the other aspects have largely remained obscure. The panel could look at themes such as:

- traditional healing science in the era of globalization
- the patronage of African traditional healing science in the face of Western medicine
- exhortatory sciences as myth or reality
- fiction and reality in the utilitarian poesy of traditional sciences
- traditional science: the possibilities of contributing to African development.

Panelists:

Diop, Samba (Oslo): Knowledge, Science and Technology in African Oral Literature

Ademakinwa, Adebisi (Nigeria): Impact of Globalisation on the Science of Yoruba's Oral 'Magical' Poesy

Krishna, Kamini (Lusaka): Does Traditional Medicine in Africa Need Revival?

Orimoogunje, Oladele (Nigeria): Globalisation and Symbolic Interpretation of Time and Place in the Indigenous Healing System: Yoruba as a Case Study

Sotimirin, Olatunji (Lagos): Traditional Herbal Medical practice in Nigeria: Social Acceptability and Relevance in Contemporary Era

Nwosu, Nnenna (Lagos): Comprendre la vie à travers la Reincarnation : le mariage, le divorce et l'éducation chez les Ibos au Sud-est du Nigeria

Fri, 5 June

Fri, 5 June, 09:00 – 11:00
Room: S223

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PANEL 127A THE ZIMBABWEAN CRISIS BEYOND THE FIRST STEPS OF POLITICAL SETTLEMENT

The Zimbabwean crisis seemed to be irresolvable for nearly a decade. Nevertheless, a long and difficult negotiation process resulted finally in a Government of National Unity with doubtful outcome. The panel wants to focus on past, present and future aspects of the Zimbabwean crisis. Presentations will focus on the political and economical crisis and its legacies, the negotiation process and the prospects of survival of the new formed government. Strengths and weaknesses of internal actors and the challenges they are facing will be emphasised as well as the role of regional and international organisations in solving the crisis. Another focus will be put on tasks and functions of the donor community operating in this special kind of environment.

Panelists:

Masunungure, Eldred (Harare): Zimbabwe's Agonising Political Transition

Chigora, Percyclage (Gweru): The Politics of Government of National Unity (GNU) and Power Sharing in Zimbabwe: Challenges and Prospects

Muzondidya, James (Pretoria): 'Our Guns are our Votes': The Political-Military Alliance in Zimbabwean Politics and Prospects for Democratic Transition

Ruswa, Goodhope (Harare): Solving the Zimbabwean Crisis: A reflection on land reform in the context of political settlement

PANEL OVERVIEW

Fri, 5 June, 09:00 – 11:00
Room: S214

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PANEL 42 ON BIOMEDICINE, GOVERNANCE AND EXPERIMENTATION (2): BIOMEDICINE AND GOVERNANCE: THEORIZING THE RELATIONS BETWEEN SCIENCE AND ADMINISTRATION

The African health crisis and the hollowing out of state capacity have expanded the scope of intervention. In many countries medical care has virtually collapsed as a result of failing structures, devastating pandemics, conflict and war. As a result, the continent is increasingly viewed through biomedical lenses and becomes re-shaped accordingly. In these circumstances various international, state, and non-state actors are called upon to provide medical services and do medical research under neoliberal principles of governance. In this workshop we want to focus on biomedical practices, forms of organizing medical care and research, and on corresponding legal regimes that all together aim to enhance well-being by controlling disease. We want to examine how biomedicine constitutes an armamentarium of political technologies that ensures social and spatial order by governing bodies and by making populations accessible to medical intervention. We want to find out how this armamentarium is transformed by its encounters with individual sufferers, afflicted populations, and institutional environments.

Panelists:

Dreier, Marcel (Basel): Negotiating health interventions in Ifakara/Tanzania 1970-1990

Hoerbst, Viola (Lisbon): Assisted reproductive technologies in the private health sector in Mali - a field of contradicting biomedical and political aims?

Walentowitz, Saskia (Bern): Feeding dilemmas. Infant Feeding, Policies and Science in Contexts of HIV

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Discussants:
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PANEL 146B TRANSITIONS IN CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN AFRICA

The nature, actors and obstacles of democratisation and socio-economic change in Southern Africa have stimulated the analyses and debates since the 1990s. The end of the Cold War was followed by a final appeasement strategy in the sub-region. The visible results included uneven (and frequently problematic) transitions from one-party states to multi-party democracies in much of the sub-region, the Independence of Namibia (1990), the transition to a non-racial political system in South Africa (1994), and the implementation of mainstream economic reform packages in many countries in the region. Despite these transitions, the persistence of high poverty rates and the legacy of deeply entrenched authoritarian mindsets and forms of political rule remain among the many obstacles, which stand in the way of deeper democratisation and more equal, sustainable development for the majority of people in Southern and Central Africa. Recent developments and emerging trends suggest the need for an analytical shift away from the mainstream models of democratic transition towards a focus on the realities of Southern African countries' complex negotiation of their political governance both domestically as well as in the sub-region in a rapidly changing international environment.

Panelists:

Hofmeyr, Jan (Cape Town): The African National Congress as a normative actor in post-apartheid South Africa

Darracq, Vincent (Bordeaux): The African National Congress's Organisation in Post-Apartheid South Africa

Hayem, Judith (Lille): An attempt to qualify the current political situation in South Africa

Beresford, Alexander (Edinburgh): The rise in popularity of the African National Congress



PANEL OVERVIEW

Fri, 5 June, 11:30 – 13:30
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PANEL 138

TEXT, SUBTEXT AND CONTEXT: CONSIDERING THE RELATION BETWEEN TEXT WORK AND FIELD WORK IN RESEARCH ON AFRICAN LITERARY TEXTS

Since the 1970s performance studies have fought hard for the emancipation of African oral literature from a notion of literature derived from a (positivist) and hermetic approach to written texts. Various attempts in different fields have been made to pay due consideration to the versatility of verbal creativity and, particularly, orality in Africa. In recent years, there have been some new attempts to arrive at a synthesis trying to reconcile philological work and anthropological approaches, text work and field work: this panel is meant to explore its implications. Firstly, it aims at sketching research histories of philological work in the field of African literature and orature, which has shaped our notion of literary 'texts' in Africa. Secondly, the panel is also meant to explore new methodological approaches to 'texts'. How do we methodologically account for the fact that texts are part and parcel of a culture without losing sight of their (aesthetic) stylistic particularity? Applying a broad definition to text considering it to be 'a configuration of signs', how do literary texts relate to other 'texts'?

Panelists:

Geider, Thomas (Leipzig): The Ideal Edition of (African) Oral Literature Starts in the Field

Shitemi, Naomi (Moi): Collection and Documentation of Pre-20th Century Kiswahili Poetry: A Synchronic and Diachronic Approach

Reuster-Jahn, Uta (Mainz): Reading Preface Texts in Swahili Novels

Walibora, Kennedy W. (Ohio State): Making a Case for African Oral Narratives of Incarceration

Fri, 5 June, 11:30 – 13:30
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PANEL 45B

FROM NATION-BUILDING TO THE POLITICS OF BELONGING: CITIZENSHIP, GOVERNMENTALITIES AND BIOPOLITICS

This panel aims to return to the topic of nation-building. This dominant idea from the first decades after Independence seems now to be overgrown by localist politics of belonging, often encouraged by former one-party regimes. However, present-day struggles over belonging can only be understood with reference to different trajectories of nation-building. What is the relevance of notions like 'bio-politics' or 'governmentalities' to understand this transition?

Panelists:

Yéré, Henri-Michel (Basel): Citizenship versus autochthony in Côte d' Ivoire: The history of a debate, 1930-1950

Cutolo, Armando (Siena): transformation of the Ivorian nation

Rudolf, Markus: 'Ici chaque village est un pays' - Here every village is a country for itself (Casamance)

Akinyele, Rufus T. (Lagos): From nation-building to the politics of belonging: Crisis of Governance and the indigene / settler dichotomy in Nigeria

PANEL OVERVIEW

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Discussants:
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PANEL 36

AFRICA IN THE EMERGING SPACE OF GLOBALISM: RETHINKING THE PHILOSOPHY OF GLOBALIZATION

The imperative of human interconnectedness is the basis of globalism. How true is this? Are human beings truly interconnected? What role do scientific assertions such as the Bell Curve play in a truly interconnected world? Can the world truly be interconnected when racism and poverty remain at the heart of the consciousness of Black people?

The panel will examine Globalization from the perspective of globalism, the philosophy upon which the entire structure of globalization rests. Is there a need for a new and more realistic philosophy to anchor globalization? There is no doubt that it is faith and interest in globalism that drives globalization. Wherein the philosophy is faulty, therein the emerging space for a rethink of the principles(s) behind the façade of globalization. The panel is in search of a truly reflective philosophy upon which the idea of globalization can thrive.

Panelists:

Okoro, Chiedozie (Lagos): A Critique of the Dialectics of Globalization

Ligaga, Dina (Johannesburg): Locating the Kenyan Diasporic Public in online Discussion Forums

Oduwale, Ebunoluw (Ago-Iwoye): Globalization as Universalization: Rethinking the Philosophy of Globalization in Africa

Falaiye, Muyiwa (Lagos): The Demise of the Traditional Philosophy of Globalism: A Coroner's Inquest

Ndubuisi, Friday (Lagos): Globalization and the Principles of Equity: The African Experience (Nigeria as Case Study)

Hoffman, Claudia (Florida): Watching the 'Globalization of the Poor': Cinematic Representations of Undocumented African Workers in Europe

Fri, 5 June, 11:30 – 13:30
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Discussant:
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PANEL 115

THE AFRICAN UNION'S NEW PEACE AND SECURITY ARCHITECTURE: TOWARDS AN EVOLVING SECURITY REGIME?

Africa is currently experiencing a major transformation with regard to the norms and institutions governing multilateral relations on the continent. This process has the potential to change the way the continent addresses the mutually constituted challenges of peace, security and development. Almost ten years ago, and against the backdrop of a decade of protracted high-intensity conflicts and a decrease in human development across sub-Saharan Africa, African states decided to adopt new norms to govern their interaction on matters of peace, security and development and established new institutions to enforce these norms. Some two years before the entire gamut of the African Union's Peace and Security Architecture institutions and decision-making procedures are set to be fully operational, this panel aims at providing an overview of its implementation, including highlighting some of the most pressing challenges of a political, financial and institutional nature. The African Union Peace and Security Architecture will be discussed as a security regime in-the-making, dependent on the collaboration of the Regional Economic Communities and the support of Member States in tandem with the critical role of the AU Commission as a fundamental driver of this as yet proto-regime.

Panelists:

Porto, João Gomes (Bradford): The African Union's New Peace and Security Architecture: Towards an evolving security regime?

Mumma-Martinon, Constansia A. (Nairobi): Prospects for Africa/EU relations with a focus on the African Peace and Security Regime

Franke, Benedikt (Oxford): The Africanisation of African Security: Trends and Limits



PANEL OVERVIEW

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Room: S220

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PANEL 104B SEX, SILENCE, GENDER, POWER

New demands for increasing openness about sexuality and gendered intimate relations are particularly striking in African societies struggling with HIV/AIDS. Both silence and openness, however, can have multiple, often unintentional meanings in terms of gender relations, power, emotions, agency and governmentality. Silence can be connected to shame as well as intimacy and protection. The panel seeks to explore messages behind, and implications of, public policies that intend to alter gender relations. How are everyday lives and emotions shaped by new cultures and discourses of sexualities? The panel will present studies on sexualities as lived embodiment and politics: on everyday expressions of sex and gender; sex education programmes, HIV prevention, gendered violence projects, etc. The panel looks for different ways of reformulating the relationship between the vulnerable, lived body and different authorities; here meaning not only state governments, but also global actors influencing HIV policies (the pharmaceutical industry, donors, WTO, faith based groups, LGBT groups, etc), and local social movements like HIV activism across the continent.

Panelists:

Rasmussen, Louise Nygaard (Copenhagen): Negotiating openness and silence in the management of marital life in Catholic practices of HIV/AIDS treatment and care in Uganda
Kuhanen, Jan (Joensuu): Emergence of sexualised spaces and HIV and AIDS in Uganda
Epprecht, Marc and Sule E. Egya (Queens University): Teaching about homosexualities in rural Nigeria: reflections on a trial run
O'Mara, Kathleen (New York State) Concealing and Revealing queerness in urban Ghana
Ratele, Kopano (Pretoria) Fucking racists: fragment of a theory on sexual pleasure

Fri, 5 June, 11:30 – 13:30
Room: S222

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Discussant:
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PANEL 80A RELIGIOUS NGOs AS NEW AGENTS OF CHANGE IN AFRICAN SOCIETIES

The African continent has been the recipient of development aid for over five decades. The post-Cold War era has seen foreign aid increasingly channelled through international and domestic NGOs rather than through bilateral assistance. The rise of neo-liberalism as the dominant development paradigm, also known as the 'New Policy Agenda', has solidified the prominence of NGOs in the global system. Many African countries have experienced a flood of NGOs, both foreign and indigenous. Amongst these NGOs a growing number are faith-based, suggesting that religious NGOs have come to be significant agents of change in African societies. Further, religious NGOs are becoming important not only within development discourse and practice, but also as policy instruments and actors in a period where religious faith and sentiment is at the centre of public policy and discourse. Despite this, the roles of religious NGOs remain under-researched in civil society research. In the process of understanding the social roles of religious NGOs in Africa, and their issues is untapped. The primary goal of this panel is to encourage interest and to stimulate debates regarding both the empirical realities of faith-based NGOs in Africa as well as their implications for understanding broader theoretical and organisational issues.

Panelists:

Ahmed, Chanfi (Berlin): Sunni and Shi'a Islamic NGOs in East Africa (Kenya and Tanzania): African Muslim Agency, Al-Haramayn and Bilal Muslim Mission.
Taguem Fah, Gilbert (Ngaoundéré) and Théodore Takou (Yaoundé 1): Between Secular and Spiritual : Considering Islamic Faith Based Non-Profit organizations in Cameroon
Kaag, Mayke (Leiden): The work of Transnational Islamic NGOs in Africa: Chad and Senegal compared
LeBlanc, Marie Nathalie (Montréal); Gomez-Perez, Muriel (Quebec City) and Mathias Savadogo (Cocody-Abidjan): Faith-based NGO and recent religious transformations in West Africa

PANEL OVERVIEW

Fri, 5 June

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Room: HS13

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Discussant:
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PANEL 108 THE CONFLICT OF DARFUR: DESTRUCTION OR RE-STRUCTION?

The whole Sudan is undergoing interwoven dynamics on geographical, political, economic, and ideological levels. Different actors struggle for either a narrow definition of a hegemonic arabo-muslim or a pluralistic definition of national identity; for the concentration or for sharing economic and political power; and for keeping the vast country in its borders, or for splitting it. This struggle is carried out with different, also violent means. The war in Darfur is currently the most prominent and most violent example.

This panel focuses on the question if this conflict brings only destruction or if it also bears chances for re-structuring. The rebel movements started to fight with the aim to reshuffle the cards in the national game of power. At this stage of the conflict it can be asked what impact the war has on the political, economic and social structure in Darfur itself and also nationwide. Looking at the level of actors shows the complexity and dynamics of conflicts. Who wins, who loses by this war? Who sides which conflict party and why? Actors can be individuals or groups defined by ethnic or political affiliation, but also generation plays a role. Where are borders of in- and exclusion drawn and how have they developed during the course of the conflict? What are the chances for a constructive outcome of this conflict?

Panelists:

Hamied, Izzeldien A. (Khartoum): Political and historical background to the Darfur conflict

Karin Willemsse (Rotterdam): The Darfur war, masculinity in crisis and the contingency of Sudanese citizenship

Regine Penitsch (Halle/S.): The dynamics of polarized identities in Darfur

Hadi, Mutasim B. A. (Khartoum): The impact of the Darfur Peace Agreement on local politics in Darfur: The case of Southeast Darfur

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Discussant:
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PANEL 25 RE-LOCATING AFRICA IN THE INDIAN OCEAN WORLD

Re-locating Africa in the Indian Ocean World: Since the 1980s scholars of Asia have reacted against Eurocentric interpretations of Indian Ocean history, arguing that Asia, not Europe, forged the first 'global' economy, and at an early date Adapting Ferdinand Braudel's concept of a Mediterranean 'maritime' economy, scholars such as K.N. Chaudhuri and André Brink have contended that an Asia-Indian Ocean 'global' economy emerged by the end of the first millennium C.E. and remained dominant into the eighteenth century. However, such revisionists have largely omitted Africa from their analysis. Scholars of Africa have sought to redress this imbalance, but have so far concentrated their efforts on the pre-1500 era. This panel seeks to re-locate Africa in the post-1500 Indian Ocean global economy, assuming as a fundamental principle that Africans played a positive role in the making of that economy. Participants will attempt to move away from the 'country' and 'regional' studies approach shaped by colonialism and largely continued by modern scholars of Africa, and instead seek to study maritime and terrestrial systems of exchange involving Africans in the Indian Ocean world, and the connections between them. It is hoped that this will stimulate further discussion and research that will contribute to a relocation of the place of Africa and Africans within world history.

Panelists:

Seagle, Caroline (Amsterdam): Respacing coastlines: Delimiting the impacts of scientific forestry and colonial exploitation of mangroves on coastal landscapes and communities in East Africa and Madagascar

Tesfaye, Facil (Montréal): 'Wonders of the African World' or African-American Afrocentrism: Re-framing East African Societies and East African History in a wider Historiographic Debate

Serels, Steven (Montréal): Cattle Tickets and Animal Quarantine: The Movement of Cattle along the Western Red Sea Coast and the Establishment of Colonial Sovereignty, 1898-1903

Steiner, Tina (Stellenbosch): Navigating Multilingually: The Chronotope of the ship in some contemporary East African Fiction



PANEL OVERVIEW

Fri, 5 June, 11:30 – 13:30
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PANEL 97 CONTESTING GLOBAL HEGEMONY, POPULAR CULTURE AND CITIZENSHIP IN AFRICA

Forms of contestation of global hegemony have taken complex, ambiguous and even contradictory versions characterised by re-articulations of nationalism and re-imaginings of the nation, citizenship and collective identities. This constitutes 'new sites of struggles' in which issues of authenticity and resistance locked horns with the strong forces of globalisation, neo-liberalism and cosmopolitanism. It was within this terrain of contestations of global hegemony that the philosophy of African Renaissance re-emerged in the 1990s as one of the ways not only of defending Africa's unique identity but also to mobilise positive aspects of African history and culture as nodal points for African continental unity. The resistance manifested in the African Renaissance has often been characterised as an essentialist response to the global or as a form of anti-racist racism. Drawing from theories on resistance in postcolonial studies, we argue in this panel that the African Renaissance should be considered as a serious phenomenon that requires nuanced and 'unsententious interrogation' in order to assess the affirmative power of the 'reverse-discourses'.

Panelists:

Ndlovu-Gatsheni, Sabelo (Open University): Afro-radicalism or Exhausted Authoritarian Nationalism? Making Sense of Mugabeism and the Third Chimurenga in Zimbabwe

Willems, Wendy (London): Resisting the Global in the Name of the Nation: The Role of Media in the 'Zimbabwe Crisis'

Ogola, George Otieno (Lancashire): Re-Imagining Home, Homeliness and Nation-State: The Kenyan 'Digital' Diaspora and the Constructions of Identities Online During the 2007 Post-election Crisis

Shumann, Anne (London): Popular 'Zouglou' Music and the Articulation of the Ivorian Crisis

Mujere, Joseph (Edinburgh): Zimbabwe's cyber communities: Zimbabwe's crisis and the development of transnational belonging among Zimbabweans in the Diaspora

Fri, 5 June

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PANEL 79B AFRICAN HEALTH WORKER MIGRATION TO EUROPE: PROBLEMS, PROSPECTS, POLICIES

This panel analyses the history of health worker migration from various African countries to Europe; the historical and proximate factors that explain this migration; the role of international migrant workers' networks in facilitating their workplace adaptation and the regulation of the health sector's global labour market; the mechanisms and institutional resources of these networks, especially their opportunities and limitations as mediators within the global labour market; policy options available to address this migration flow; and current best practices that harmonize European and African health outcomes.

Panelists:

Chikanda, Abel (Western Ontario): The Migration of Zimbabwean Health Professionals to Europe

Lievens, Tomas (Oxford); Garbarino, Sabine (Oxford); Quartey, Peter (ISSER) and Pieter Semeels (The World Bank): Explaining Ghanaian Nurse Migration

Chang, Peter (Brussels); Lu, Daniel (Swaziland Medical Mission); Coulibly, Sidi (Burkina Faso Health Ministry) and Vincent Rollet (Paris): A community-based alternative approach for securing and retaining health workforce in Africa

PANEL OVERVIEW

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PANEL 49 B CHANGING MEDIASCAPES AND NEW MEDIA ENTREPRENEURS IN AFRICA

The panel addresses recent developments in the sphere of mass media in Africa that were facilitated by processes of media liberalisation. We will discuss ways in which new media entrepreneurs especially from religious movements, human rights activists, ethnic movements or NGOs, (re)-enter the public sphere, by appropriating independent media such as radio or TV stations, film / video studios, newspapers, publishing houses & websites; or acquiring broadcasting time / space of already established private or public media institutions. Some of these actors establish strong transnational links e.g. by means of partnerships with other media institutions, exchanging data, programs, staff, job training or synchronising TV & Radio broadcasts; others are pursuing a more local agenda. What marks the biographic background & the relationship between these media entrepreneurs & their respective groups / communities? What are the conditions of their success in a competing media environment? In which respect do they alter the public sphere? We are inviting both case studies & essays exploring the general relationship between media & civil society in Africa, also in a comparative & diachronic perspective.

Panelists:

de Witte, Marleen (Amsterdam): Business of the Spirit. Ghanaian broadcast media and the commercial exploitation of Pentecostalism
Thalén, Oliver (Stockholm): Ghanaian Entertainment Brokers
Musila, Grace A. (Stellenbosch): Kenyan Popular Media and the Democratisation of Public Cultures: The Case of Reddykyulas and Gado

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PANEL 149 CROSS-BORDER TRADE IN AFRICA: INDIGENOUS DEVELOPMENT OR CRIMINALITY?

Cross-border trade plays a vital role in survival and accumulation far beyond African borderlands. Operating largely outside state regulations, cross-border trade is regarded by some as a mechanism of popular entrepreneurship and development, and by others as a source of criminality and state failure. Since colonial times, the activity has continued to resist efforts to bring it under state control, creating alternative dynamics of accumulation, identity formation and regional integration.

This panel will explore a number of historical as well as contemporary themes:

- The historical roots and changing organization of cross border trade.
- The impact of liberalization and globalization on the organization, social structure and developmental implications of cross-border trading networks.
- The role of cross-border trade in processes of state failure and African criminal networks.
- The impact of cross-border trade on civil society, regional integration and the development of the state.

Panelists:

Udelsmann Rodrigues, Cristina (Lisbon): Angola's Southern Border: entrepreneurship opportunities and the State in Cunene de Vries, Lotje (Leiden): Local Governance in Border Areas; Encounters at the Southern Sudan - DR Congo Interface
Zeller, Wolfgang (Helsinki): Illicit Flows in the Border Triangle of Sudan, Uganda and Congo-DRC
Abimbola, Olumide (Halle/S.): Exploring the Formal-Informal Dichotomy
Little, Peter D. (Emory): The Political Economy of Cross-Border Trade in the Horn of Africa: A Comparison of Cattle Trade along the Somalia/Kenya and Ethiopia/Kenya Borders



PANEL OVERVIEW

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Room: S215

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PANEL 63 **EUROPEAN AND AFRICAN SPATIAL KNOWLEDGE: CARTOGRAPHY OF AFRICA 1850-1914**

When the European powers gained physical control over the last 'blank spaces' in Africa in the late nineteenth century, cartography played a decisive role in this process. Whilst the literature of the period depicts European explorers as autonomous hero-researchers who recorded unknown parts of Darkest Africa on the map, European spatial knowledge was in reality to a large extent dependent upon the knowledge of the African population or of individual Africans. Thus it must have been African geographical knowledge (for example topology or the names of places and landscape features) that found its way into European maps of Africa. But is it possible to demonstrate this, given that the vast majority of the relevant sources were written by Europeans who perceived themselves as explorers? And how did the spatial thinking of Africans and Europeans change in connection with the mutual exchange of 'cartographic' information at a time when colonial rule was becoming established, literacy was spreading and communication with the rest of the world was intensifying? The panel is multidisciplinary and open to contributions on any area of Africa.

Panelists:

von Oppen, Achim (Bayreuth): Slug mapping: Early cartographic encounters on Lake Tanganyika, 1850s to 1880s

Last, Murray (London): Indigenous mapping in pre-colonial northern Nigeria

Schelhaas, Bruno (Leipzig): The repetition of the question mark on the map. Justus Perthes' Geographical Institute and the cartographic visualisation of Africa in the 19th century

Fritsch, Kathrin and Isabel Voigt (Leipzig): Putting Africa back on the map. Indigenous knowledge and the idea of space in European maps

Fri, 5 June, 11:30 – 13:30
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PANEL 48 **WATERSCAPES IN AFRICA. THE RESPAING OF BASINS, MARKETS AND NETWORKS**

'Waterscapes' can be seen as spatial representations of governance and regulation in distributive systems. Problems of water scarcity, supply and accessibility are becoming increasingly critical in many parts of Africa. They are usually discussed in contexts like climate change, urbanization and food supply. However, the current dynamic changes of waterscapes can not sufficiently be explained on that basis. The panel should focus on the symbolic rather than the material aspects of waterscapes, although both are, of course, related. The question is how power and politics translate into material transformations, how structures that initially have had nothing to do with H₂O gradually gain influence on its distribution, and how water flows get diverted by the interference of capital and political control. Issues of water production, distribution and access shall be explained in the context of the underlying social, economic, political and cultural conditions. The papers may present case studies, but should be based on theoretical approaches ranging from classical neo-marxism to actor-network theory, and they should explicitly address questions of scales (local-global levels).

Panelists:

Cascão, Ana Elisa (London): Adrift on the Nile - shifting waterscapes in the Nile River Basin

Blanchon, David (Paris): From the Nile to tap water : water management in Khartoum

Kranz, Nicole (Berlin): Industrial waterscapes in South Africa - what implications for sustainable development?

Pellizzoli, Roberta (Bologna): Do smallfarmers waste water? The efficient producer discourse in Chokwe irrigationscheme, Mozambique

Hellberg, Sofie (Gothenburg): Implementing the Global Water Agenda: governing life through hydropolitics in eThekweni Municipality, South Africa

PANEL OVERVIEW

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Discussant:
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PANEL 18 A POLITICAL PARTIES AND THE SPACE IN AFRICA

This panel seeks contributions on the interaction between parties and space. Of particular interest are regional or local political party organization and the role of regional issues for campaign, the influence on parties of different modes of territorial organisation of the state, the symbolic space filled by parties in their interaction with interest groups, as well as their emotional appeal to potential party supporters. Contributions with a comparative character are particularly welcome.

Panelists:

Elischer, Sebastian (Hamburg): Classifying African Political Parties Preliminary Evidence from Kenya, Ghana and Namibia
Stroh, Alexander (Hamburg): The Power of Proximity. Conceptualizing and Measuring Strategic Behaviour of Political Parties Using the Example of Burkina Faso
Osei, Anja (Leipzig): The Politics of Money? Reconsidering Electoral Clientelism in Africa
van de Walle, Nicolas (Cornell): The Democratization of clientelism in Africa

Fri, 5 June, 11:30 – 13:30
Room: HS16

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PANEL 92 B AFRICAN MIGRATION TO EUROPE

Drawing on research undertaken in Africa and Europe, this panel aims to highlight the complex nature of African migration to Europe. Through the voices and stories of migrants and refugees themselves, this panel will explore African migration from different angles and offer a nuanced understanding of the role of globalization in migration. Additionally, this panel proposes to unpack and problematize the categories of 'migrant' and 'refugee' as well as challenge the concepts of 'push' and 'pull' factors in academic discourse.

Panelists:

Triulzi, Alessandro (Napoli): From Ethiopia to Lampedusa: The Long Journey
Schapendonk, Joris (Nijmegen): 'My Mobile is My Address': Analyzing Sub-Saharan African Migration with a Mobility Lens: Routes, Flexibilities and Technologies
Eze, Kevin (Dakar): African Migration to Europe: The Perilous Journey
Kastner, Kristin (Bayreuth & Frankfurt/M.): Nigerian Border Crossers: Travelling to Europe through Land



PANEL OVERVIEW

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Room: HS17

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Discussant:
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PANEL 41 B AFRICAN CITIES: URBAN AND SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION

Urban poverty is a phenomenon that has gained high visibility in context of the poor world. It affects a vast majority of African cities, especially large ones. The phenomenon has taken on great evidence in the new political and economic contexts that derived from political situations and subsequent strategies of government that several countries have adopted after independence (Sassen 2000). Since then a huge movement of people has been observed- especially from the field to the cities - which has been due to factors ranging from natural disasters, wars, poverty, the decrease of agricultural production and isolation of populations, the lack of road networks which allow the movement of people and goods that might stimulate this exodus.

African cities are, by consequence, becoming a melting pot. People from different ethnic spaces and origins continue to arrive every day to the main cities, trying to survive and to improve their lives. This phenomenon is generating unique and complex changes. If big cities are clearly places of experimentation, Sub-Saharan big cities are arenas of unique novelty; places of opportunities but also of crises.

Panelists:

Oumar, Muhammad (FUTM): Gari Ko Garara: The Changing concept of the Hausa City

Polido, Vera Baeta (no af.): Urban upgrading in a sustainable livelihoods approach: the pilot project for the Quelele neighbourhood, Bissau
Onyebueke, Victor (Nsukka): Place and Function of African Cities in the Global Urban Network: Exploring the Agenda and the Matters Arising

Fri, 5 June, 11:30 – 13:30
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PANEL 16 MEDICINE, SCIENCE, AND THE LOCATION OF AFRICA

At the end of the nineteenth century, the African continent became the destination of a series of medical and scientific expeditions and the site of extensive public health interventions. From the perspective of European researchers, Africa functioned as both a laboratory and 'the field', as a site for exploration, experimentation with new theories, and confirmation of existing tenets. It remained, for many, a place 'out there' from which researchers could return to their home countries in order to finalise and elaborate their findings. However, Africa was neither a remote site of fieldwork nor a laboratory writ large. Research priorities and laboratory methods, among many other aspects of scientific work, were adapted to circumstances in Africa and were shaped by African agents. Moreover, Africa was, together with metropolitan 'spaces' and other colonies, entangled in a web of discursive and real connections, constituted by constant exchanges of knowledge, people, ideas and practices. African social and political contexts actively shaped medical research, work and associated networks of people.

Our panel looks at the involvement of Africans and of African contexts in medical networks and scientific enterprises, and explores their role within colonial medical research.

Panelists:

Meneses, Maria Paula G. (Coimbra): Who are the 'doctors' in Mozambique? Evaluating internal and external sources on the production of medical knowledge

Priebe, Gunilla (Gothenburg): The Multilateral Initiative on Malaria and Heterogeneous Localities in Malaria Research

Mertens, Myriam (Ghent): Chemical compounds in the Congo: A Belgian colony's Role in chemotherapeutic knowledge production during the 1920s

de la Flor, José Luis (Madrid): A historical perspective on the international order and the construction of medical language

PANEL OVERVIEW

Fri, 5 June, 11:30 – 13:30
Room: S223

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Chair(s):
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Discussants:
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PANEL 127 B THE ZIMBABWEAN CRISIS BEYOND THE FIRST STEPS OF POLITICAL SETTLEMENT

The Zimbabwean crisis seemed to be irresolvable for nearly a decade. Nevertheless, a long and difficult negotiation process resulted finally in a Government of National Unity with doubtful outcome. The panel wants to focus on past, present and future aspects of the Zimbabwean crisis. Presentations will focus on the political and economical crisis and its legacies, the negotiation process and the prospects of survival of the new formed government. Strengths and weaknesses of internal actors and the challenges they are facing will be emphasised as well as the role of regional and international organisations in solving the crisis. Another focus will be put on tasks and functions of the donor community operating in this special kind of environment.

Panelists:

Grebe, Jan (Bonn): Targeted Sanctions against Zimbabwe: Assessing the effectiveness of EU and US sanctions against authoritarian regimes

Robertson, John (Bulawayo): The Zimbabwean Crisis: Recovery Challenges

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PANEL 44 ON BIOMEDICINE, GOVERNANCE AND EXPERIMENTATION (3): EXPERIMENTAL SUBJECTIVITY: EMERGING FORMS OF CITIZENSHIP IN AFRICAN CONTEXTS

This panel will explore the intersection of emerging regimes of governance (i.e., classical state formations as well as humanitarian and development programs and nation-building technologies such as truth and reconciliation practices) and techno-scientific practices with subjectivity in African worlds. Rather than seeing Africans as passive 'subjects' of government or intervention, this panel will explore how worlds and subjectivities are re-made as political and material technologies are incorporated into ethical projects, forms of self-fashioning, or political projects. The goals of the panel are (1) to highlight the ways in which political and material technologies are translated—i.e. appropriated, sublimated or resisted, to name a few—by Africans (2) to explore the unintended consequences, working misunderstandings and otherwise unexpected that results when these technologies are deployed and circulate across African worlds (3) to describe the impact of these phenomena on subjectivities. We take subjectivity to encompass registers of identity, narrative, citizenship, and self-fashioning.

Panelists:

Jones, Gemma (London): The Secret Life of Trials: making and re-making subjectivities in the context of HIV research in East Africa

Kistner, Ulrike (Pretoria): Adversities in adherence: Papalogisms of 'biological citizenship' in South Africa

Klein, Thamar (Halle/S.): Experimental subjectivities: Medical and legal bearings on queer sexes and genders in South Africa

Prince, Ruth (Cambridge): Counsellors in an 'NGO city': expertise and urban survival in the era of HIV and non-governmental health interventions

Reihling, Hanspeter (Berlin): Whose healthy masculinity? Men as new subjects of sexual and reproductive health in South Africa



PANEL OVERVIEW

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Discussants:
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PANEL 147 A TRANSITIONS IN CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN AFRICA (2/3): CONFLICT AND IDENTITY IN LATE 20TH CENTURY CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN AFRICA

The nature, actors and obstacles of democratisation and socio-economic change in Southern Africa have stimulated the analyses and debates since the 1990s. The end of the Cold War was followed by a final appeasement strategy in the sub-region. The visible results included uneven (and frequently problematic) transitions from one-party states to multi-party democracies in much of the sub-region, the Independence of Namibia (1990), the transition to a non-racial political system in South Africa (1994), and the implementation of mainstream economic reform packages in many countries in the region. Despite these transitions, the persistence of high poverty rates and the legacy of deeply entrenched authoritarian mindsets and forms of political rule remain among the many obstacles, which stand in the way of deeper democratisation and more equal, sustainable development for the majority of people in Southern and Central Africa. The two sessions take stock of some of the relevant aspects linked to the current shifts in the sub region. The first slot will consist of papers focused on 'Conflict', the second on 'Identity'.

Panelists:

Evans, Laura (Sheffield): The Making and Meaning of 'Homeland' Spaces in South Africa: Resettlement in the Ciskei after 1960.
Gibbs, Tim (Oxford): From Popular Struggles to Populist Politics: State Intervention and Rural unrest in South Africa, 1960-1999
Larmer, Miles (Sheffield): Local Identities and Transnational Conflict: the Katangese Gendarmes and Central-Southern Africa's Forty-years war, 1960-1999
Huening, Lars (Sheffield): Africa's Great War: Approaching an Understanding of the Congo Wars (1996-1997; 1998-2003)
Maravanyika, Simeon (Pretoria): Resource-Based Conflict in a Changing Environment: The Case of Mafungautsi State Forest in Zimbabwe, 1980-2002

Fri, 5 June, 14:30 – 16:30
Room: S203

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PANEL 142 A AFRICAN WATERS – WATER IN AFRICA, BARRIERS, PATHS, AND RESOURCES: THEIR IMPACT ON LANGUAGE, LITERATURE AND HISTORY OF PEOPLE

This panel will focus on the structural and the substantial role of water in language, literature and history in Africa. Big amounts of water may be both barriers and ways for diffusion. Water as resource has determined the way of living. Both aspects are important for language development and conceptualization.

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Panelists:

Fehn, Anne Marie and Anne Storch (Bayreuth): The Semantics of Water and the Middle Passage: African and Caribbean Evidence - Discussant: Clarissa Vierke
Cascão, Ana Elisa (London): Nile - Words and Songs - Discussant: Claude Rilly
Rilly, Claude (Paris): From the Yellow Nile to the Blue Nile. The quest for water and the diffusion of Northern East Sudanic languages from the fourth to the first millennia BCE - Discussant: Anne Storch

PANEL OVERVIEW

Fri, 5 June

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Room: HS19

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Chair(s):
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PANEL 131A TRANSNATIONAL INFLUENCES ON SOUTH AFRICAN RESISTANCE POLITICS

This panel seeks to reconsider the factors which have contributed to the growth and development of resistance politics in South Africa. Its objective is specifically to investigate the ways in which nationalism in South Africa has been fuelled by international as opposed to purely indigenous forces. The goal is to consider how broader international movements have contributed to the development and maturation of South African resistance politics. This includes, but is not limited to the emergence of the communist nations, campaigns for nuclear disarmament, decolonisation in Africa and other parts of the third world, as well as revolutions by peoples of colour across the globe. The time frame covered by the panel is broad, encompassing the whole of the twentieth century. The goal is to explore how international influences have interacted with local forces to give South African socialism, liberalism and nationalism its distinctive features and therefore helped to shape how South Africans defined freedom during the country's liberation struggle.

Panelists:

Lissoni, Arianna (Witwatersrand): Early international networks of solidarity with the South African liberation struggle, c.1945-1960
Saunders, Chris (Cape Town): The Historiography of Transnational Influences on South African Resistance Politics: Some Reflections
Williams, Elizabeth (London): We shall not be free until South Africa is free! - The Anti-Apartheid activity of Black Britons
Simpson, Geneviève: British Anti-Apartheid Movement and the struggle against apartheid
van Kessel, Ineke (Leiden): Outside the spotlights: the Young Christian Workers and youth militancy in township revolt in the 1980s

Fri, 5 June, 14:30 – 16:30
Room: S220

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PANEL 104C SEX, SILENCE, GENDER, POWER

New demands for increasing openness about sexuality and gendered intimate relations are particularly striking in African societies struggling with HIV/AIDS. Both silence and openness, however, can have multiple, often unintentional meanings in terms of gender relations, power, emotions, agency and governmentality. Silence can be connected to shame as well as intimacy and protection. The panel seeks to explore messages behind, and implications of, public policies that intend to alter gender relations. How are everyday lives and emotions shaped by new cultures and discourses of sexualities? The panel will present studies on sexualities as lived embodiment and politics: on everyday expressions of sex and gender; sex education programmes, HIV prevention, gendered violence projects, etc. The panel looks for different ways of reformulating the relationship between the vulnerable, lived body and different authorities; here meaning not only state governments, but also global actors influencing HIV policies (the pharmaceutical industry, donors, WTO, faith based groups, LGBT groups, etc), and local social movements like HIV activism across the continent.

Panelists:

Rosario, Carmeliza (AustralCOWI, Mozambique): No safer sex than married sex: negotiating marriage through sexuality in Northern Mozambique
Mariano, Esmeralda (Leuven) and Brigitte Bagnol (Witwatersrand): Not only objectifying the body notion: the women's subjectivity in the construction of sexuality and sexual health in Mozambique
O'Neill, Sarah (Goldsmiths): Breaking the silence, challenging respectability? FGC sensitisation projects meeting religious politics in Fouta Toro, Senegal
Marks, Zoe (Oxford): Virgination, rape, and marriage in the Revolutionary United Front of Sierra Leone



PANEL OVERVIEW

Fri, 5 June, 14:30 – 16:30
Room: S222

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Discussant:
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PANEL 80B RELIGIOUS NGOs AS NEW AGENTS OF CHANGE IN AFRICAN SOCIETIES

The African continent has been the recipient of development aid for over five decades. The post-Cold War era has seen foreign aid increasingly channelled through international and domestic NGOs rather than through bilateral assistance. The rise of neo-liberalism as the dominant development paradigm, also known as the 'New Policy Agenda', has solidified the prominence of NGOs in the global system. Many African countries have experienced a flood of NGOs, both foreign and indigenous. Amongst these NGOs a growing number are faith-based, suggesting that religious NGOs have come to be significant agents of change in African societies. Further, religious NGOs are becoming important not only within development discourse and practice, but also as policy instruments and actors in a period where religious faith and sentiment is at the centre of public policy and discourse. Despite this, the roles of religious NGOs remain under-researched in civil society research. In the process of understanding the social roles of religious NGOs in Africa, and their issues is untapped. The primary goal of this panel is to encourage interest and to stimulate debates regarding both the empirical realities of faith-based NGOs in Africa as well as their implications for understanding broader theoretical and organisational issues.

Panelists:

Renders, Marleen (Ghent): Muslim organisations, women, law and Human Rights in Kenya
Donald Hammond (San Francisco): Theological Issues affecting American Sponsored Christian NGO's in East Africa
Mossière, Géraldine (Montréal): Transforming values and changing belonging: intersecting local and global in grassroots faith based development initiatives in Kinshasa

Fri, 5 June, 14:30 – 16:30
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Discussant:
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PANEL 83A REGIONALIZING AFRICA. DEVELOPING THEORY AND EMPIRICISM ON REGION-BUILDING

Regionalization processes constitute a complex and multidimensional phenomenon that challenges the traditional state-centric ontology and epistemology. How do regions come into being? Who acts as 'region-builder'? What strategies, frameworks, interests and ideas play a part in those processes and why? And how do regions relate to other spatial scales?

This panel is interested in both theoretical and empirical works on the question of region-building and region-construction in Africa. It seeks thus to advance a discussion between various theories and methodological approaches to the study of regions and regionalization in Africa. Preference is given to the view that regions are social constructs and containers of culture and norms, which are continuously transformed within the framework of globalization. Indeed, just like 'states', regions are always in the making: constructed and reconstructed through social practice and in discourse, by a variety of state and non-state actors. How can traditional theoretical and methodological delimitations be overcome in order to capture developments of this spatial concept?

The empirical focus is also flexible and open-ended: studies may focus on traditional areas of regionalization like trade and security, but we also expect a coverage of more nascent regionalization processes, such as environment, development strategies, monetary policy, formal or informal cross-border micro-regions, development corridors and civil society regionalization.

Panelists:

Fanta, Emmanuel (United Nations University & Brussels): Understanding African regional integration policies
Klaassen, Jan (Berlin): The regional momentum of security and insecurity. The Case of West Africa
Godsäter, Andréas (Gothenburg): Civil society and social- and economic justice in Southern Africa: the regional dimension
Söderbaum, Fredrik (Gothenburg & United Nations University): Afro-regions: The dynamics of region-building in Africa

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PANEL 150 NEW PERSPECTIVES ON URBAN STUDIES IN AFRICA

The field of urban studies has witnessed an increasing development in the last twenty years marked by the multiplication of academic publications, the development of research institutions and programmes as well as a growing concern focusing on 'urban problems' within a set of international organisations such as the World Bank, the UN and the PNUD. The essential paradigms of yesterday literature (the Islamic, the colonial, the apartheid city, the 'non global' city) have largely been criticised by academic literature while international institutions have eventually recognised (albeit exaggeratedly) the role of cities of 'the south' in strengthening economic development, in producing new original cultural forms and in nurturing democracy. Despite this however, the literature on cities in Africa is with a few notable exceptions poorly comparative at the continental level and remains in some disciplines either dominated by a local perspective or by a prescriptive approach aimed at the needs of national and international policy recommendations. New (and even not so new) paradigms (the postcolonial, the cosmopolitan, the sustainable city, urban governance) are abundantly used but not fundamentally challenged. This panel would like to interrogate forces and weaknesses of the field of urban studies in Africa in political science, history, sociology, geography and planning.

Panelists:

Lindell, Ilda (Uppsala): Marketing the city, hiding the poor: Cleansing operations and the responses of street vendors in Accra
Werthmann, Katha (Mainz): Exploring the African City: Anthropological Approaches
Wafer, Alex (London): Thinking Beyond the Post-apartheid City
Boasch, Stefanie (Magdeburg) and Christoph Haferburg (Hamburg): Impact of the Football World Cup 2010 on security and urban planning in South Africa
Ninot, Olivier (Paris); Belaidi Nadia (Paris); Berger, Martin (Paris) and Myriam-Holschuch (Lyon): Understanding the city through its peripheries? The example of post-apartheid Cape Town Metropolitan area
Cramer, Josef (Berlin): Urbanisation and rapid urban growth in four Western Cape secondary towns - a policy analysis

Fri, 5 June, 14:30 – 16:30
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PANEL 90A (RE-)MAPPING ERITREA IN THE CULTURAL IMAGINATION: NARRATIVES OF THE NATION IN LITERATURE, THEATRE, FILM, AND THE NEW MEDIA

This panel seeks to investigate how Eritrea has been (re-)mapped, (re-)shaped and (re-)invented in various forms of Eritrean cultural expressions - literature, theatre, film, and the new media - both inside the country and from a diasporic point of view. Any period or language may be considered. While the imperial mapping of European colonialism first brought Eritrea into being as a geographic, administrative and cultural entity, textual and performative narratives soon began to creatively imagine the nation from an Eritrean perspective. This gradual cultural (re-)mapping was not only concerned with politics and (the possibility of self-)governance, but also with social, moral and artistic issues. With the beginning of the armed liberation struggle against Ethiopia, these elements were powerfully utilised by the liberation movements to produce and imagine a particular idea of a liberated Eritrean society and Eritrean nationalism. In the early 1990s, these images would form the official cultural basis of the newly independent state. Vigorously revived during the 1998-2000 Eritrean-Ethiopian border-dispute war, the narrative project of Eritrean nationalism continues to dominate public discourse in Eritrea and its ever-growing Diaspora, but is also increasingly challenged.

Panelists:

Cameron, Greg (Nova Scotia AC): The Lives and Times of Asmara's Cinema Houses
Matzke, Christine (Berlin): Of Outer Space? Inner landscapes in Beyene Haile's play 'Weg'i Libi'
Bozzini, David (Neuchâtel): Jokes and Other 'Hidden' Transcripts: the everyday political imagination in Eritrea
Arnane, Anna (Sussex): The Time-Warp: The Eritrea Festival in time and space



PANEL OVERVIEW

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Discussant:
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PANEL 18B POLITICAL PARTIES AND THE SPACE IN AFRICA

This panel seeks contributions on the interaction between parties and space. Of particular interest are regional or local political party organization and the role of regional issues for campaign, the influence on parties of different modes of territorial organisation of the state, the symbolic space filled by parties in their interaction with interest groups, as well as their emotional appeal to potential party supporters. Contributions with a comparative character are particularly welcome.

Panelists:

Lindeke, Bill (Windhoek): The End of One-Party Dominance in Namibia ?

Murias, Ragnhild Luise (Bergen): Local party structures in centralised political systems: A comparative analysis of Malawi, South Africa and Uganda

Darracq, Vincent (Bordeaux): In the Party, in the Township: the African National Congress (ANC)'s local organization

Orre, Aslak: Political space and new councils of citizen representation in Angola and Mozambique

Fri, 5 June, 14:30 – 16:30
Room: HS16

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PANEL 92C AFRICAN MIGRATION TO EUROPE

Drawing on research undertaken in Africa and Europe, this panel aims to highlight the complex nature of African migration to Europe. Through the voices and stories of migrants and refugees themselves, this panel will explore African migration from different angles and offer a nuanced understanding of the role of globalization in migration. Additionally, this panel proposes to unpack and problematize the categories of 'migrant' and 'refugee' as well as challenge the concepts of 'push' and 'pull' factors in academic discourse.

Panelists:

McKenzie, Robert (London): Forced Migration to Cairo: Extraordinary Journeys in Search of 'The Good Life'

Suter, Brigitte (Malmö & Linköping): Should I Stay or Should I Go? Decision Making Processes of African Transit Migrants in Istanbul

Nadi, Dalila (Berlin): Living in Transit: sub-Saharan Migrants in Algeria

Stechman, Amber (Oxford): Pre-migration in Senegal

Announcement:

Documentary Film 'Come un uomo sulla terra' (Like a Man on Earth) (60min)

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PANEL 5 NATURAL RESOURCES AND LIVELIHOODS OF THE POOR IN THE GREAT LAKES REGION: ORPHANS OF THE QUEST FOR GROWTH IN THE ERA OF GLOBALISATION?

Competition over natural resources (both land and mineral resources) played an important role in the Great Lakes conflicts over the past decades. Good management of these resources is therefore an important element in post-conflict reconstruction. At the same time, the era of globalisation brings a new growth-oriented logic and new types of actors to Africa. The papers of this panel analyse the competition between the 'new' large-scale actors versus the local 'small-scalers' (peasants and miners) in the agricultural and mining sector. They analyse the impact of the globalising scramble for natural resources upon the livelihoods of the local population. The papers further point to the potential of local 'small-scalers' to participate in the quest for economic growth but also analyse the constraints these population groups are confronted with. They formulate policy conclusions, both at the local, national and international level.

Panelists:

Geenen, Sara (Antwerp): Constraints, opportunities and hope: which future for gold miners and traders in Kamituga, South-Kivu?
Cuvelier, Jeroen (International Peace Information Service): Money and masculinity among artisanal miners in Katanga
Leegwater, Margot (Leiden): Restricted access to land and its socio-economic consequences in rural southeastern Rwanda
Ansoms, An (Antwerp): A green revolution for the Great Lakes Region: Which role for small-scale peasants in rural policies?

Fri, 5 June, 17:00 – 19:00
Room: S201

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Panelists:

Tischler, Julia (Cologne): Stories of Modernity: The Kariba Dam project in the Central African Federation
Johnson, Rachel (Sheffield): Home, Street, School, Prison: Spacing and Gendering the History of Youth Political Conflict with the Apartheid State
Ngwenya, Brian (Pretoria): Raising Ghosts: The Case of State- Controlled Mining Operations and the Socio-Economic Effects of Mine Closures in Zimbabwe
Pilossof, Rory (Sheffield): For the Farmers, by the Farmers': Affirmative Parochialism, the Commercial Farmers Union and 'The Farmer' Magazine in Zimbabwe, 1980-2002



PANEL OVERVIEW

Fri, 5 June, 17:00 – 19:00
Room: S203

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PANEL 142B

AFRICAN WATERS – WATER IN AFRICA, BARRIERS, PATHS, AND RESOURCES: THEIR IMPACT ON LANGUAGE, LITERATURE AND HISTORY OF PEOPLE

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Panelists:

Motingea, André (Kinshasa): Le bassin central congolais et la problématique de l'expansion bantoue - Discussant Koen Bostoen
Wotzka, Hans-Peter and Koen Bostoen (Tervuren): Human settlement and Bantu language dispersal in the Inner Congo Basin: A Correspondence (Re)analysis of Lexicostatistical Data - Discussant: André Motingea

Fri, 5 June, 17:00 – 19:00
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Discussants:
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PANEL 60

TOPOGRAPHIES OF RULE

What some have described as processes of state failure, others have interpreted as a process of a re-territorialisation of political orders. This is reflected in debates on new social spaces, transnationalism, or glocalisation. Drawing from the work of Charles Tilly and Catherine Boone, the panel discusses the relation between geographies of production and geographies of political institutions and practices. From a state-centred perspective, such patterns would be described as selective statehood and patterns of how governments strategically integrate or abandon sub-region. From the perspective of (new) local orders, a patchwork of urban commercial clusters, rural cash-crop production zones, trans-border regimes, and enclaves of production with varying forms of nodal governance come into view. The panel will comparatively discuss empirical studies of political orders in different socioeconomic spaces such as enclaves of point-source extraction, zones of cash-crop production, urban centres of trade, or 'l'Afrique inutile'.

Panelists:

Campos Serrano, Alicia (Madrid): Enclave production and national power: topographies of oil and rule in Equatorial Guinea
Gutiérrez, Lirio (Berlin): Enclaves and Territories in Honduras
Hönke, Jana (Berlin): Topographies of (In)Security – Transnational Security Governance in Mining Areas in North-Western Province (South Africa) and Katanga (DRC)

PANEL OVERVIEW

Fri, 5 June, 17:00 – 19:00
Room: S212

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Discussants:
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PANEL 103 GLOBALISATION AND AFRICAN SELF DETERMINATION

The panel is aimed at exploring the various aspects of globalisation with respect to African values. Globalisation has its advantages and pitfalls as well. What is the overall impact of this phenomenon on the peoples and cultures of the African continent?

Issues such as: Africa in the age of globalisation: The challenges of cultural identity in an interdependent world; globalisation, economic progress and poverty reduction in Africa, globalisation and the need for development leadership in Africa, as well as developing content on Africa - why the west must take another look at Africa will be discussed in this panel.

Panelists:

Duru, Emmanuel (Calabar): Globalisation and African self determination
Odoziobodo, Severus Ifeanyi (Enugu): Africa in an age of globalisation: What is our future?
Okeregbe, Tony (Lagos): Global mirror, where is the true African?
Skupien, Stefan (Berlin): Wiredu's concept of non-party politics in a consensus democracy

Fri, 5 June, 17:00 – 19:00
Room: S211

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PANEL 119 THE IMPACT OF 'SPACE' ON CULTURES AND POLITICS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA

In transitional political systems in Southern African Truth- and Reconciliation Commissions were enacted in order to smooth the path to democracy. South Africa is a case in point where the hearings of the commission could canalize aggressions, desires for revenge, tabooed traumatic experiences, so that reconciliation on an individual level was imaginable. In other cases - such as Ruanda or Darfur - the individualized face-to-face interaction was not the most promising structure because the victim/perpetrator scheme could not be applied to whole ethnic groups.

In all cases, however, the question of retributive justice and the redistribution of land was excluded. This posed a problem already during the workings of the commissions and raises now new xenophobic outbursts, dispossession and dislocation.

We want to look at various forms of literary and medial representations of these issues by focusing on:

- 'Land Acts' in Southern Africa, Ruanda, and/or Zimbabwe and their consequences for the politics of race;
- the dialectics between urban and rural space in Southern Africa
- Space, Land, Home, and the question of Recognition connected with these terms.

Panelists:

Zenker, Olaf (Bern): Putting land rights in the right hands under the rule of law : land restitution and the making of legitimate statehood in post-Apartheid South Africa
Straß, Hanna (Bayreuth): Mapping the Relationship between Rural and Urban Space through Past & Present-Dialectics in Zakes Mda's She Plays With the Darkness
Beisiegel, Katharina (Konstanz): Healing the Nation: Tradition, Land and the Surreal in Ramadan Suleman's The Zulu Love Letter
Reif-Huelser, Monika (Konstanz): Native Life, Land Acts, and the Question of Retributive Justice. A discussion of Sol Plaatje, Es'kia Mphahlele and J.M. Coetzee



PANEL OVERVIEW

Fri, 5 June, 17:00 – 19:00
Room: HS19

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PANEL 131B TRANSNATIONAL INFLUENCES ON SOUTH AFRICAN RESISTANCE POLITICS

This panel seeks to reconsider the factors which have contributed to the growth and development of resistance politics in South Africa. Its objective is specifically to investigate the ways in which nationalism in South Africa has been fuelled by international as opposed to purely indigenous forces. The goal is to consider how broader international movements have contributed to the development and maturation of South African resistance politics. This includes, but is not limited to the emergence of the communist nations, campaigns for nuclear disarmament, decolonisation in Africa and other parts of the third world, as well as revolutions by peoples of colour across the globe. The time frame covered by the panel is broad, encompassing the whole of the twentieth century. The goal is to explore how international influences have interacted with local forces to give South African socialism, liberalism and nationalism its distinctive features and therefore helped to shape how South Africans defined freedom during the country's liberation struggle.

Panelists:

Weis, Toni (Heinrich Böll Foundation): The Concept of 'Solidarity' in the East German Support for the Struggle against Apartheid
Popescu, Monika (McGill): Like a Herd of Kudu on the Kazakh Steppes: South African Cultural and Political Alliances with the Eastern Bloc
Leith, Rian: (De)constructing the Bridge: The Evolution of South Africa's Nuclear Non-Proliferation Policy
Simpson, Thula (Pretoria): The Bay and the Ocean: A History of the ANC in Swaziland, 1960-1980

Fri, 5 June, 17:00 – 19:00
Room: S220

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PANEL 74 RESTRUCTURING AND RE-INVENTING THE PUBLIC IN AFRICA: TRANSLOCAL AND TRANSNATIONAL GENDERED SPACES

The generation of translocal and -national spaces through women groups, activists, development workers and academics has been going on in various fields; the cohesive and reshaping power is often overseen by development policies and research. We will draw on empirical studies to analyse interfaces between these partly overlapping and sometimes fragmented translocal spheres of activism public arenas that contribute importantly to the emergence of new transnational public arena beyond Africa. We discuss social organizational structures such as self-help initiatives; local grassroots organizations; regional networking; transnational religious revival and mobilization and diversity of feminisms. Debate will focus on questions of recent reconfigurations of the public sphere in Africa, and how the changing interconnections between 'state' and 'society' as well as of social cohesion allow actors and organizations to negotiate new visions of political community and the common good; what new structures of sociality, activism, and knowledge production emerge; and in what ways these new spaces for action call into question conventional categories of analysis such as civil society.

Panelists:

Lachenmann, Gudrun (Bielefeld): Restructuring and re-inventing the public in Africa: introduction
Langewiesche, Katrin (Marseille): Transnational religion. African catholic missionary networks. An anthropological study of 'inversed' mission between West Africa and Europe
Sieveking, Nadine (Bielefeld): Globalising transnational development engagement in Mali
Routley, Laura (Aberystwyth): Local NGOs: Transnational and local publics
Achieng, Roseline (Cape Town): Negotiating an African human security architecture. Articulation of transformative voices: can young (women) female social movements do it?
Schäfer, Rita: Frauen-Rechtsorganisationen in Südafrika

PANEL OVERVIEW

Fri, 5 June

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Room: S222

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PANEL 125 IMAGINING ISLAMIC CENTERS: RESHAPING LOCALITY THROUGH SHIFTING AFFILIATIONS

This panel will concentrate on trans-regional Islamic movements and their appropriation by local Muslim communities. Starting at the end of the 19th century up to contemporary times questions will be asked on how the establishment of these movements is used to reshape localities in order to adapt to broader transformation processes in the field of society, economy or political systems. Since the middle of the 19th century, African societies went through significant changes. These transformation processes were not only shaped by e.g. the creation of nation states, but also by the emergence of new religious movements. Islamic movements refer to different geographical centres of Islamic thought. Shifts of affiliations to new Islamic movements might reflect new orders of regional or trans-regional relations. These shifts result very often in transformations of local power relations by affecting different fields of the local communities like generational or gender relations, the establishment of new religious or political elites, the securing of new trading relations or the implementation of new education systems. This panel seeks to compare effects of establishment processes of Islamic Movements be it in African Muslim communities which exist as minorities like in East or South Africa or Muslim communities which act in a Muslim majority environment like in West or North Africa.

Panelists:

Frede, Britta (Berlin): Adapting to Social Transformation: The Role of tariqa in the Establishment of qabila based Social Organization in 19th Century Mauritania

Werthmann, Katja (Mainz): Creating an abode of peace: the foundation of a Muslim settlement in western Burkina Faso

Seesemann, Rüdiger (Evanston): Three Ibrahims: The Remaking of the Tijaniyya Sufi Order in Twentieth-Century Sudanic Africa

Scharrer, Tabea (Berlin): Processes of establishing Islamic movements in contemporary Kenya: The example of the Tablighi Jamaat

Fri, 5 June, 17:00 – 19:00
Room: HS13

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PANEL 144 SOCIAL AND CULTURAL ELEMENTS IN CONFLICT FORMATION IN THE SAHEL

Conflict research on Sahelian Africa has concentrated largely on resources, such as land and water, and environmental factors, such as drought and desertification. However, conflicts in the Sahelian zone cannot be reduced into a direct struggle over resources, rather they include other significant elements, such as historical legacy, government policies, and external involvement.

Emerging from former colonial formations in the region in which Muslim tradition and Arab culture have intermixed with diverse sub-Saharan cultural realities for centuries, the contemporary Sahelian states are distinctively socially hierarchical, permitting a particular type of exclusive concentration of political and economic power. It is plausible to argue that this social hierarchy, and accordingly reproduced identities, is at the heart of culturally defined political and economic marginalization of peripheral groups. In some states in the region, such internal dynamics have been opportune for insurgencies with external dimensions, challenging the established political and economic order.

This panel welcomes both theoretical and case studies dealing with causes of insurgencies in Sahelian states, broadly defined, in an attempt to explore social and cultural issues related to the politics and economy of conflict formation.

Panelists:

Azam, Jean-Paul (Toulouse): Across the Religious Fault Line: Oil and Shifting Alliances in Chad and Sudan

George, Eric (Castellon): The Global War on Terror, Human Security and Conflict Formation in the Sahel

Munene, Macharia (Nairobi): Multiple Colonialism in Western Sahara

Ylönen, Aleksi (Madrid): Marginalization and Violence: Considering the Origins of Conflict in the Nuba Mountains of Sudan

Gaasholt, Ole Martin (London): Resources and other sources of power: Rebellion in Northern Mali



PANEL OVERVIEW

Fri, 5 June

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Room: S221

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PANEL 83 B **REGIONALIZING AFRICA. DEVELOPING THEORY AND EMPIRICISM ON REGION-BUILDING**

Regionalization processes constitute a complex and multidimensional phenomenon that challenges the traditional state-centric ontology and epistemology. How do regions come into being? Who acts as 'region-builder'? What strategies, frameworks, interests and ideas play a part in those processes and why? And how do regions relate to other spatial scales? This panel is interested in both theoretical and empirical works on the question of region-building and region-construction in Africa. It seeks thus to advance a discussion between various theories and methodological approaches to the study of regions and regionalization in Africa. Preference is given to the view that regions are social constructs and containers of culture and norms, which are continuously transformed within the framework of globalization. Indeed, just like 'states', regions are always in the making: constructed and reconstructed through social practice and in discourse, by a variety of state and non-state actors. How can traditional theoretical and methodological delimitations be overcome in order to capture developments of this spatial concept?

The empirical focus is also flexible and open-ended: studies may focus on traditional areas of regionalization like trade and security, but we also expect a coverage of more nascent regionalization processes, such as environment, development strategies, monetary policy, formal or informal cross-border micro-regions, development corridors and civil society regionalization.

Panelists:

Bruecher, Jonne (Leipzig): Beyond 'Stepping Stones' and 'Stumbling Blocs'. A Systematising View on the Debate 'Regionalism vs. Multilateralism' from a Development Economist's Perspective
Welz, Martin (Konstanz): The Paradoxes of Continentalisation
Schouten, Peer (Gothenburg): Is Regional Integration what States Make of it? The Social Construction of the African Union
Lorenz, Ulrike (Leipzig & Stellenbosch): Negotiated regions. Region-building through trade agreements

Fri, 5 June, 17:00 – 19:00
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PANEL 68 **DEATH, DECEIT AND OTHER PERSONAL DISASTERS: WHEN CONNECTIONS BACKFIRE**

Many in Africa make ends meet via distinct 'connections'. They are keen on becoming part of networks and communities, but also invest in mediators and use technologies that connect people and spaces. Thus they strive for material and spiritual benefits, search to escape and advance, communicate and travel for particular purposes.

But what happens when connections backfire – when networks fail and technologies disconnect? The prospects of membership and affiliation may crumble, just as middlemen and their services can exploit and disappoint. Mobile phone use can foster jealousy, deceit and rupture, while damage and death is often met in road travel.

This panel seeks to shed light on the instabilities, dangers and failures of connections. How do individuals experience and address these drawbacks? We invite papers that explore the multiple ways in which not only actual disconnections, but also the prospects of their possible occurrence are handled. One focus is on strategies and tactics aimed at exploring the full potential of connections whilst preventing and overcoming their drawbacks. Another is the question of who (or what) is blamed for the disasters of failing connections.

Panelists:

Archambault, Julie Soleil (London): Breaking up 'because of the phone' in Southern Mozambique: when connections backfire
Hahn, Hans Peter (Frankfurt/M.): Mobile Phones and the transformation of the society: new forms of criminality and the mastering of the new technologies in Burkina Faso
Treiber, Magnus (Bayreuth): Reinventing solidarity: how migrants from Eritrea and Ethiopia deal with disappointment, ruptures and loss
Brydon, Lynne (Birmingham): The Price of 'Family Responsibilities' in the C21

PANEL OVERVIEW

Fri, 5 June

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PANEL 58

DIASPORIC POLITICAL ENGAGEMENT IN AFRICA SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC REMITTANCES AND THEIR ROLES IN 'DEVELOPMENT', 'DEMOCRATIZATION', AND 'PEACE BUILDING'

It has been noted that Diasporas contribute tremendously to the everyday economic survival of families in many African states. Their finances support private businesses and the establishment of local infrastructure including schools, universities, and hospitals. Thus, these economic remittances are part of what usually is termed 'development' in African states. The wider field of diffusion and transformation of values, ideas, norms, behaviors, and identities between Diaspora and home-country is captured by the concept of social remittances. It focuses on the so far slightly under-researched social and political impacts of migration and Diaspora engagement. Economic and social remittances have a great potential for community development, democratization and peace building in home countries. At the same time, they can have other effects such as fuelling social and economic tensions, political conflicts and civil war. In the latter context, Diasporas are sometimes perceived as long distance 'warriors' or 'hawks' spoiling local chances for peace in African war-zones. Against this background, the workshop calls for contributions that critically engage with the potentials and tensions regarding 'development', 'democratization', and 'peace building' resulting from the global flows of resources, ideas, and values between the Diaspora and Africa.

Panelists:

Feyissa, Dereje (Halle/S.): Setting a Social Reform Agenda The Rights-based Peace Building Activities of the Ethiopian Muslims diaspora
Hoehne, Markus (Halle/S.): Education and peacebuilding in Somaliland
Pirkkalainen, Päivi (Jyväskylä): Diasporic engagement in Africa: social and economic remittances
Schlee, Günther (Halle/S.): Limits to political engagement

Fri, 5 June, 17:00 – 19:00
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PANEL 90B

(RE-)MAPPING ERITREA IN THE CULTURAL IMAGINATION: NARRATIVES OF THE NATION IN LITERATURE, THEATRE, FILM, AND THE NEW MEDIA

This panel seeks to investigate how Eritrea has been (re-)mapped, (re-)shaped and (re-)invented in various forms of Eritrean cultural expressions - literature, theatre, film, and the new media - both inside the country and from a diasporic point of view. Any period or language may be considered. While the imperial mapping of European colonialism first brought Eritrea into being as a geographic, administrative and cultural entity, textual and performative narratives soon began to creatively imagine the nation from an Eritrean perspective. This gradual cultural (re-)mapping was not only concerned with politics and (the possibility of self-)governance, but also with social, moral and artistic issues. With the beginning of the armed liberation struggle against Ethiopia, these elements were powerfully utilised by the liberation movements to produce and imagine a particular idea of a liberated Eritrean society and Eritrean nationalism. In the early 1990s, these images would form the official cultural basis of the newly independent state. Vigorously revived during the 1998-2000 Eritrean-Ethiopian border-dispute war, the narrative project of Eritrean nationalism continues to dominate public discourse in Eritrea and its ever-growing Diaspora, but is also increasingly challenged.

Panelists:

Conrad, Bettina (Hamburg): Being Eritrean 'Between Three Worlds': cultural expressions of young Eritrean-Germans in the 21st century
Schröder, Günter (Frankfurt/M.): Heart of Fire (Feuerherz): remapping Eritrea through cultural myths and clichés from Europe I: The real biography of Senait Mehari (historical and ethnological background)
Schäfer, Marco (Mainz): Heart of Fire (Feuerherz): Remapping Eritrea through cultural myths and clichés from Europe II: Faction: A proof of authenticity (literary aspects and media coverage)



PANEL OVERVIEW

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PANEL 30 AID (IN)EFFICIENCY AND THE CHALLENGES TO STATE REHABILITATION

The donor response to what they perceive as failed or collapsed states has been to (re)build the state structures but simultaneously also to build on them to reduce poverty. In other words, donor money has the ambition to kill two birds with one stone: rebuild the state and set it at work to bring more inclusive development. The interaction between international aid and the state is therefore a major theme of interest of this panel. Another theme of interest is, to paraphrase the work of Janet MacGaffey on the 'real economy', the actual or 'real' functioning of these states in the light of an unprecedented retreat of the state from its ordinary function. As a consequence, people have coped with state failure by finding local solutions to secure their livelihoods, often giving rise to what Lund (2007) calls 'twilight institutions', defying clear-cut distinctions between state and society.

This panel is particularly interested in fresh empirical research on the functioning of the state, and on the political complexities of international aid; while at the same time dealing with the theoretical questions introduced above.

Panelists:

Segers, Kaatje (Leuven): The politics of mobilising farmers for development in Tigray, Ethiopia

Wagemakers, Inge (Antwerp): How the state is (not) supporting urban vegetable producers in Kinshasa

Trefon, Theodore (Tervuren): People and public services in the Congo

Titeca, Kristof (Antwerp): The education sector in the DRC and the instrumentalization of power

Konen, Aurélie (Liège): Imported accountability and local legitimization: principles and practices in the education sector in Congo

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PANEL 124 TAXATION IN TROPICAL AFRICA – THE COLONIAL DISRUPTING MARK

Native tax payment was usually the first and deepest sign of the colonial order in African territories. In general, all colonial powers depended heavily on this income, which for most traditional societies represented a completely different way of showing political legitimacy.

Collecting taxes was sometimes almost an impossible task imposed on the inferior levels of colonial administration. However, conflicts between pre-capitalist societies and monetarised economies were further aggravated in the case of the Chartered companies, corporations empowered with State roles over vast areas of the African colonies.

This panel intends to debate the contradictions of the colonial tax policies in Tropical Africa. It will focus on Portuguese and French Africa on the period 1920-1945, a time where intense cyclical price and export fluctuations disrupted the colonial societies.

Panelists:

Santos, Maciel (Porto): Rubber trade and commercial crisis: the path to Angola's new colonial order (1890-1910)

Sebestyén, Eva (Porto): Double taxation and double power system in Mbundu villages in the first part of 20th century, Angola

Guazzini, Federica (Sienna): Taxed to the limit? A Colonial tax systems Analysis in Eritrea (1890-1952)

Allina-Pisano, Eric (Ottawa): Depressive Crisis and Useful Elites : Tax Collection and Native Affairs in Central Mozambique, 1920-39

PANEL OVERVIEW

Fri, 5 June

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Room: S228

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PANEL 34 YOUTH AS A POLITICAL FACTOR IN POST-COLONIAL AFRICA

This panel is dedicated to the analysis of youth as a political factor in post-colonial Africa. Youth is a social concept which has rather recently found entry into the analysis of African politics and which has often been studied from the perspective of intergenerational tension. However, the political role of youth in African history has been too complex to view it only as a history of the 'young and rebellious' against the 'old and established'. In some cases youth have opposed the establishment, in other cases youth, or parts of youth, have aligned themselves with the authorities or have been. The panel aims to reach a more comprehensive understanding of the political role of youth in post-colonial Africa. As youths are a very heterogeneous social category its analysis requires a look at how factors such as gender, ethnic identities, class, urban or rural background shaped the political identities of youth and youth movements. The papers in this panel, all detailed case studies from different parts of Africa, will attempt to find answers to the question to what extent youth/generation must be seen as a significant factor in the analysis of African states.

Panelists:

Fru Awasom, Nicodemus (The Gambia) and Ouman M. Bojang (The Gambia): Critical Perspectives on Gambian and Cameroonian Youths in the Political Economy of the Post Colony

Pellecchia, Umberto (Siena): Becoming elite. Sefwi Youth (Ghana) between politics and the making of subjectivity

Silbernagl, Tina (London): 'You have to handle them with care' - Affirmative action for young people in Uganda: empowered and co-optable?

Callaci, Emily (Northwestern University): 'Pole Dada!': Defining Female Delinquency and Respectability in Tanzania's Ujamaa-Era Dance-halls

Englert, Birgit (Vienna & Bordeaux) and Sophie Moulard-Kouka (Bordeaux): Hip-hop and beyond: musical youth cultures and politics in Tanzania and Senegal in comparative perspective

Fri, 5 June, 17:00 – 19:00
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PANEL 113 PLACE, SCALE AND REWARD: AFRICA'S ROLE IN THE GLOBAL ECONOMY

Africa's place in the global economy is undergoing important restructuring processes. Deep global integration in some places and sectors coexists with increased or persisting marginalization in others: a globalized dualism on the continent. The papers in this panel interrogate the following questions:

What are the terms and conditions of inclusion and exclusion in global value chains in Africa? How are the necessary technologies and knowledge being generated and reconfigured? What is the nature of investment opportunities and how are their rewards distributed? What is the role of social responsibility in corporate engagements in and with Africa? How are images and discourses on Africa reconfigured as a result of such transformations?

Panelists:

Mohan, Giles (Open University): Reterritorialising African development in the wake of Chinese interventions

Carmody, Pádraig (Dublin): A New Socio-Economy in Africa? Impacts of the Mobile Phone Revolution

Ouma, Stefan (Frankfurt/M.): Wither neoliberal Africa? Between structuralism and networks of knowledge and practices

Ponte, Stefano (Copenhagen): Disengaging Engagements: Product (RED) and Africa



PANEL OVERVIEW

Fri, 5 June, 17:00 – 19:00
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PANEL 39 REVISITING THE CITY: COLLECTIVE IMAGINATION AND THE VISUAL CULTURE OF URBAN AFRICA

The African city as a cultural and social space is experienced by many people. They share some experiences, but their experiences also differ in many regards. If an African city is seen from the distant countryside, it may look attractive because it seems to promise jobs and wealth. If the same city is seen from within, it may look like an amalgam of competing individuals and conflicting social and maybe ethnic groups. If it is seen from a bourgeois residential quarter, the centre may appear as a chaotic mess or as its opposite, as a vibrant nest of cultural creativity.

Despite their highly divergent experiences of cities, and despite the massive inequalities that persist in almost every African city, people still share an imagination of the cities they live in and how to create new possibilities for their collective future. This panel addresses questions linked to the collective imagination of African cities: How do specific individuals and social groups experience their cities? How do they express their experiences by visual and verbal means? How do they interact to evaluate their cities? How does a collective imagination of the city emerge from such processes of interaction?

Panelists:

Adamu, Abdalla Uba (Kano): Re-imagining the City in African Video Films

Frei, Bettina (Basel): The Visibility of Internet in the City of Bamenda, NW-Cameroon

Egloff, René (Basel): Photoscapes in Cameroon

Kesting, Marietta (Wien): Re-Visiting Hillbrow in Johannesburg

Siegenthaler, Fiona (Basel): 'I Like to Immerse Myself into Situations – so I'll Participate'. Interrogating the City of Johannesburg through Performance Art and Happenings

Ajibade, Babson (Calabar): Posters, Handbills and Videos: Selling God in an African City

Fri, 5 June, 17:00 – 19:00
Room: S226

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Discussant:
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PANEL 94 A TESTING FOR AND TREATING HIV/AIDS: SOCIAL AND CULTURAL EXPLANATIONS FOR FAILURE

Recent re-shaping of trans-national HIV/AIDS discourses in sub-Saharan Africa has brought a shift in policy from an emphasis on prevention strategies towards the provision of testing, counselling and treatment. Despite these renewed attempts to address the pandemic, countries such as South Africa have seen a steady rise in the number of people being infected with HIV. This panel will explore the connections between these two trends by examining the social, political, cultural and historic explanations for why current bio-scientific therapeutic responses to the pandemic have been largely ineffective. We are interested in investigating the various ways in which contested meaning and value have been ascribed to national therapeutic policies in localized contexts. The provision of ARVs is taking place against a backdrop of increasing unemployment, which contributes to a profound spiritual, social and sexual insecurity. This is expressed through idioms of witchcraft, poison and pollution. How does this widespread suspicion and mistrust of people, power and the state translate into local experiences of counselling, testing and ARV treatment?

Panelists:

Dapaah, Jonathan Mensah (Amsterdam): The Necessity of Secrecy: Accessing VCT and ART in Ghana

Rödlach, Alexander (Creighton): Making a Killing in Zimbabwe: A collapsing healthcare system and HIV/AIDS conspiracy suspicions

McNeill, Fraser (London): Antiretrovirals, Secrecy and Suspicion: The role of forced disclosure in AIDS treatment in Venda, South Africa

Nattrass, Nicoli (Cape Town): Barriers to accessing ARVs in South and Southern Africa

PANEL OVERVIEW

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PANEL 24 COUNSELLING AFRICA: SPEECH AND CONTESTATIONS OVER FAMILY, SEXUALITY, HEALTH AND THE BODY

In recent years, historical forms of counselling in Africa such as advice by the elderly, chiefs and healers have been complemented and partially replaced by professionalized types of expertise offered by NGOs, churches and state apparatuses. This raises questions as to the bodies of knowledge that are contested, promoted and disseminated, and to the domains of privacy individuals are invited to disclose in counselling. The panel aims at critically examining how in the operations of local and trans-national networks new concepts of 'expertise' are established and how they are linked to constructions of speech and consultation in the face of social problems and suffering. Moreover, the panel asks how counselling settings take shape as micro-political spaces for articulating cultural critiques.

Panelists:

Bochow, Astrid (Bayreuth): The 'invention' of discursive praxis on sexuality: counselling praxis of two Pentecostal Charismatic Churches in Kumasi, Ghana

van de Kamp, Linda (Leiden): Terapia do Amor: Brazilian Pentecostal counselling in Mozambique

Rasmussen, Luise (Copenhagen): Producing sexual ethics in counselling for Positive Living - experiences from Catholic HIV/AIDS interventions in Central and NorthWestern Uganda

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PANEL 99A CONNECTING TECHNOLOGIES AND SOCIAL CHANGE: EMPIRICAL FINDINGS AND THEORETICAL ANALYSIS

The success of mobile phones in Africa highlights the fact that connecting technologies influence African every day life and may trigger off social change. Connecting technologies include social technologies, too, e.g. new and 'old' forms of social organization, institutions based on particular beliefs and values. These technologies offer new options for agency, while at the same time posing challenges to society. They are always accompanied by the exclusion of groups or individuals. Therefore, all these technologies are important factors in re-spacing Africa.

The panel focuses on the articulation of connecting technologies and social change and presents initial empirical results and analytical approaches from social anthropology, history and sociology.

Panelists:

Bochow, Astrid (Bayreuth) and Rijk van Dijk (Leiden): Studying the reproductive sphere and its social technologies in the context of changing moral landscapes in Africa

Kuhn, Tobias (Bayreuth): Different social and magical technologies of dispute settlement used by Senegalese Marabouts

Beck, Kurt (Bayreuth): Technological dramas in the Islamic reshaping of the Sudan



PANEL OVERVIEW

Sat, 6 June, 09:00 – 11:00
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PANEL 156 REGIONALISM AND BORDERLANDS IN AFRICA: CHALLENGING THE SECURITY AND INTEGRITY OF THE STATE

Reflecting on the main theme of the conference, 'Respacing Africa', our panel brings together papers that examine the current and historic trends in regionalism and borderland issues in Africa. The papers ask to what extent these dynamics challenge the security and integrity of the African State.

Panelists:

Emmanuel, Nikolas G. (Oklahoma State): Regional Actors and State Collapse: African Solutions to African Problems?
Locatelli, Francesca (Edinburgh): Eritrean Borderlands, Banditry and the Destabilisation of the State, 1890-1950s
Záhorik, Jan (Pilsen): Is it virtual or real?: Struggle for identity and democracy in Ethiopia
Zhukov, Aleksandr (Moscow): External forces in the Sudanese intra-state conflicts outside Darfur at the recent stage

Sat, 6 June, 09:00 – 11:00
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PANEL 61A AFRICAN STUDIES AND PERSPECTIVES ON COMPARATIVE LITERATURE

This panel addresses the importance and relevance of research in comparative literature within the framework of African studies, with emphasis on African and European literatures in indigenous and European languages. It highlights different theoretical, methodological and critical perspectives on comparative literature with particular reference to a number of creative works from Africa and Europe. In pursuance of the ECAS 3 vision and that of Africanists like Willfried F. Feuser and Chidi T. Maduka (who have done a lot to enhance the study and promotion of comparative literature in Africa and the world at large), the panel deals with various academic and current issues related to the areas of interest of comparative literature in Africa, especially in the developing sub-Saharan African countries such as Nigeria. Specifically, the following relevant issues/themes with a focus on Africa will be discussed: space and time, intertextuality, interdiscursiveness, sociocriticism, cross-cultural practices, globalisation, regionalisation, localisation, gender, leadership, governance, human rights, social justice, etc.

Panelists:

Maduka, Chidi T. (Port Harcourt): Feminism, Womanism and Motherism in African Literary Discourse
Ikeokwu, Enyinnaya Samuel (Nsukka): Literary Dialogue in Drama: A Comparative Study of Gender Differences in Igbo
Okoye, Justina (Awka): African Concept of Feminism: A Study of Ifeoma Okoye's Chimere and Nafissatou Diallo's Du Tilene au Plateau
Nwaozuzu, Uche-Chinemere (Nsukka): Theatre and Globalization: Emerging Trends in the Dialectics of Performance in Sub-Saharan Africa
Fiki-George David Olatunde (Zaria): Exploration of Oral Storytelling as a Tool for Language Teaching in Nigerian Schools

PANEL OVERVIEW

Sat, 6 June, 09:00 – 11:00
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PANEL 70A RE-IMAGINING AND RE-CONFIGURING THE NATION

Countries emerging from intense and mass conflict, including (civil) war face extensive re-ordering of social structures and political institutions. In particular in southern Africa, violent conflict has been linked in various ways to liberation struggles for independence and majority rule. Reconciliation, regularly invoked as an integral part of transition is predicated on a notion of the nation that defines basic rules of inclusion and exclusion, basic societal norms and goals, as well as images of history that include the legitimacy or illegitimacy of past struggle. In this, the legitimacy of a pre-defined national territory is also involved and sometimes contested. Inevitably gross social inequality impacts heavily on such processes. Another issue concerns the resilience of local identities and their insertion into the national nexus, again on a symbolic as well as on a substantive level. The proposed panel will look specifically at the interrelationships that exist within the complex negotiating processes between social structure, social identities, institution building and public discourse on reconciliation.

Panelists:

Fiamingo, Cristiana (Milan): From father to son... negotiating for rights of inclusion into the citizenry between State legitimacy and intergenerational competition within the families of the ex-combatants in Namibia.

Becker, Heike (Cape Town): Sites of violence & memory. Mapping the Namibian Liberation War

Hunter, Justine (Windhoek): No Man's Land of Time: Dealing with Gross Human Rights Abuses of the Liberation Era [1966-1989] in Independent Namibia

Höhn, Sabine (Edinburgh): 'Sometimes the law does funny things' - International justice and reconciliation in Namibia

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PANEL 106A WRITING THE ORAL: THE BUILDING OF HISTORY AND THE NOTIONS OF 'PAST' AND 'PRESENT'

The dichotomous perspectives that frequently shape the study of oral and written forms of knowledge have tended to discard the cognitive and informational transfers between one and the other.

Although this permeability is particularly notable in the building of historical knowledge in Africa, views of African history have, for the past century and a half, been deeply rooted in a discursive framework where the oral and the written are seen as mutually exclusive categories demanding autonomous approaches.

The panel aims at convoking both Africanist historians and anthropologists to address issues concerning the construction of history and the notions of 'historical' time in contexts where written histories came to co-exist with oral traditions of a 'historical' nature. The purpose is to look at the impact of written history in the 're-shaping' of Africa.

The organizers hope to gather studies on classical cases of the weight of orality, as well as on contexts (such as Northern Ethiopia, for instance) where written sources have always taken precedence over orality, in the production of historical knowledge.

Panelists:

Boavida, Isabel (Lisbon): Different traditions, different places - the same story?

Wion, Anaïs (Paris): Ambiguities in the making and transmission of Gonj's history (Ethiopia, Gojjam)

Ramos, Manuel João (Lisbon): The space of the oral in the history of the construction of kingly territories in Gondar, Northern Ethiopia

Bekele, Shiferaw (Addis Ababa): Orality and written sources in the writing of the 18th-century history of Ethiopia

Leturcq, Jean-Gabriel (Paris): Classical anthropology vs. local history in Gambella (Ethiopia)



PANEL OVERVIEW

Sat, 6 June, 09:00 – 11:00
Room: S211

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PANEL 120 **THE SIGNIFICANCE OF MODEL UNITED NATIONS (MUNS) FOR RESPACING AFRICA**

In South Africa, both the UN and Education Africa are deeply involved in assisting High Schools and Universities in establishing MUNS, one of the fastest-emerging forms of debating in the world, for the purpose of educating future leaders and of strengthening the importance of the UN in public sphere. It is a vision that one day MUNS will become a part of UNDPs official country programmes. MUNS exist all around the globe. In Europe, for example, MUNS have spread their wings throughout Eastern Europe after the fall of the Wall. Today, almost every European country hosts at least one prestigious MUN per year. Some of them, inter alia the MUNS in Bonn, Geneva and Sofia, already co-operate with UN agencies. There are attempts in South Africa to establish the first international comparable MUN to train future leaders and to promote the importance of the UN, the largest corporation on earth, which offers a panel for wide-ranging issues. MUNS contribute in resolving the complex problems facing today's and tomorrow's world through profound research and diplomatic presentation. Issues, just like within the real UN-framework, are not only related to peace-building and global security, but also to climate change, desertification, promoting the MDGs etc. Leaders from Angola (UN), Ecuador, Italy and Spain (UN) will discuss this important tool for creating a more promising future for Africa.

Panelists:

Senoner, Diego (Bradford): Model United Nations, a Think Thank for the Youth

Sierra, José Antonio Villena (Salamanca): MUNS - The Key for the Integration in a Future World

Ngongo, Francisco Kapalu (UNDP): To What Extent the MUNS can be Useful in Post-Conflict Angola?

Monteiro, Marcos (UNCCD): Contributions and Potentials of the MUNS in the Field of Awareness-Raising on Environmental and Development Issues

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Discussant:
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PANEL 101 **PEACE BUILDING IN AFRICA: NATIONAL, REGIONAL AND GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES**

This panel explores peace building in Africa in the context of the challenges of conflict transformation, the place of Africa in the emerging post-Cold War order, and the assumptions, contending paradigms, dynamics and politics that underpin international interventionism in conflict resolution and the promotion of peace in Africa. With the end of civil wars that ravaged the continent in the 1990's, Africa has largely moved in the direction of the consolidation of peace and the newly-won post-conflict democracy, whose roots are as yet fragile. The challenges of reconciliation, the rehabilitation of war torn economies and damaged infrastructure, and the high expectations - mainly unattainable - amongst people traumatized by conflict for concrete peace dividends in the form of security, jobs, efficient and affordable social services pose serious questions and challenges to the durability of the liberal model of peace building promoted by the international community in the continent. This situation calls for a critical re-examination of the dominant paradigm of peace building in Africa, and the need for local, national and regional initiatives.

Panelists:

Adetula, Victor (Jos): African Conflicts, Development and Regional Organizations in the Post-Cold War Era

Chelapi-den Hamer, Magali (Amsterdam): Critical reflections on reintegration programs for ex-combatants: Is intervention the way to go? The experience of Côte d'Ivoire

Meyer, Angela (Vienna): Regional Multinational Peace Operations: The Case of FOMUC and MICOPAX in the Central African Republic

PANEL OVERVIEW

Sat, 6 June, 09:00 – 11:00
Room: S220

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PANEL 57

ENGENDERING RESPALED AFRICA, RESPAING GENDER IN AFRICA – HOW DO WE ARTICULATE GENDER AND SPATIAL PERSPECTIVES?

Spatial dimensions of human action are significantly influenced by gender. And gender aspects of human action have undoubtedly a spatial dimension.

Rethinking the articulation of gender and space in Africa, the panel will privilege two entry points. Firstly, in Africa, as in most parts of the world, mobility, migration, settlements, and other phenomena of this kind are different for men and women concerning their potential, conditions and consequences. There are social, political and geographical spaces that are reserved to women or men, others are open to both sexes. One of the objectives of this panel will be to analyse the evolution, the implication and the impact of the degree of segregation of these spaces. Secondly, considering the spatial dimension of processes of globalisation, regionalisation, transnationalisation, it is interesting to look into the women's rights movements in Africa. How can we analyse the spatial dimensions of these movements and their historical evolution? How do language barriers, access to NTICs and geographical dimensions like insularity influence the respacing of the women's movements in Africa? How do national, regional and global movements interact?

Panelists:

Porter, Gina (Durham): Space, place and gendered mobility: the implications of gendered patterns of rural youth mobility in Ghana, Malawi and South Africa

Oriola, Akinola (Ibadan): The ambivalence of leadership and gender problem in Tess Onwueme's 'The reign of Wazobia'

Palmieri, Joelle (Paris): Gender Digital Divide or Gender Digital Bordering? Focus on Africa

Hofmann, Elisabeth (Bordeaux): The AWID forum 2008 in Cape Town – a catalyser for overcoming spatial divides in African women's movements?

Sat, 6 June, 09:00 – 11:00
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PANEL 71

WORK AND RECREATION: THE WORLDS MISSIONARIES MADE?

With this panel we wish to reflect upon the convergence of different and not-so different divisions of work and notions of recreation resulting from cultural contact in colonial Africa in the missionary context. The practices Africans had appropriated through the missionary encounter (such as reading, writing, praying, cleaning, sewing and shooting) required new spaces, or the reconfiguring of existing spaces, to be exercised in. The meaning of these practices also changed during their appropriation: the ways they were gendered; whether they could be categorised as work or recreation and the extent to which they were performed as gestures of status or honour. In the meantime the most basic work for day-to-day sustenance (fetching water and firewood, gardening, cooking, caring for children) had to be continued in both the African and the missionary households on the quotidian level at which women in the missionary context become particularly visible. The extent to which African labour could be commissioned by missionary families to assist them with housework, not only resulted in newly gendered categories of African labour, but also released white men and women for kinds of work (and recreation) they would otherwise not have been capable of.

Panelists:

Strickrodt, Silke (London): Plain and Fancy: The role of needlework in missionary education in nineteenth-century Sierra Leone

Sill, Ulrike (Stuttgart & Basel): Due Work or Proper Recreation? Female handicraft in the Basel Mission girls' boarding schools on the Gold Coast/Ghana 1858-1880

Reichart-Burikukiye, Christiane (Bayreuth): Spaces of Honour, Spaces of Africanity: Work and leisure reconfigured in young men's social life in colonial Kenya

Hull, Elizabeth (London): Workplace Hierarchy and Moral Debate: Nostalgia for a missionary past amongst nurses in a South African hospital



PANEL OVERVIEW

Sat, 6 June, 09:00 – 11:00
Room: HS13

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PANEL 9A A BITTER NEOLIBERAL PILL: LAND TITLING AND CONFLICT IN AFRICA

Land is still the source of livelihood for a majority of people in Africa. Demographic and climatological changes have put pressure on land resources throughout the continent. Access to land has also been increasingly complicated by the neoliberal land reform agenda with its emphasis on titling and associated liberalization of land markets. The panel will examine the confluence of these factors in explaining the growing inequities in the accumulation of land and its associated modalities of possession and dispossession. Historically land has had a series of customary and state allocated rights. While conflicts have been present, mechanisms of cooperation have also been generated which have at times permitted multiparty usufruct on, for example, a seasonal basis (e.g., pastoralists and one crop growers). Partly as a result of donor pressure, property rights are changing. In Tanzania, for example, the 1999 Land Act declared that individual holdings of land allocated during villagization superceded all other claims. Individual ownership has become formally recognized through titling, leading to new conflicts associated with the land markets, property as collateral and poverty-induced sales.

Panelists:

Pitcher, Anne (Colgate): To change or not to change? Debates over revisions to Zambia's Lands Act

Derman, Bill (Ås): Land claims, claimants and chiefs: land restitution processes in Limpopo Province, South Africa

Hellum, Anne (Oslo): Women and land restitution in South Africa: How are women faring in the new models of strategic partnerships with business? The case of Levubu

Pellizzoli, Roberta (Bologna): Women small-farmers in the Chókwe irrigation scheme: possibilities and constraints in accessing and using land

Sat, 6 June, 09:00 – 11:00
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PANEL 89 AFRICA'S INTERREGIONAL SOUTH-SOUTH RELATIONS

While Africa's intraregional cooperation and relations with Europe are being increasingly scrutinized, less effort is being dedicated to the various external ties of African regions. This panel proposal aims at bringing together scholars investigating the multifaceted relations spreading across the South Atlantic, the Red Sea and the Indian Ocean. Central to the panel will be the diffusion of ideas between regional organizations with regard to the multidimensional aspects of integration.

The academic interest in African regional organizations such as SADC, ECOWAS, EAC, IGAD, etc. has risen considerably as fundamental reconfigurations have been undertaken in the 1990s. Similarly, North-South relations of these organizations, especially in the context of the EPA negotiations, are being increasingly investigated. However, there also exists a less covered range of relations with other regional organizations from Latin America, Asia, and the Middle East. The proposed panel will thus address the various forms of cooperation African regional organizations are involved in. The basic assumption of the panel is that these ties serve both the purposes of creating practical collaboration and the aim of learning from other experiences in regional integration. The panel intends to shed light on the various forms, goals and mechanisms of African interregionalism so as to set the ground for comparative approaches. Thereupon, an assessment of the prospects of deepening South-South relations could be rendered possible.

Panelists:

Pallotti, Arrigo (Bologna): Between the global and the regional: SADC and development cooperation in Africa

Adelmann, Martin (Freiburg): SADC's external relations: inter-regionalism beyond aid?

Wippel, Steffen (Berlin): Oman and Africa: Economic Relations Along the Indian Ocean Rim

Arkhangelskaya, Alexandra (Moscow): IBSA - a bridge between the three continents

de la Fontaine, Dana (Kassel) and Jurek Seifert (Tübingen): Dynamics in the South-South Cooperation between Brazil and Africa

Anaemene, Benjamin (Lagos): The Development of Africa's Interregional South-South Cooperation

PANEL OVERVIEW

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PANEL 140A NAVIGATING URBAN SPACE

Africa is still urbanizing. Visit the outskirts of any major African city to be reminded of this fact. What we see are new plots of land being acquired, new constructions being raised and new settlements being constituted. The emergence of new neighbourhoods is broadening urban spaces at considerable speed. The intention with this panel is to discuss how urban dwellers make do in African cities: how they navigate urban space and seek to carve paths toward positions of possibility and worth. We would like to see papers from a variety of perspectives: looking at urban geography as opportunity structure or at urbanity as pauperizing; seeing how people move tactically within or between formal and informal structures or how structures minimize peoples possibilities of social movement. We encourage papers focussing on the economic, political and social tactics and strategies that people apply to get by and build lives in African urban spaces.

Panelists:

Körling, Gabriella (Uppsala): Negotiating rights to the city: the development of neighbourhoods in peri-urban Niamey, Niger
Nelsen, Morten (Copenhagen): Partial visibility: house construction as inversed governmentality in peri-urban areas of Maputo, Mozambique
Beuving, J. Joost (Amsterdam): Playing Pool in the African Bush: understanding semi-urban culture on lake victoria's shores
Simone, AbdouMaliq (London): Remaking urbanization in a new global south

Sat, 6 June, 09:00 – 11:00
Room: HS15

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PANEL 129A TRANSNATIONAL AFRICAN MIGRATIONS, INEQUALITIES AND REMITTANCES

Recent scholarship has shown that remittances may contribute to an increase in inequality and then in a second time to a diminution of inequality in the country of origin. So far we possess few studies on transnational African Migration, Inequality and Remittances. The panel looks for papers that discuss this link by using recent empirical data. In fact, remittances are considered today as creating a link between the South and the North more important in nominal flows for some countries than development aid and Foreign Direct Investment. This is particularly the case in many African countries where FDI is rather low and where migrants' remittances contribute to build dispensaries, schools, small business, etc. Several states on the continent have begun to implant policies for their migrant populations but most often migrants organize themselves their development projects in hometown associations. The panel may thus permit to discuss the topic and to create a place where new insights may be gathered. The important role of transnational links created by African migrants may thus be underlined in front of policies of the European Union that try to limit access to the EU.

Panelists:

Schuerkens, Ulrike (Paris): Remittances, Inequality and Migration: A Theoretical Introduction
Åkesson, Lisa (Gothenburg): Remittances and duration of migration: Implications for social inequality in rural Cape Verde
Smith, Lothar (Nijmegen): Rules of engagement: The role of urban actors in transnational investments of migrants in houses in Accra, Ghana
Declich, Francesca (Urbino): Generational gap or remittances problem?
The case of first generation refugee mothers from Somalia in Tanzania
Drotbohm, Heike (Freiburg): Negotiating proximities, desires and distances



PANEL OVERVIEW

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Room: S225

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PANEL 112 RESHAPING AFRICA-EXHIBITS

In Europe collections of African art and material culture are housed mainly in ethnographic museums. The great majority was assembled during the colonial period and is rooted in that dark chapter of history. The panel discusses how Africa is and could be represented in the postcolonial context of exhibiting, researching and collecting in the European museum setting. It aims to initiate a critical reflection on recent strategies in these respects and an exchange of experiences.

Africa collections in ethnographic museums are facing challenges ranging from restitution issues to the uneasiness of African Diaspora communities about their representation, collaborations with African partner institutions or discussions about art or context focused presentation practices. Several ethnographic museums in Europe are in the course of reshaping their Africa-showrooms or have completed this process recently. How did these projects deal with such pending critical issues?

The panel is also understood as a first step in building a network of curators of African ethnography and art in Europe but also invites critical contributions from other research backgrounds.

Panelists:

Forni, Silvia (Toronto): Bold Angles and Sacred Courtyards. Permanent Spaces for African Collections in Toronto

Cassiman, Ann (Leuven): 'Bodies of Belonging'. Representing Rural Dwelling in Northern Ghana

Ivanov, Paola (Bayreuth): 'Benin – 600 Years of Court Arts from Nigeria': Experimenting with New Approaches to the Museum Display of African Cultures

von Lintig, Bettina (Bayreuth): What Image of Africa?

Bojović, Aleksandra (Belgrade): Images of Africa in the Museum of African Art

Stelzig, Christine (Frankfurt/M.) and Lorenz Homberger (Zurich): Contrary to Temptation! An Appeal for a New Dialogue Among Museums and Collectors, Scholars and Dealers

Sat, 6 June, 09:00 – 11:00
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PANEL 31 A 'INDIGENOUS' BORDERS AND TERRITORIAL DOMINATION IN AFRICA

Conventional wisdom in African Studies holds that prior to colonial rule, domination over people was more important in Africa than domination over land. As land was abundant, territory and its borders were negligible as compared to the control of a labor force. Consequently, 'indigenous' borders have found much less interest than the borders of colonial and post-colonial states. The panel will analyze non-colonial African borders and their importance for our understanding of political domination and economic activities in Africa. While state borders have been in the centre of many important works in African Studies, borders not related to modern states have only found scant coverage in the research. But borders between African polities are by no means inexistent. In many areas of the continent, forms of demarcated borders have existed prior to the advent of colonial rule and continue to shape societies, even if local conceptualizations of these borders have often changed after the establishment of colonial rule. Just as the study of state borders can reveal much about statehood and domination, the description and analysis of these non-state borders can be an important entry point for the study of domination in Africa and for the changing relation between domination, borders and territory.

Panelists:

Coplan, David (Johannesburg): Major Warden's Knife: African and European Conceptions of Land and Border in 19th Century Central South Africa

Zeller, Wolfgang (Helsinki): The Kingdom's Gatekeeper: Lozi Territoriality and Politics in the Sesheke Chieftaincy

Lefebvre, Camille (Paris): Spatial imaginaries in Central Sudan in 19th century

PANEL OVERVIEW

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PANEL 20A

STATES, PUBLIC BUREAUCRACIES AND CIVIL SERVANTS: ORGANISATIONAL FIELDS AND ACTORS' PRACTICES

This panel will assemble studies which analyse the 'real' workings of states and public services, and the 'doing of the state' by public servants, at both the central and local levels, from an institutional, actor or historical perspective, or their combination. We are interested in empirical studies of state practices which are predicated on the idea of their heterogeneity, as well within a state-field as between them. State practices can be more or less institutionalized, and involve a multiplicity of actors, in different composition from one field to the other. In this perspective, the state is not given once and for all, but emerges from everyday practices. Comparative studies within Africa as well with non-African situations are particularly welcome, as well as studies that bring perspectives from the sociology of organisations and bureaucracy to bear on African situations.

Panelists:

Organisers: Introduction to the panel

Debain, Mathilde (Paris): Carrières administratives et production de l'Etat au Gabon

Charton, Hélène (Bordeaux): The dynamics of power in the Cameroonian bureaucracy: a case study of the Ministry of Basic Education

Ramos, Maria (Lisbon): Civil Servants in Cape Vert. Social and political profile of top officials

Sat, 6 June, 09:00 – 11:00
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PANEL 66

LOCATING AND RE-LOCATING THE POOR: SPATIAL DIMENSIONS OF ECONOMIC INTERACTION

An economy will not evolve without continuous spatial re-structuring, including people, firms and markets. In sub-Saharan Africa, the predominant focus has been on rural-urban linkages, the growth of mega-cities, and associated phenomena like rural-urban migration, urban informality and centre-periphery relationships. Without denying their relevance, a micro-perspective reveals yet another dimension: human action cannot be described in dichotomised ways but has to be re-located in its actual context of economic, social, and political linkages. This means addressing interactions in local networks, which are shaped by spatial relations of households, firms or markets along the rural-urban continuum as well as global changes extending into the local context. Referring to the MDG's agenda, poor rural and urban livelihoods have to be located to address their needs with adapted strategies and policies. This includes questions like: Who are the poor? Where are the poor? What characterizes local strategies of escaping the poverty trap? A localization of pro-poor growth strategies on the micro-level also requires an in-depth analysis of poor people's coping mechanisms; ranging from income diversification and re-location of activities, linkages of micro and small enterprises, non-agricultural income generation, the use of social network resources, to the adaption of innovative ways of managing risks.

Panelists:

Bryceson, Deborah Fahy (Glasgow) and Jesper Bosse Jansson (Oxford): Tunneling out of Poverty? Gold Diggers' Mobility and Livelihood Strategies in Tanzania

Kappel, Robert; Rietdorf, Ute and Juliane Brach (Hamburg): Dynamics of Small and Medium-sized Firms in Rural Africa: The Case of Kakamega District, Kenya

Dekker, Marleen (Leiden): Institutions and Economic Crisis: reduced livelihood options for small holder farmers in Zimbabwe?

Giesbert, Lena (Hamburg): Locating Innovative Strategies: Microinsurance and Management of Risk in Rural Ghana

Hoeffler, Heike (Leipzig): Poverty impacts of agricultural value chain promotion - an empirical analysis of chain-specific poverty dynamics in rural Kenya



PANEL OVERVIEW

Sat, 6 June, 09:00 – 11:00
Room: S228

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PANEL 98A VIOLENT RESAPING IN KENYA? HISTORY, DYNAMICS AND FUTURE IMPLICATIONS OF THE 2007-08 POST-ELECTION CRISIS

What appeared, at the beginning, as a spontaneous revolt against the alleged rigging of the December 2007 Kenyan presidential election results, soon escalated into widespread ethnic clashes. A closer look shows a number of entangled problems and dynamics that gave room for the violence: conflicts about land that led to evictions in the name of local autochthony, long ongoing identity politics in Kenya, the use of mass mobilisation for political pressure, and the acceptance of violence as a means in political power struggle, linked to processes of the escalation of violence, and growing social as well as regional-ethnic inequality.

Kenyan civil society tried to calm down the conflict and managed to help the displaced to survive while maintaining that justice needed to be pursued. The new government faces numerous challenges, many of them related to the fair distribution of resources along social and spatial lines. The crisis, the violence and the negotiated political settlement offer many insights into the challenges of African politics and the precarious balance between democracy and a society and political culture shaped by ideas of autochthony and ethno-regional identity politics.

Panelists:

Peters, Ralph-Michael: The 2007 Kenyan cross roads elections

Wolf, Thomas P. (Nairobi): Poll positions, poles apart: The ideological chasm revealed by reactions to opinion polls in the 2007 Kenya election

Ogola, George Otieno (Lancashire): (Re-)imagining home, homeliness and nation-state: The Kenyan 'digital' Diaspora and the constructions of identities online during the 2007 post-election crisis

Neubert, Dieter (Bayreuth): Protest, violence, war? The Kenyan clashes between escalation und de-escalation

Sat, 6 June, 09:00 – 11:00
Room: HS16

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PANEL 75A REFIGURING MOBILITY, SPACE, AND SOVEREIGNTY IN SOUTHERN AFRICA

Nowhere are the effects of human migration and displacement more visible than in Africa. But while the relationship between sovereignty and mobility are central to debates elsewhere, there are few efforts to consider migration and sovereign practices on the continent. Bringing together an interdisciplinary group, this panel explores how human mobility is generating new additions to Africa's heterogeneous spatial, ethnic, national, religious, political and territorial configurations. In doing so, this panel will help integrate studies of the African state within a global literature on state sovereignty in an era of mobility.

Panelists:

Hayem, Judith (Lille): Changing ways to be South African ? When Sovereignty is Referred to an Opposition between Nationals and Foreigners

Hammar, Amanda (Uppsala): Ambivalent Mobilities: Displaced Zimbabwean Commercial Farmers in Western Mozambique

Hornberger, Julia (Zurich): Migration and the Violence of Human Rights Practice.

PANEL OVERVIEW

Sat, 6 June, 09:00 – 11:00
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PANEL 56 A FRAGMENTED AND FLUID URBANITIES

This panel seeks to foster a new understanding of urban spatialities in African contexts. It contrasts common accounts of fragmentation, polarisation, and 'new segregation', with more dynamic, fluid understandings of contemporary urban space. Dominant accounts of postcolonial or post-apartheid cities emphasize their deep-rooted or newly created morphologies of social and spatial fragmentation. According to these depictions of contemporary urban realities, the city, as such, does not exist (anymore) and is divided into bubbles of gentrification and forgotten slums, into islands of safety and hotspots of fear and terror. Wealth and spatial disparities correlate with governance disparities, triggering new forms of exclusion. This panel encourages urban scholars from a variety of disciplines (e.g. geography, sociology, political science, urban planning and criminology), to challenge the concept of the fragmented city with more dynamic, fluid theories of urban space, governance and everyday life, using temporality, movement and informal productions of space.

Panelists:

Myers, Garth (Kansas): What if the Postmetropolis is Lusaka?

Marr, Steve (Haverford): 'No one can see if your belly is empty': The politics and performance of insurgent consumption in Gaborone, Botswana

Hentschel, Christine (Leipzig): Navigating crime and the making of instant space in Durban, South Africa

Murray, Martin (Binghampton): Privatized Urbanism and the Entrepreneurial City: City Improvement Districts in Johannesburg after apartheid

Sat, 6 June

Sat, 6 June, 09:00 – 11:00
Room: S226

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Discussant:
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PANEL 94 B TESTING FOR AND TREATING HIV/AIDS: SOCIAL AND CULTURAL EXPLANATIONS FOR FAILURE

Recent re-shaping of trans-national HIV/AIDS discourses in sub-Saharan Africa has brought a shift in policy from an emphasis on prevention strategies towards the provision of testing, counselling and treatment. Despite these renewed attempts to address the pandemic, countries such as South Africa have seen a steady rise in the number of people being infected with HIV. This panel will explore the connections between these two trends by examining the social, political, cultural and historic explanations for why current bio-scientific therapeutic responses to the pandemic have been largely ineffective. We are interested in investigating the various ways in which contested meaning and value have been ascribed to national therapeutic policies in localized contexts. The provision of ARVs is taking place against a backdrop of increasing unemployment, which contributes to a profound spiritual, social and sexual insecurity. This is expressed through idioms of witchcraft, poison and pollution. How does this widespread suspicion and mistrust of people, power and the state translate into local experiences of counselling, testing and ARV treatment?

Panelists:

Idemudia, Erhabor Sunday (Limpopo): Culture, Stigma and HIV/AIDS in Africa: Overcoming testing and treatment failures

Niehaus, Isak (Brunel): Using Antiretrovirals in Bushbuckridge, South Africa: Therapeutic efficacy, medical pluralism and the problem of treatment literacy

Beckman, Nadine (Bradford): Medicines of Hope? The tough decision for antiretroviral use in Zanzibar, Tanzania

Grebe, Eduard (Cape Town): Educated patients, politicised science and the construction of credibility in South African AIDS treatment activism



PANEL OVERVIEW

Sat, 6 June, 09:00 – 11:00
Room: S223

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PANEL 109 A POST-WAR REHABILITATION PROCESSES IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA: CHALLENGES AND LEARNED LESSONS

The panel will analyze, through several recent case studies, the processes of post war rehabilitation in the region, in order to draw some learned lessons and to explore which are the main challenges they raise both to the African States and societies, and to the international assistance. Special attention will be devoted to analyze which are the main socioeconomic and political factors influencing these processes, either as facilitators or as shacklers. In this respect, it will be compared the relative weight that in such processes have the measures, transformations and advances registered in two different fields: a) human development (employment generation, poverty reduction, improvement of basic services, etc) and b) governance (elections, democratic reforms, improvements in human rights, disarmament and demobilization, etc.). To understand the relative weight of the socioeconomic factors versus the political ones in the rehabilitation processes, it is necessary to observe the transformation experienced by both of them in the transition from war to peace, as well as also their previous possible role as causes of the conflict. In this respect, the panel will analyze the potential application for the study of the rehabilitation processes of the so called 'greed and grievance' debate on the causes of civil wars.

Panelists:

González Aimé, Elsa (Madrid): Regional and international factors in the last Ethiopian transition

Mateos, Oscar (Barcelona): Forcing peace? Contradictions, tensions and dilemmas of the 'post-conflict peace-building contract' in Sierra Leone

Serrano, María (Madrid): Mediating the state-society relations: refugees, humanitarian agencies and international actors in Eastern Congo

Zirion, Iker (Bilbao): Democratic Republic of Congo. The post-war rehabilitation process and its obstacles in the Eastern part of the country

Pérez de Armiño, Karlos (Bilbao): The post-war rehabilitation process of Angola: a critical analysis of its shortcomings and distortions

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PANEL 99B CONNECTING TECHNOLOGIES AND SOCIAL CHANGE: EMPIRICAL FINDINGS AND THEORETICAL ANALYSIS

The success of mobile phones in Africa highlights the fact that connecting technologies influence African every day life and may trigger off social change. Connecting technologies include social technologies, too, e.g. new and 'old' forms of social organization, institutions based on particular beliefs and values. These technologies offer new options for agency, while at the same time posing challenges to society. They are always accompanied by the exclusion of groups or individuals. Therefore, all these technologies are important factors in re-spacing Africa.

The panel focuses on the articulation of connecting technologies and social change and presents initial empirical results and analytical approaches from social anthropology, history and sociology.

Panelists:

von Oppen, Achim (Bayreuth): Competing connections: Muslim and Christian networks across Lake Tanganyika, 1880s to 1930s

Boger, Julia (Bayreuth): Professional mobility and new technologies: German trained Ghanaian and Cameroonian job seekers and their networks

Schulze, Alexander (Bayreuth): Membership in rural health insurance schemes in Mali — root or result of social change?

Porter, Gina; Hampshire, Kate; Abane, Abert; Tanle, Augustine; Munthali, Alister; Robson, Elsbeth; Mashiri, Mac and Maponya; (Universities of Durham; Cape Coast Ghana, Malawi and CSIR, South Africa): Youth, mobility and mobile phones: findings from a three country study

PANEL OVERVIEW

Sat, 6 June, 11:30 – 13:30
Room: S201

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PANEL 6A REPRESENTATION AND SELF-REPRESENTATION IN LUSOAFRICAN SPACE

The panel could present papers about lusophone african countries from the point of view of their representation and self-representation related to the ancient imperial centre and the political and identity discourse of the 'lusofonia' system.

Papers pretend to present specific cases of renaming and rebuilding the ancient imperial space in 'periferic' contexts like Angola or Cape Vert Islands such as in diasporic contexts.

The system of 'lusofonia', from a political point of view, in many cases tries to confuse the linguistic community with the identity community and to reproduce a new modern way of the colonial and imperial politic of 'assimilação'.

The new artistic movement in Cape Vert Islands or in Angola, the ruling editorial policies in the space, the diasporic theatre, the new perspective of lusophone african space that we can see in some examples of angolan or mozambican literatures through the way they think about Brazil as a new 'center' of the lusophone system, represent innovative and possible ways of thinking every single portuguese speaking space and the whole space of the 'lusofonia'.

Panelists:

Seibert, Gerhard (Lisbon): Representation and self-representation in Cape Verde and Sao Tomé e Príncipe: a comparison of two lusophone Creole societies

Grassi, Marzia (Lisbon): Multiples identities in contemporary europe: self perception and representation in the young persons of capeverdean and angolan origin in portugal

Falconi, Jessica (Naples): Velhos e novos 'centros': a cidade e a lingua

Jedlowski, Alessandro (Naples): re-imaging the space from a situated position. A critic perspective on the 'lusophone space' through the analysis of the work of five contemporary female artist of the African diaspor

Sat, 6 June, 11:30 – 13:30
Room: S203

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Discussants:
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PANEL 61B AFRICAN STUDIES AND PERSPECTIVES ON COMPARATIVE LITERATURE

This panel addresses the importance and relevance of research in comparative literature within the framework of African studies, with emphasis on African and European literatures in indigenous and European languages. It highlights different theoretical, methodological and critical perspectives on comparative literature with particular reference to a number of creative works from Africa and Europe. In pursuance of the ECAS 3 vision and that of Africanists like Willfried F. Feuser and Chidi T. Maduka (who have done a lot to enhance the study and promotion of comparative literature in Africa and the world at large), the panel deals with various academic and current issues related to the areas of interest of comparative literature in Africa, especially in the developing sub-Saharan African countries such as Nigeria. Specifically, the following relevant issues/themes with a focus on Africa will be discussed: space and time, intertextuality, interdiscursiveness, sociocriticism, cross-cultural practices, globalisation, regionalisation, localisation, gender, leadership, governance, human rights, social justice., etc.

Panelists:

Iwuchukwu, Matthew O. (Nsukka): Functional Organization of Space and Discourse on Governance in Signate's Une aube si fragile and Ousmane's 15 ans, ça suffit!

Ibemesi, Felicia N. (Nsukka): Magical Realism in German and Igbo Literatures: A Comparative Study

Eze, Norbert Oyibo (Nsukka): Beyond Influence: The Democratic Relevance of Ola Rotimi's Adaptation of Sophocles' Oedipus the King

Oyebade, Francis (Akungba-Akoko) and Evelyn Mbah (Nsukka): Templatic Pattern and Lineation in Oral Poetry: A Comparative Study of Yoruba and Igbo Poems

Onunkwo, Martin Chibuzo (Nsukka): The Otherness of Literature: A Comparative Study of Harold Pinter's The Dumb Waiter and Wole Soyinka's Death and the King's Horsemen



PANEL OVERVIEW

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PANEL 70B RE-IMAGINING AND RE-CONFIGURING THE NATION

Countries emerging from intense and mass conflict, including (civil) war face extensive re-ordering of social structures and political institutions. In particular in southern Africa, violent conflict has been linked in various ways to liberation struggles for independence and majority rule. Reconciliation, regularly invoked as an integral part of transition is predicated on a notion of the nation that defines basic rules of inclusion and exclusion, basic societal norms and goals, as well as images of history that include the legitimacy or illegitimacy of past struggle. In this, the legitimacy of a pre-defined national territory is also involved and sometimes contested. Inevitably gross social inequality impacts heavily on such processes. Another issue concerns the resilience of local identities and their insertion into the national nexus, again on a symbolic as well as on a substantive level. The proposed panel will look specifically at the interrelationships that exist within the complex negotiating processes between social structure, social identities, institution building and public discourse on reconciliation.

Panelists:

Milando, João (Lisbon): Post-colonial violence and processes of societal transformation in Angola
Mabeko-Tali, Jean-Michel (Washington, DC): Democratic Transition and Political Identities issues in Central Africa : the Angolan case
Ferrão, Raquel (Madrid & Uppsala): Legacies of the international intervention (1992-2002) for reconciliation in Angola
Florescu, Madalina (London): The 'Return to Ethnicity' among Catholic Priests in Post-War Angola
Florêncio, Fernando (Coimbra): The M'Balundu Traditional Authorities and the Angolan State

Sat, 6 June, 11:30 – 13:30
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PANEL 106B WRITING THE ORAL: THE BUILDING OF HISTORY AND THE NOTIONS OF 'PAST' AND 'PRESENT'

The dichotomous perspectives that frequently shape the study of oral and written forms of knowledge have tended to discard the cognitive and informational transfers between one and the other. Although this permeability is particularly notable in the building of historical knowledge in Africa, views of African history have, for the past century and a half, been deeply rooted in a discursive framework where the oral and the written are seen as mutually exclusive categories demanding autonomous approaches.

The panel aims at convoking both Africanist historians and anthropologists to address issues concerning the construction of history and the notions of 'historical' time in contexts where written histories came to co-exist with oral traditions of a 'historical' nature. The purpose is to look at the impact of written history in the 're-shaping' of Africa. The organizers hope to gather studies on classical cases of the weight of orality, as well as on contexts (such as Northern Ethiopia, for instance) where written sources have always taken precedence over orality, in the production of historical knowledge.

Panelists:

Sebestyen, Eva (Porto): Written memory overwrites oral tradition
Palmeirim, Manuela (Braga): Writing the oral, and the oral use of written medicines: Ruwund and Zanzibar cases
Mesumbe, Ngade Ivo N.: Writing the oral to build African history: reflections on the (Ba)nyanga story-telling traditions in Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)

PANEL OVERVIEW

Sat, 6 June, 11:30 – 13:30
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PANEL 47 REINVENTING THE INTERNATIONAL IN AFRICA?

Until the end of the Cold War, the way Africa was perceived was essentially European-driven. The end of the Cold War marked the emergence of a new agenda away from avowed realpolitik towards what are defined as 'apolitical' concepts of democratic peace, good governance or international security. Alongside this approach, new 'Third World' actors have emerged and are developing stronger relationships with Africa, propelled by their own interests and priorities, discourses and perceptions.

To what extent are these new agendas and actors changing international perceptions of Africa and the continent's position on the international scene? In what ways do these two trends – new Western agendas and new 'Third World' actors – conflict? After decades of failure of international aid in Africa, are new approaches from India and China making any difference to Africa's development and international image? How effectively 'new' are they to Africa? How does Africa contribute to shaping or resisting the current, perceived changes? This panel will try and answer these questions by critically looking at them from different perspectives.

Panelists:

Alden, Chris (London): Africa without Europeans

Harris, Dave and Vittorini, Simona (London): Slow but steady like the elephant. The politics of Indian aid, trade and investment in West Africa

Gallagher, Julia (London): British depictions of France and China as the villainous 'other' in Africa

Gibert, Marie (London): Europe in Africa: The Same Old Story?

Sat, 6 June, 11:30 – 13:30
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Discussant:
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PANEL 22 THE 'DEVIAN'T' CHILDREN OF AFRICA: YOUTH, CRIME AND THE JURIDICAL/PENITENTIARY SYSTEM IN AFRICA

Recent works on youth in Africa underlined the ambivalence of governments towards this category. The couple maker/breakers has become almost a commonplace in analyses of youth in contemporary Africa. Building on this literature, we propose to explore, understand and witness what happens in practice when young people and children are defined as 'deviant', conceived as a 'social problem', and consequently targeted by social policies, the police, as well as the juridical and penitentiary systems. Thugs, underage criminals, street children and several other categories of out-of-place youth are today a major concern for African governments, increasingly dealing with issues of urban security, youth delinquency, and children 'at risk'. These actors are often targeted by social measures and ad hoc policies, often consequently accessing a penitentiary system of which we know very little. How are these issues conceived, constructed and dealt with by African governments? What are the causes locally acknowledged for these 'social problems'? What instruments are implemented to face them? How are the penitentiary and juridical systems in Africa responding to youth and children 'deviance'?

Panelists:

Ame, Robert (Wilfrid Laurier University, Canada): The Juvenile Justice System in Ghana: An Overview

Sauls, Heidi (Amsterdam): Prisons, Places of Safety and the criminalisation of young children in Cape Town, South Africa

Bordonaro, Lorenzo (Lisbon): Creole zero tolerance: Cape Verde, youth, and the war on crime

Payne, Ruth (London): Re-considering social policies for child-headed households in Zambia



PANEL OVERVIEW

Sat, 6 June, 11:30 – 13:30
Room: S222

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PANEL 1 CONTESTED SPACES: POLITICS AND RELIGIOUS MOVEMENTS IN CONTEMPORARY NORTHEAST AFRICA

The relationship between politics, governance and socio-religious movements is at the vortex of contested 'public' spheres in NE Africa. We seek to understand how this relationship has shaped such spaces in the region, aiming to provide a critical examination of its outcomes at different scales/levels, and with specific attention to the role of religious movements or 'revival'. Contributors to the Panel examine how the nature of the regimes has shaped the outcomes of this relationship leading both to accommodation and/or contestation between politics and socio-religious movements. Critical examinations on the basis of empirical or comparative research are offered of how this relationship has evolved at the local-regional-national and trans-national levels.

The papers will offer an analysis of the relationship between religious movements and political actors (both state and non-state actors) in public spaces within and across the region.

This relationship far from homogenous has been characterized by divergent outcomes depending on the local societies and their political regimes, and on the relationship between the states in the region and the various religious confessions and the collective movements based on them.

Panelists:

Dias, Alexandra M. (Lisbon): The impact of international actors on the rise and fall of an Islamist movement in Somalia
Abbink, Jon (Leiden): Religion and politics in Ethiopia: emerging Muslim–Christian polemics in a historical perspective
Sika, Nadine (Cairo): Egyptian Copts and the Persistence of Authoritarianism in Egypt
Østebø, Terje (Oslo): Oromumma or Umma? The questions of Islamic Reform and ethno-nationalism in contemporary Bale, Ethiopia

Sat, 6 June, 11:30 – 13:30
Room: HS13

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PANEL 9B A BITTER NEOLIBERAL PILL: LAND TITLING AND CONFLICT IN AFRICA

Land is still the source of livelihood for a majority of people in Africa. Demographic and climatological changes have put pressure on land resources throughout the continent. Access to land has also been increasingly complicated by the neoliberal land reform agenda with its emphasis on titling and associated liberalization of land markets. The panel will examine the confluence of these factors in explaining the growing inequities in the accumulation of land and its associated modalities of possession and dispossession. Historically land has had a series of customary and state allocated rights. While conflicts have been present, mechanisms of cooperation have also been generated which have at times permitted multiparty usufruct on, for example, a seasonal basis (e.g., pastoralists and one crop growers). Partly as a result of donor pressure, property rights are changing. In Tanzania, for example, the 1999 Land Act declared that individual holdings of land allocated during villagization superceded all other claims. Individual ownership has become formally recognized through titling, leading to new conflicts associated with the land markets, property as collateral and poverty-induced sales.

Panelists:

Greco, Elisa (Napoli): Collective land claims in Tanzania
Stein, Howard and Kelly Askew (Michigan): Institutional transformation, accumulation and livelihoods in rural Tanzania: land titling in Iringa District
Maganga, Faustin and Rie Odgaard (Dar-es-Salaam): Implications of land titling for land rights of pastoral communities in Tanzania

PANEL OVERVIEW

Sat, 6 June, 11:30 – 13:30
Room: S221

Panel Convenor(s):
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Chair(s):
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PANEL 157 RESPACING THE LOCAL

The first paper argues with data from Tanzania that the neo-liberal perspective fails to explain the socio-economic transformation currently taking place, as a necessary part of the development process.

The second paper explains the paradox of low malnutrition and high mortality of under-5 children in the Nyanza region of Lake Victoria Province in Kenya. It shows that the interaction of cultural, geographic and political factors can reverse the positive relationship between a good nutritional status and child mortality.

The third paper uses field data to explore networks of material accumulation around commercial farms on the South African side of the border with Zimbabwe. It identifies various economic activities, highlights their spatial dimension and sheds light on the networks through which resources and services are distributed in the Zimbabwean crisis.

The fourth paper combines field data from Johannesburg-based hawala-type informal funds transfer operators, networking with four other African countries, with the aid of the Fuzzy Cognitive Mapping tool to determine the minimum combination of policy instruments enforceable by African countries. This is necessary since the four regulatory policy instruments prescribed by the Financial Action Task Force on Anti-Money Laundering to curb their use for this and similar activities are beyond Africa's capability.

Panelists:

Müller, Bernd (London): Agrarian commercialization and transition to capitalist agriculture in rural Tanzania: limitation of the neo-liberal perspective

Priebe, Jan (Göttingen): Low malnutrition but high mortality: Explaining the paradox of the Lake Victoria Region

Bolt, Maxim (London): Farm work and trade on the Zimbabwean-South African border: Exchange, remittance and gender in spatial perspective

Ahwireng-Obeng, Frederick (Witwatersrand): Policy choices in regulating trans-national remittance networks in sub-Saharan Africa

Sat, 6 June, 11:30 – 13:30
Room: HS14

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PANEL 140B NAVIGATING URBAN SPACE

Africa is still urbanizing. Visit the outskirts of any major African city to be reminded of this fact. What we see are new plots of land being acquired, new constructions being raised and new settlements being constituted. The emergence of new neighbourhoods is broadening urban spaces at considerable speed. The intention with this panel is to discuss how urban dwellers make do in African cities: how they navigate urban space and seek to carve paths toward positions of possibility and worth. We would like to see papers from a variety of perspectives: looking at urban geography as opportunity structure or at urbanity as pauperizing; seeing how people move tactically within or between formal and informal structures or how structures minimize peoples possibilities of social movement. We encourage papers focussing on the economic, political and social tactics and strategies that people apply to get by and build lives in African urban spaces.

Panelists:

Davis, Edward (Cambridge): Navigating Congolese transnational space: the Kinshasa-Brussels Connection

Andersson, Ulrika (Uppsala): The wrong clothes: reinterpreting spaces in a Nigerian City

Potts, Deborah (London):

Groves, Zoë (Keele): Malawian Migrant Identity in Colonial Harare

Bedert, Martin (Leiden): The minibus as a mode and medium in urban Malawi

Goebel, Allison (Ontario) and Belinda Dobson (Western Ontario): Health in contemporary urban South Africa: coping strategies and struggles for low-income households



PANEL OVERVIEW

Sat, 6 June, 11:30 – 13:30
Room: HS15

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PANEL 129B TRANSNATIONAL AFRICAN MIGRATIONS, INEQUALITIES AND REMITTANCES

Recent scholarship has shown that remittances may contribute to an increase in inequality and then in a second time to a diminution of inequality in the country of origin. So far we possess few studies on transnational African Migration, Inequality and Remittances. The panel looks for papers that discuss this link by using recent empirical data. In fact, remittances are considered today as creating a link between the South and the North more important in nominal flows for some countries than development aid and Foreign Direct Investment. This is particularly the case in many African countries where FDI is rather low and where migrants' remittances contribute to build dispensaries, schools, small business, etc. Several states on the continent have begun to implant policies for their migrant populations but most often migrants organize themselves their development projects in hometown associations. The panel may thus permit to discuss the topic and to create a place where new insights may be gathered. The important role of transnational links created by African migrants may thus be underlined in front of policies of the European Union that try to limit access to the EU.

Panelists:

Mafukidze, Jonathan and Vandudzai Mbando (Pretoria): Low-income African migrant women and social exclusion in South Africa

Sarr, Papa Amadou (Paris): Financial Crisis, Remittances and Inequality in Senegal

Campbell, John (London): John (Development in The Horn: Is their a future for Diaspora-based development?

Boger, Julia (Bayreuth): Remigration and development: A comparative analysis of German trained Ghanaian and Cameroonian graduates and their reintegration into the labour force

Sat, 6 June, 11:30 – 13:30
Room: S225

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Discussant:
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PANEL 53 NEWS, NETWORKS AND NATIONALISM: PRINT CULTURES IN WEST AFRICA 1860-1960

Drawing on the diverse research interests of the speakers, this panel will share some of the forthcoming research of established and up and coming researchers in west African print history. This will include explorations of Yoruba intellectual production in 19th Century Lagos, religious ephemera in the Nigerian Eastern Mail, anonymity and pseudonyms in the African-owned press and the debates around gendered schooling in early 20th century presses.

These papers will reflect the diverse sources including but not limited to, CWAS newspaper collections, the Nigerian National archive, the Africana collection, Ibadan; personal deposits at Rhodes House, and work at the Library of Congress. It is expected that these papers will speak closely to the theme of re-shaping and re-imagining Africa through exploring regionalisation, discussing as they do, a period in which newsprint travelled and referenced events and ideas across colonial borders, in terms of (but not restricted to) staff movements, personal histories, news-focus and print aspirations.

Panelists:

Hastings, Charlotte (Edinburgh): A 'peculiar problem': the debates surrounding schooling for girls in the interwar Nigerian press

Muniz Improtá, Nara (Stirling): An 'indecent monogamist' or a 'faithful polygamist'? Published debates on Christian polygamy in Yorubaland, c.1880-1930

Newell, Stephanie (Sussex): Something to Hide? Anonymity and Pseudonyms in Colonial African-Owned Newspapers

Oduntan, Oluwatoyin (Dalhousie): Provincial Newspapers and the shaping of Modernity in Abeokuta, 1900-1950

PANEL OVERVIEW

Sat, 6 June, 11:30 – 13:30
Room: S213

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PANEL 31B ,INDIGENOUS' BORDERS AND TERRITORIAL DOMINATION IN AFRICA

Conventional wisdom in African Studies holds that prior to colonial rule, domination over people was more important in Africa than domination over land. As land was abundant, territory and its borders were negligible as compared to the control of a labor force. Consequently, 'indigenous' borders have found much less interest than the borders of colonial and post-colonial states. The panel will analyze non-colonial African borders and their importance for our understanding of political domination and economic activities in Africa. While state borders have been in the centre of many important works in African Studies, borders not related to modern states have only found scant coverage in the research. But borders between African polities are by no means inexistent. In many areas of the continent, forms of demarcated borders have existed prior to the advent of colonial rule and continue to shape societies, even if local conceptualizations of these borders have often changed after the establishment of colonial rule. Just as the study of state borders can reveal much about statehood and domination, the description and analysis of these non-state borders can be an important entry point for the study of domination in Africa and for the changing relation between domination, borders and territory.

Panelists:

Dobler, Gregor (Basel): Territorial domination, factor endowment and migrant labor in Northern Namibia

Ogen, Olukoya (Ife-Ife): Border Gerrymandering in Pre-colonial and Colonial Africa: A Comparative Analysis of the Border Dynamics along the Ikale-Ondo-Ijebu and Edo Borderlands

Matthys, Gillian (Ghent): Is every border indigenous? Borders in the Lake Kivu region during the colonial period

Sat, 6 June, 11:30 – 13:30
Room: S215

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PANEL 20B STATES, PUBLIC BUREAUCRACIES AND CIVIL SERVANTS: ORGANISATIONAL FIELDS AND ACTORS' PRACTICES

This panel will assemble studies which analyse the 'real' workings of states and public services, and the 'doing of the state' by public servants, at both the central and local levels, from an institutional, actor or historical perspective, or their combination. We are interested in empirical studies of state practices which are predicated on the idea of their heterogeneity, as well within a state-field as between them. State practices can be more or less institutionalized, and involve a multiplicity of actors, in different composition from one field to the other. In this perspective, the state is not given once and for all, but emerges from everyday practices. Comparative studies within Africa as well with non-African situations are particularly welcome, as well as studies that bring perspectives from the sociology of organisations and bureaucracy to bear on African situations.

Panelists:

Poppe, Julie (Leuven): Foresters and pisteurs in the Park W (Burkina Faso)

Glasman, Joel (Leipzig & Paris): The making of an African police force in Togo (1933-1963)

Hull, Elizabeth (London): Paperwork, rights and the contradictions of accountability in a South African hospital

Laube, Wolfram (Bonn): Creative bureaucracy. Balancing power and negotiating interest in resource management in northern Ghana



PANEL OVERVIEW

Sat, 6 June, 11:30 – 13:30
Room: S202

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PANEL 135 **POVERTY AND PEACE IN THE AFRICAN COUNTRIES: DEBATE ON THE POSSIBLE CORRELATIONS**

The panel aims discussing the correlation between poverty and peace/war in Africa. It addresses both theoretical and methodological issues and empirical research. Moreover, it combines comparative analysis and the long term perspective of such correlations. The majority of the analyses of poverty in the African countries refer to the weight and role of war in the improvement – or not – of life conditions, especially post-independence conflicts, ethnic conflicts, among others. However, there are no studies that specifically concentrate on the direct relationship between war/peace and the increase/reduction of poverty in these countries, which have different colonial pasts and have taken different social and economic paths in recent years. The analysis of such correlations within an historical and comparative perspective constitutes an important framework for the discussion that the panel foresees. The debate will also focus on the reciprocal implications of these perspectives to the empirical analysis and to policy options driven by them.

Panelists:

Witsenburg, Karen; Roba, Adano; Dietz; Ton; Zaal, Fred (Halle/S. & Amsterdam): The Resource Curse: geographical parameters in African arid areas reconsidered

Bénard da Costa, Ana (Lisbon): 'We are the Grass, We Suffer': reflections on war and poverty in Mozambique

Lopes, Carlos Manuel (Lisbon): Which Effects of Peace in the Reduction of Poverty? A preliminary reading of empirical data collected in Luanda

Nascimento, Augusto (Lisbon): Perceptions of Poverty, Peace and Violence in São Tomé and Príncipe

Denney, Lisa (Aberystwyth): The Security-Development Nexus in Policy and Practice: a view from Sierra Leone

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PANEL 98 B **VIOLENT RESPACING IN KENYA? HISTORY, DYNAMICS AND FUTURE IMPLICATIONS OF THE 2007-08 POST-ELECTION CRISIS**

What appeared, at the beginning, as a spontaneous revolt against the alleged rigging of the December 2007 Kenyan presidential election results, soon escalated into widespread ethnic clashes. A closer look shows a number of entangled problems and dynamics that gave room for the violence: conflicts about land that led to evictions in the name of local autochthony, long ongoing identity politics in Kenya, the use of mass mobilisation for political pressure, and the acceptance of violence as a means in political power struggle, linked to processes of the escalation of violence, and growing social as well as regional-ethnic inequality.

Kenyan civil society tried to calm down the conflict and managed to help the displaced to survive while maintaining that justice needed to be pursued. The new government faces numerous challenges, many of them related to the fair distribution of resources along social and spatial lines. The crisis, the violence and the negotiated political settlement offer many insights into the challenges of African politics and the precarious balance between democracy and a society and political culture shaped by ideas of autochthony and ethno-regional identity politics.

Panelists:

Lafargue, Jérôme (Nairobi): A weird atmosphere. Hidden spread of violence and political apathy

Karanja, Steven Kabera (Oslo): Post-Election violence in Kenya: Sowing democracy in a constitutionalism vacuum

Mitullah, Winnie (Nairobi): Bridging Nationalism and regionalism gap in post elections violence, Kenya

Kasfir, Nelson (Dartmouth): Power-Sharing, parties and fundamental reform in Kenya

PANEL OVERVIEW

Sat, 6 June, 11:30 – 13:30
Room: HS16

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PANEL 75 B **REFIGURING MOBILITY, SPACE, AND SOVEREIGNTY IN SOUTHERN AFRICA**

Nowhere are the effects of human migration and displacement more visible than in Africa. But while the relationship between sovereignty and mobility are central to debates elsewhere, there are few efforts to consider migration and sovereign practices on the continent. Bringing together an interdisciplinary group, this panel explores how human mobility is generating new additions to Africa's heterogeneous spatial, ethnic, national, religious, political and territorial configurations. In doing so, this panel will help integrate studies of the African state with a global literature on state sovereignty in an era of mobility.

Panelists:

Bakewell, Oliver (Oxford): The End of Laissez-Faire Refugee Integration? Reasserting Sovereignty on the Zambia/Angola border
Cornellison, Scarlett (Stellenbosch): Respatialising Authority: Migrant/migration Regimes and Their Challenge(s) in Southern Africa
Wa Kabwe Segatti, Aurelia (Witwatersrand): Regional migration Policy Fora in Southern Africa: Bilateral Hegemony, Regional Integration and Policy Transfers

Sat, 6 June, 11:30 – 13:30
Room: HS17

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Discussant:
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PANEL 56 B **FRAGMENTED AND FLUID URBANITIES**

This panel seeks to foster a new understanding of urban spatialities in African contexts. It contrasts common accounts of fragmentation, polarisation, and 'new segregation', with more dynamic, fluid understandings of contemporary urban space.

Dominant accounts of postcolonial or post-apartheid cities emphasize their deep-rooted or newly created morphologies of social and spatial fragmentation. According to these depictions of contemporary urban realities, the city, as such, does not exist (anymore) and is divided into bubbles of gentrification and forgotten slums, into islands of safety and hotspots of fear and terror. Wealth and spatial disparities correlate with governance disparities, triggering new forms of exclusion. This panel encourages urban scholars from a variety of disciplines (e.g. geography, sociology, political science, urban planning and criminology), to challenge the concept of the fragmented city with more dynamic, fluid theories of urban space, governance and everyday life, using temporality, movement and informal productions of space.

Panelists:

Pieterse, Edgar (Cape Town) Exploratory Notes on African Urbanisms
Wenz, Laura (Münster): The rise of the creative economy in Cape Town and its implications for urban development
Houssay-Holzschuch, Myriam (Lyon) and Annika Teppo (Helsinki): Crossovers: publicizing the post-apartheid city?
Freund, Bill (Durban): Kinshasa: the Congolese Elite and the Fragmented City



PANEL OVERVIEW

Sat, 6 June, 11:30 – 13:30
Room: S226

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Discussant:
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PANEL 94 C TESTING FOR AND TREATING HIV/AIDS: SOCIAL AND CULTURAL EXPLANATIONS FOR FAILURE

Recent re-shaping of trans-national HIV/AIDS discourses in sub-Saharan Africa has brought a shift in policy from an emphasis on prevention strategies towards the provision of testing, counselling and treatment. Despite these renewed attempts to address the pandemic, countries such as South Africa have seen a steady rise in the number of people being infected with HIV. This panel will explore the connections between these two trends by examining the social, political, cultural and historic explanations for why current bio-scientific therapeutic responses to the pandemic have been largely ineffective.

We are interested in investigating the various ways in which contested meaning and value have been ascribed to national therapeutic policies in localized contexts. The provision of ARVs is taking place against a backdrop of increasing unemployment, which contributes to a profound spiritual, social and sexual insecurity. This is expressed through idioms of witchcraft, poison and pollution. How does this widespread suspicion and mistrust of people, power and the state translate into local experiences of counselling, testing and ARV treatment?

Panelists:

Crewe, Mary (Pretoria): Pills and blades

Attree, Lizzy (Western Cape PSHA): Literature, AIDS and Knowledge

Jones, Peris (Oslo): Dreams Today: Accessing AIDS medication and the politics of scale in South Africa's periphery

Kumar, Rekha A. (University of Botswana) and Patrice Cailleba (Pau): Human Rights and Ethical Concerns in opt-out HIV Testing Policy: The case of Botswana

Sat, 6 June, 11:30 – 13:30
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PANEL 109 B POST-WAR REHABILITATION PROCESSES IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA: CHALLENGES AND LEARNED LESSONS

The panel will analyze, through several recent case studies, the processes of post war rehabilitation in the region, in order to draw some learned lessons and to explore which are the main challenges they raise both to the African States and societies, and to the international assistance. Special attention will be devoted to analyze which are the main socioeconomic and political factors influencing these processes, either as facilitators or as shacklers. In this respect, it will be compared the relative weight that in such processes have the measures, transformations and advances registered in two different fields: a) human development (employment generation, poverty reduction, improvement of basic services, etc) and b) governance (elections, democratic reforms, improvements in human rights, disarmament and demobilization, etc.). To understand the relative weight of the socioeconomic factors versus the political ones in the rehabilitation processes, it is necessary to observe the transformation experienced by both of them in the transition from war to peace, as well as also their previous possible role as causes of the conflict. In this respect, the panel will analyze the potential application for the study of the rehabilitation processes of the so called 'greed and grievance' debate on the causes of civil wars.

Panelists:

Kisekka-Ntale, Fredrick (Kampala): From Conflict to Peace or From Conflict to Conflict? Emerging Land-related issues and Limitations to Peace and Postwar Reconstruction in Northern Uganda

Baquero, Jairo (Madrid): Productive projects, employment and post-conflict rehabilitation: experiences from some countries of West Africa

Ljunggren-De Silva, Nilani (Stockholm): Girls Education in Post-Conflict Context. Case Study: Liberia

Ruiz-Giménez, Itziar (Madrid): Gender equality challenges in peace-building in Africa

PANEL OVERVIEW

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PANEL 99C

CONNECTING TECHNOLOGIES AND SOCIAL CHANGE: EMPIRICAL FINDINGS AND THEORETICAL ANALYSIS

The success of mobile phones in Africa highlights the fact that connecting technologies influence African every day life and may trigger off social change. Connecting technologies include social technologies, too, e.g. new and 'old' forms of social organization, institutions based on particular beliefs and values. These technologies offer new options for agency, while at the same time posing challenges to society. They are always accompanied by the exclusion of groups or individuals. Therefore, all these technologies are important factors in re-spacing Africa.

The panel focuses on the articulation of connecting technologies and social change and presents initial empirical results and analytical approaches from social anthropology, history and sociology.

Panelists:

de Bruijn, Mirjam (Leiden): How mobile telephony (re)shapes the social landscape in Cameroon: a case study

Archambault, Julie Soleil (London): Mobile phones and the 'commercialization' of relationships in Southern Mozambique

Taiwo, Rotimi (Obafemi Awolowo University & Freiburg): 'The Thumb Tribe' & innovative English usage: creativity and social change in the context of SMS messages in Nigeria

Macamo, Elisio and Dieter Neubert (Bayreuth): Products of modernity and social change: A case study of cell phones

Sat, 6 June, 14:30 – 16:30
Room: S201

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PANEL 6B

REPRESENTATION AND SELF-REPRESENTATION IN LUSOAFRICAN SPACE

The panel could present papers about lusophone african countries from the point of view of their representation and self-representation related to the ancient imperial centre and the political and identity discourse of the 'lusofonia' system.

Papers pretend to present specific cases of renaming and rebuilding the ancient imperial space in 'periferic' contexts like Angola or Cape Vert Islands such as in diasporic contexts.

The system of 'lusofonia', from a political point of view, in many cases tries to confuse the linguistic community with the identity community and to reproduce a new modern way of the colonial and imperial politic of 'assimilação'.

The new artistic movement in Cape Vert Islands or in Angola, the ruling editorial policies in the space, the diasporic theatre, the new perspective of lusophone african space that we can see in some examples of angolan or mozambican literatures through the way they think about Brazil as a new 'center' of the lusophone system, represent innovative and possible ways of thinking every single portuguese speaking space and the whole space of the 'lusofonia'.

Panelists:

Sanches, Manuela Ribeiro (Lisbon) and Pires Leonor Martins (Lisbon): start spreading the news. Visual representations of 'Africa' in the Portuguese press.

Martins, Ana (Manchester): Self-representation in Paulina Chiziane's Niketche: Uma historia de poligamia

Apa, Livia (Naples): A enunciação do outro como pratica de re-mapeamento da Nação em Ruy duarte de Carvalho



PANEL OVERVIEW

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Room: S203

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PANEL 64A AFRICAN LITERACIES

With the reduction of illiteracy rates by 2015 in developing countries as one of the MDG indicators, an interdisciplinary investigation into African literacy practices is indeed timely. In this panel we define literacy broadly, as the ability to read and write, a complex semiotic activity and product, an important sociolinguistic resource as well as a marker of social and linguistic inequality. This panel assembles nine contributions from mainly European-based scholars coming from a wide range of disciplines (incl. African studies, sociolinguistics, linguistics, anthropology), dealing with an equally wide range of topics (incl. policy and planning, pedagogy, history, texts, scripts, translation, acquisition and use) and reporting from research carried out in a very wide stretch of African places (from Morocco to Mozambique and from Sudan to Senegal). We believe that an understanding of the meanings and modalities of literacy in various African contexts enhances our understanding of African social dynamics at large. The progress towards achieving the MDG targets in education and reducing illiteracy rates in general can be more adequately explained through such a broader conceptualization of literacy manifested in different forms across languages and cultures in African communities.

Panelists:

Lüpke, Friederike (London): Beneath the surface: Arabic-based scripts in West Africa

El Aissati, Abder (Tilburg): Script choice and power struggle in Morocco

Abdelhay, Ashraf K. (Cambridge): When a sociolinguistic 'dialect' is strategically essentialised as 'a language': The case of the Tima language committee in the Sudan

Juffermans, Kasper (Tilburg): Texts in the field: Repertoires and regimes of literacy in a Gambian village

Humery, Marie-Eve (Paris): Place and space in the Pulaar movement: Methodological and ideological dimensions of autochthonous literacy in North Senegal

Bondarev, Dmitry (London): Tarjumo of the Kanuri 'ulama': A language between written exegesis and oral translation

Sat, 6 June, 14:30 – 16:30
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PANEL 70C RE-IMAGINING AND RE-CONFIGURING THE NATION

Countries emerging from intense and mass conflict, including (civil) war face extensive re-ordering of social structures and political institutions. In particular in southern Africa, violent conflict has been linked in various ways to liberation struggles for independence and majority rule. Reconciliation, regularly invoked as an integral part of transition is predicated on a notion of the nation that defines basic rules of inclusion and exclusion, basic societal norms and goals, as well as images of history that include the legitimacy or illegitimacy of past struggle. In this, the legitimacy of a pre-defined national territory is also involved and sometimes contested. Inevitably gross social inequality impacts heavily on such processes. Another issue concerns the resilience of local identities and their insertion into the national nexus, again on a symbolic as well as on a substantive level. The proposed panel will look specifically at the interrelationships that exist within the complex negotiating processes between social structure, social identities, institution building and public discourse on reconciliation.

Panelists:

Meneses, Maria Paula (Coimbra): 'What we remember is not history': the many layers of memory in Mozambique

Leturcq, Jean-Gabriel (Paris & Cairo): Sudan in Search of National Unity: Cultural Heritage Policies and the Peace Process

Ogola, George Otieno (Lancashire): (Re-)imagining home, homeliness and nation-state: The Kenyan 'digital' Diaspora and the constructions of identities online during the 2007 post-election crisis

PANEL OVERVIEW

Sat, 6 June, 14:30 – 16:30
Room: S212

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PANEL 133

BEYOND 'GOING NATIVE': CHALLENGES OF EMPIRICAL SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH IN RURAL AFRICA

Empirical social science research in rural Africa is a multi-faceted process implying pros and cons for many individuals concerned. This panel allows a critical and self-reflexive discussion on contemporary challenges and prospects of the topic.

Conducting social science research in the field in rural Africa is never neutral. It is an intervention in itself, despite the research methodology, technique or tool applied. As a matter of fact, research faces the dilemma that staff and apparatus necessarily involved in a research project always becomes a component (not a member!) of the community to be investigated. Intensive local level long-term inquiry is likely to raise the target group's awareness on a particular topic, to thoughtfully reflect on it and even to change perspectives and views on that topic substantially. Paradoxically, qualitative in-depth techniques, currently modern as an empathic way of understanding coherencies in 'other cultures', are likely to be more intrusive and to involve greater reactivity than quantitative approaches. Research may not only provoke change in thoughts and views, but incites behaviour going into the opposite direction of the researchers' normative goals.

The panel will critically and self-reflexive discuss how social science research is practically executed in rural Africa, and what the (unwanted? unanticipated?) consequences are.

Panelists:

Hauck, Jennifer (Bonn): Uncovering networks of exploitation: Experiences from research on fisheries management in Northern Ghana
Stellmacher, Till (Bonn): The interventionist dilemma: Experiences from local level research in the Ethiopian rainforests
Jakobsen, Hilde (Bergen): Adapting focus group methodology to rural Tanzania: Reducing the presentation of the African self to the white 'other'

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Room: HS13

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PANEL 85

RISK AWARENESS, DISCOURSES AND THE CONSTITUTION OF NEW SOCIAL SPACES

The social and political organization of technologically more advanced societies draws to a certain extent from perceptions of risk. These modes of organization have acquired a new meaning in Africa with the impact of ecological and technological risks through development policy and practice. The panel wants to look into the implications of this development to spatial organization in Africa.

Risk inheres into the spatial organization of social relations. Notions of public health, e.g., can be central in determining where individuals live and what economic and industrial activities can take place where. The same notions can confer authority on certain individuals (medical doctors, technological experts, activist, etc.) to speak knowledgeably about individual conduct and social relations. Risk awareness and discourses, therefore, can be construed as forms of discharging authority and power with wide-ranging consequences on the constitution of social spaces. We want to address these issues on two levels. The first should be a description of the forms taken by risk awareness and discourses on the ground while the second looks into how strategic interests (development policy, social movements, economic groups, governments) draw from such discourses to intervene in society.

Panelists:

Borszik, Anne-Kristin (Bayreuth): Expectations, surprises and uncertainties. Dispute settlement in Eastern Guinea-Bissau
Müller-Mahn, Dettlef (Bayreuth): Africans at risk versus Africans taking risks: Does space matter?
Bloemertz, Lena (Fribourg) and Elisio Macamo (Bayreuth): Making room for intervention: risk awareness and space in two African settings
Kiragu, Serah Wambui (Bayreuth): Drought risk, vulnerability and drought coping strategies in the semi-arid regions of Kenya



PANEL OVERVIEW

Sat, 6 June, 14:30 – 16:30
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PANEL 153 **DARFUR, CHAD AND CAR – SPACES OF WAR VERSUS REGIONALISATION AND HISTORY**

What are the spaces of war? A simple answer would be Darfur and Eastern Chad, or the complex made up of the three countries (Chad Sudan and CAR) but we all know that it is not anymore true and some pundits may even argue that it hardly has been the case from the early stage of this conflict. Darfur these days has to be saved from afar: thanks to various civil society coalitions and through the pressure on some capitals including Washington and Beijing. The panel intends to look at the way activists have reframed the Darfur conflict to target the Islamist regime in Khartoum and some of its international allies, though keeping a quite stance on other aspects of a disturbing reality.

Panelists:

Gabrielson, Maria (Paris): Saving Darfur from afar: can Western advocacy movements bring peace to Sudan?

Lanz, David (The Swiss Peace Foundation): The Dark Side of Good Intentions: Blind Spots of the Darfur Advocacy Movement

Berg, Patrick (Transparency International): Transcending the Physical Space of War : The International Discourse of Crisis Intervention

Debos, Marielle (Paris): Spatial, social and political mobility: How Chadian combatants cross borders

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PANEL 140C **NAVIGATING URBAN SPACE**

Africa is still urbanizing. Visit the outskirts of any major African city to be reminded of this fact. What we see are new plots of land being acquired, new constructions being raised and new settlements being constituted. The emergence of new neighbourhoods is broadening urban spaces at considerable speed. The intention with this panel is to discuss how urban dwellers make do in African cities: how they navigate urban space and seek to carve paths toward positions of possibility and worth. We would like to see papers from a variety of perspectives: looking at urban geography as opportunity structure or at urbanity as pauperizing; seeing how people move tactically within or between formal and informal structures or how structures minimize peoples possibilities of social movement. We encourage papers focussing on the economic, political and social tactics and strategies that people apply to get by and build lives in African urban spaces.

Panelists:

Kurcz, Maciej (Silesia): How to survive in an Africa city: a migrant in the face of urbanization processes in the South Sudanese Juba

Rasmussen, Jacob (Roskilde): Nairobi as a space for political and social survival for the urban poor

Bjarnesen, Jesper (Uppsala): Living for the city: mobile life making in Korhogo, Côte d'Ivoire

Newell, Sasha (Virginia): Bizness and 'blood brothers': social networks, quartiers, and the survival tactics of 'urban warriors' in Abidjan

de Boeck, Filip (Leuven)

PANEL OVERVIEW

Sat, 6 June, 14:30 – 16:30
Room: HS15

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PANEL 76 VISUALISING MIGRATION, EXCLUSION, AND REPRESENTATION IN SOUTH AFRICA

The use of photography and video generates new possibilities for representing and re-shaping social and spatial relations. Using visual imagery generated through a variety of approaches -- archival photos, video, and self-production -- this panel explores dimensions of the migration experience that would otherwise remain invisible. In doing so, it reflects on migrants' aspirations, fears, and position in South African history and contemporary politics. It also explores questions of the researchers' relations with the subject of their study and the forms of data acceptable for academic analysis. Where possible, it speaks to new forms of collaboration in generating theoretically challenging and empirically grounded analyses.

Panelists:

Naidoo, Riason (Cape Town): The Indian in DRUM Magazine in the 1950s - Contesting Propaganda Notions of South Africa's Indian Community via photography

Wanjiku Kihato, Caroline (Pretoria): „Seeing me as I am’: Using Visual Diaries to Interrogate Migrant Women’s Self-Representations in Johannesburg

Spitz, Andy (LeftEye Productions): Angels on Our Shoulders: A Film about The Human Spirit in a Time of Inhumanity.

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Room: S225

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PANEL 55 PASTING THE LANDSCAPE: POSTERS, ARCHIVES AND VISUALITIES

Spatial contexts need to be conceptualised in order to be experienced. Visuals are central in this respect, acting as (physical) markers, framing visual experiences and shaping identities. This panel looks at the (historical) roles of posters and related visuals such as photographs in the construction of (public) visual fields of communication and consumption in southern Africa. Visuals act as both image and object, as such raising particular methodological issues. Of central concern to this panel are questions relating to the multiple, conflicting and contested ways in which visuals have acted or are acting, how they have been or are perceived, appropriated and remembered.

Panelists:

Rizzo, Lorena (Zurich): „Posters in Action’: New Perspectives on Everyday Visualities

Henrichsen, Dag (Basel): Posters, Public Reading Sites and Historical Photography in Colonial Namibia

Miescher, Giorgio (Basel): Posters and Contexts: „The Photographic Poster Archive’

Echtler, Magnus (Bayreuth): The Prophet, the Masses, and the Holy Mountain: Visualising Place and Identity in the Nazareth Baptist Church, South Africa

Ukah, Asonzeh (Bayreuth): Sacralising Urban Landscape: Religious Advertising in Post-Apartheid South Africa



PANEL OVERVIEW

Sat, 6 June, 14:30 – 16:30
Room: S213

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PANEL 107A ABSENCE AS A SPACE OF EMERGENCE. DAY-TO-DAY COPING WITH SOCIAL EXCLUSION, TRANSNATIONALISM AND GLOBALIZATION

Major developed countries are currently led to rebalance their Governmental and Administrative responsibilities. This mostly entails increased recourse to the private sector for discharging these; shifting them to local authorities (subsidiarity), especially in the matter of territorial governance and social exclusion. Accordingly, unique political, economic and social spaces are emerging. Their main feature is what could be called 'absence' as defined by the lack of representation; actively participating into political life and recognition of other social groups. The panel analyse individual and collective modes of action confronting the absences in a context where local and national functional spaces intersect horizontally with transnational relations. The analysis aims to identify the productivity of social practices stemming from activities normally considered as 'negative', 'liminal', 'marginalized' or 'peripheral'. The analysis seeks to identify the shifting 'frontiers' between these, and other conditions, and the factors at stake in this constantly evolving process. Attention is focussed on the appropriation of resources and representations in the inter-related fields of production, internal and external mobility, as well as social and political regulation.

Panelists:

Ciavolella, Riccardo (Paris & Milan): Can the Absent be Accountable. Sahel Marginal Population's Political Imaginaries of a distant State

Leduc-Grimaldi, Mathilde (Tervuren): Presence of absents? Alien 'Abusivi' Traders Marking the City out in Venice

Roy, Alexis (Paris): La privatisation de la filière coton au Mali

Panella, Cristiana (Tervuren): Cultural heritage at the Margins. The wood-carvers on the 'Maison des Artisans' in Bamako (Mali) between reification and survival economies

Luning, Sabine (Leiden): Beyond the Pale of Property: Gold miners meddling with mountains in Burkina Faso

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Chair(s):
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Discussant:
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PANEL 20C STATES, PUBLIC BUREAUCRACIES AND CIVIL SERVANTS: ORGANISATIONAL FIELDS AND ACTORS' PRACTICES

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Panelists:

Bergamaschi, Isaline (Paris): Building state capacities? The case of the PRSP Unit in Mali

Niboyet, Manon (Bordeaux): Prison administration in Senegal and Mauritania

Willott, Chris (Bath): Get to the bridge and I will help you across: Merit, personal connections and money as route to success in Nigerian Higher education

Schroven, Anita (Halle/S.): The people, the power and public service: Political identification during Guinea's general strikes in 2007

PANEL OVERVIEW

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PANEL 62A THE HISTORICAL ROOTS OF POVERTY AND WELL-BEING IN AFRICAN COUNTRIES

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Panelists:

Candotti, Marisa (Naples): Cotton Growing and Textile Production in Northern Nigeria from Caliphate to Protectorate c. 1804-1914': A Preliminary Examination

Widgren, Mats (Stockholm): Mapping precolonial African agriculture

Moradi, Alexander; Gareth, Austin and Joerg Baten (London): Institutions, policies and living standards in Ghana, 1870 - 1970: Lessons from spatial and temporal patterns in body stature

Oonk, Gijsbert (Rotterdam): Explaining the economic success of South Asians in East Africa, 1880 -1940. Beyond Economy and Sociology and a quest for Business History.

Iwuagwu, Obi (Lagos): Culture and Poverty among the Igbo of Southeast Nigeria

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Panelists:

Chachage, Chambi (Dar-es-Salaam): When does a native or settler become a dual citizen?

Hayem, Judith (Lille): Changing ways to be South African? From a participant belonging to the nation to a regime of differentiation between nationals and foreigners

Pelican, Michaela (Zurich): Cameroonian migrants in Gabon: Immigration policies and citizenship rights

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PANEL 151 **LOCAL STRATEGIES OF ADAPTATION TO CLIMATE CHANGE IN AFRICA**

African landscapes are shaped by livelihood systems which build on natural resources. For the past decades, farmers, herders and other resource users in Savannah environments experience changing biophysical conditions due to climate change, such as less or erratic rainfall, changing quality of soil and pasture, or falling water table. People in rural areas respond to these changes by applying innovative technologies and using new or time-tested adaptive social strategies. The four case studies will illustrate on-going local climate change with the help of natural science data, as well as talk about local discourses, historical developments, the national political context and the impact on the local landscapes to link all aspects in a political ecology perspective. The ethnographic studies of this panel were conducted in interdisciplinary research projects on the local impact of climate change in Kenya, Ghana and Senegal. They include case studies on food relief & social vulnerability, fisheries, agriculture and regional out-migration.

Panelists:

Kiragu, Serah Wambui (Bayreuth): Social Vulnerability and Drought Coping Strategies in the Semi-arid Regions of Kenya
Hauck, Jennifer (Bonn): Increasing Flexibility to Adapt to Climate Change: Fisheries in Small Reservoirs of Northern Ghana
Laube, Wolfram; Awo, Martha and Benjamin Schraven (Bonn): Potentials and Limitations of Shallow Groundwater Irrigation in Response to Climate and Environmental Changes in Northern Ghana
Martin, Bernhard (Halle/S.): Successful Migrants, Failing Peasants. Rural-urban Migration and De-agrarianisation as Adaptive Strategies of the Sereer Ndut of Western Senegal

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PANEL 64B **AFRICAN LITERACIES**

With the reduction of illiteracy rates by 2015 in developing countries as one of the MDG indicators, an interdisciplinary investigation into African literacy practices is indeed timely. In this panel we define literacy broadly, as the ability to read and write, a complex semiotic activity and product, an important sociolinguistic resource as well as a marker of social and linguistic inequality. This panel assembles nine contributions from mainly European-based scholars coming from a wide range of disciplines (incl. African studies, sociolinguistics, linguistics, anthropology), dealing with an equally wide range of topics (incl. policy and planning, pedagogy, history, texts, scripts, translation, acquisition and use) and reporting from research carried out in a very wide stretch of African places (from Morocco to Mozambique and from Sudan to Senegal). We believe that an understanding of the meanings and modalities of literacy in various African contexts enhances our understanding of African social dynamics at large. The progress towards achieving the MDG targets in education and reducing illiteracy rates in general can be more adequately explained through such a broader conceptualization of literacy manifested in different forms across languages and cultures in African communities.

Panelists:

Henriksen, Sarita M. (Roskilde): Reflections on the language education issue in Mozambique
Asfaha, Yonas M.; Kurvers, Jeanne and Sjaak Kroon (Tilburg): Literacy acquisition in different scripts: Lessons from Eritrea
Jackson, Kizza Mukasa (Kampala): Using break through to literacy in primary schools: Experience and lessons from Uganda
Blommaert, Jan (Tilburg): Discussant's remarks

PANEL OVERVIEW

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Discussant:
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PANEL 10 AFRICA AND NEOLIBERAL CONDUCT – REEXAMINING GOVERNMENTALITY

The concept of governmentality for the study of Africa has received significant attention within disciplines such as development studies, criminology, political geography or anthropology. Whereas governmentality studies have highlighted indirect and enabling strategies of power, empirical studies have yet to analyse in more detail aspects of coercion on the one hand and spaces for resistance by the target populations on the other.

By interrogating the relationship between regimes of knowledge and political technologies, governmentality studies have directed the focus of analysis from the state towards non-state actors and from institutions to practices. However, some crucial aspects remain under-researched.

Panelists:

Dill, Brian (Illinois): Sowing the seeds of support: Recognizing grassroots organizations in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

Koita, Clare (Edinburgh): Power and resistance in the Malian cotton sector. How relevant is the concept of governmentality?

Bachmann, Jan (Bristol): Grow – not give. Them – not us: The naturalisation of the US African Command and the transformation of the US military

Hansson, Stina (Gothenburg): The MDGs negotiated. Implementing water sector reform in Niger

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PANEL 105A CONFLICTS AND CONCEPTIONS OF AFRICAN IDENTITIES

Conflicts characterize all human societies. Many of these derive from differences in the ways people define their identities. Africa has witnessed conflicts arising from diversities bordering on religious, ethnic, cultural, linguistic and racial differences. While some conflicts have led to desirable social adjustments - like the transformation of South Africa after the collapse of apartheid - others have impacted negatively on African societies, leading to schisms and devastating crises. This panel seeks to engage diversity as a major factor in re-spacing Africa. It seeks to bring an interdisciplinary outlook to exploring the connection between the multiplicity of African identities and how these can be transformed into an asset for advancing the dreams and aspirations of the continent. Drawing scholarly investigations from various fields in the Humanities and the Social Sciences, the panel aspires to bring informed reflection to bear on the challenges that this state of affairs poses to the aspirations of Africa to development.

Panelists:

McLaren, Joseph (Hofstra): Obama's Kenyan Ethnicity: New African Diaspora Identity and Conflict Resolution

Anchimbe, Eric (Bayreuth): Construing of the 'francophone' by the anglophone Cameroonians in online discourse

Sierra, Juan Carlos (Blacksburg): Discourse, Practices and Historical Representations in two Guerrilla Groups-Colombia-Angola, (ELN-MPLA)

Koya Ogen (Ile-Ife): A Yoruba Image with an Edo Identity: Exploring the Crisis of identity among the Ikale of Southeastern Yorubaland

Oha, Obododimma (Ibadan): African Identity as Humorous Discourse

Madibbo, Amal.

Waziri, Ibrahim Maina (Bayreuth & Maiduguri): Conflicts and conceptions of African identities: the Nigerian experience, 1900-2000 a protocol for African discourse



PANEL OVERVIEW

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PANEL 116 'BEIJING CONSENSUS' VERSUS 'POST-WASHINGTON CONSENSUS'? CHINA'S IMPACT ON AFRICA'S SOCIO-ECONOMIC SPACES

In recent years there has been an increasing debate on the nature and scope of China's engagement in Africa. Academic reflections have resulted in diverse interpretations concerning the possible benefits for African development. In this respect it is interesting to discuss the impact of Chinese policies on Africa's socio-economic spaces. Is the 'Beijing-Consensus' replacing the 'Post-Washington-Consensus'? This panel aims at bundling papers containing the latest research results in order to arrive at a better understanding of Africa's socio-economic spaces.

In debating the socio-economic consequences of Chinese policies in Africa it will be helpful to be guided by four areas: (1) trade, (2) investment, (3) aid, and (4) immigration (Asche/Schüller 2008). During panel discussions we would like to discuss the question of how the above mentioned factors influence socio-economic spaces. Additionally it shall be considered whether China's impact will lead Africa on a path of improved development. This might have far-reaching consequences on current perspectives concerning the broader China-Africa debate.

Panelists:

Tarrósy, István (Pécs): Sino-African Partnership and Its Consequences via the Case of Tanzania
Geenen, Sara (Antwerp): Win-win or unequal exchange? The case of the Sino-Congolese 'Cooperation Agreements'
Taylor, Ian (St. Andrews): Chinese Engagement with Africa: An Evaluation

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PANEL 67 SPACES OF (IN)SECURITY

In recent decades, many countries in Africa have experienced profound transfigurations in the provision of human security. These transfigurations are largely triggered by the emergence and augmented prominence of new local, regional and transnational security providers, such as private security companies, militias, mercenary organisations, vigilantes, and UN peace-keepers, each of whom enacts particular 'spatialities of security' and, in so doing, promotes specific (spatially defined) forms of social inclusion and exclusion. With a view to case studies from various parts of Africa, the panel examines challenges and conflicts that arise at the interface of different 'spatialities of security', for example when people in a particular site are confronted with competing claims to politico-legal sovereignty that are based on different conceptualizations of (social) space. Particular attention is paid to the question of how these processes at the interface of 'spatialities of security' are linked to what has been called 'security dilemma', that is, to the widely observed phenomenon that attempts to increase the security for some people implies the decrease of security of others.

Panelists:

Goepfert, Mirco (Mainz): Abstention, Delegation, Imposition: Security in Nocturnal Niamey, Niger
Jacobs, Carolien (Halle/S.): The Provision of Order and Security by Pocket Lions in Gorongosa, Central Mozambique
Onuoha, Godwin (Halle/S.): Contesting the Space: The State and the Emerging Context(s) of Igbo Self-Determination in Nigeria
Eguavoen, Irit (Bonn): Security and Services among Nigerian Students

PANEL OVERVIEW

Sat, 6 June, 17:00 – 19:00
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PANEL 82 TRANS-LOCAL ENTANGLEMENTS AND LOCAL DISPUTES MUSLIMS IN CONTEMPORARY AFRICA

In the 20th century Muslim trans-local (as well as trans-national) entanglements have multiplied and so have local disputes. In the negotiation of local disputes, Muslims often refer to trans-local poles of political, social and religious orientation in order to (de-)legitimize agendas of reform and/or to (de-)legitimize established practices of Islam. Trans-local references do not remain un-disputed, though, and are the focus of discussions over questions of (religious, political) authority and the hegemony of interpretation. These disputes are presented on many different platforms and in many different modes and media: mosques, schools, newspapers and the internet. African Muslims have also adopted modern (both 'Western' and 'Islamic') models of political organization, of societal association or education and have started to study at universities in Saudi Arabia, Malaysia and Turkey. Also, African Muslims have started to participate in public debates in other parts of the Islamic world. At the same time, Iran, Saudi-Arabia, Libya and others have tried to instrumentalize African Muslims for their own political aims and respective religious agendas. These agendas have again been used by African Muslims in the context of local or national disputes. The multiplication of poles of orientation as well as the economic and social transformation of African Muslim societies in the 20th century has thus opened new spaces for the negotiation of conflict and development. This panel proposes to discuss ways in which African Muslims move and act in multiple arenas and how they translate ideas of reform, of societal development and political agency into local and/or national realities.

Panelists:

Kresse, Kai (Berlin): Sunnis versus Shias in Swahili-Islamic pamphlets

Janson, Marloes (Berlin): The Battle of the Ages and the Sexes: The Case of the Tablighi Jama' at in The Gambia

Desplat, Patrick (Berlin): Cultures of Debate. Islamic Saints, Drugs and Gossip in Ethiopia

Gilsaa, Soren (Copenhagen): Islamic reform and politics in Tanzania; situating the Ansar as-Sunna in Tanzania's historical politics of Islam

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Room: HS13

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PANEL 126A DYNAMICS OF DISINTEGRATION AND COLLAPSE: AFRICAN SOCIETIES FACING HUNGER, VIOLENCE AND MIGRATION

The population shift from rural to urban of the last four decades, influenced by the cumulative effects of external interventions, weakened rural economies and increased external dependency by concentrating people in unproductive cities. This contributed to change the intended 'developmental' dynamics of African societies into downward spirals of disintegration and collapse.

The current 'food and energy crisis', undermines the precarious livelihood of peri-urban and rural societies. Migration, is turning from a well known diversification strategy on the household level into an increasingly risky endeavour and further feeds the dependency from external forces.

Panelists:

Milando, João (Lisbon): Disintegration of African Agrarian Societies: some analytical problems

Larcher Carvalho, Ana (Lisbon): How do external interventions in the field of agriculture and food security interact with the dynamics of rural societies in Africa?

Schiefer, Ulrich (Lisbon): Invisible dynamics of intervention - turbulences in the grey zone between global dynamics and African Agrarian Societies



PANEL OVERVIEW

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PANEL 50 CHIEFS AS POLITICIANS AND DEVELOPERS: POSTCOLONIAL TRANSFORMATIONS IN LOCAL ARENAS IN WEST AFRICA

The panel addresses the dynamics of chieftaincy, politics and development in present-day political and social transformations in local arenas in West Africa. We witness, on the one hand, struggles for rooting and appropriating local politics in traditional socio-political structures that have found a particularly fertile ground in the era of democratisation. On the other hand, we observe attempts to promote a citizenship regardless of ethnic and regional belonging. Accordingly, people should first and foremost be seen as citizens rather than members of different communities and ethnic groups. Yet, citizenship must still be materialised and given political meaning. And as the role of 'tradition' and 'culture' is frequently expressed in discourses on citizenship, institutions and actors are framed to fit into discourses on democracy and development. Panel participants will not only contextualize ethnographic settings where chiefs are at the interface of politics and development, but also reflect upon how politicians and developers in turn take on chiefly attributes and paraphernalia in exercising power.

Panelists:

Körling, Gabriella (Uppsala): Chiefs and the city: the changing role of chiefs in local development and land transactions in peri-urban Niamey, Niger

Skalnik, Peter (Hradec Králové): Chiefs as Developers and Politicians in Nanun Chieftom of Northern Ghana

Zougouri, Sita (Uppsala & Ouagadougou): Kweretiv between development, politics and religion in Bougnounou, Burkina Faso

Hagberg, Sten (Uppsala): Ritual, Power and Recognition: Masaya, Golotigiya and the Association de Développement Tiefo Amoro in Burkina Faso

Sat, 6 June, 17:00 – 19:00
Room: HS15

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PANEL 84 ITINERARIES AND THE CONSTITUTION OF SPACES: CROSS-DISCIPLINARY PERSPECTIVES ON MOBILITIES IN AFRICA AND BEYOND

The panel focuses on itineraries, i.e. paths of mobility that are understood in a dual sense: as actor-centred practices as well as areas of representation. Africa can convey a meaning as geographical, imagined or socially constructed space. Mobility – understood in the broadest definition, the media with which itineraries are 'travelled' through and constraints to mobility – such as physical, racial or social boundaries, the actors and their agency stand in the limelight. Itineraries refer to spatiality without proceeding from holistic notions of space. Not departure and arrival, but the movement itself is centred, with all its constraints, opportunities and limitations. Productive effects of such movements, be they spatial or social, shall be highlighted within heterogeneous itineraries transecting time and space. Mobility is not only spatial but social and imagined, e.g. through religious practices. Focusing on itineraries permits us to analyze mobilities from a cross-disciplinary perspective and to understand the processual quality of the making and unmaking of spaces. Africa – as geographical, imagined or socially constructed space – might be the centre, an exclusive arena, a peripheral space or an abstract reference within the itineraries. Africa is thus not pre-conceived as a geographically defined space, but includes constructed notions, i.e. by diasporic actors.

Panelists:

Schürmann, Felix (Hannover & Frankfurt/M.): African Encounters with American Whalers: A Research Framework on the Example of Walvis Bay, ca. 1788-1869

Salazar, Noel B. (Leuven): African roots, routes and rumours: From tourism imaginaries to dreams of cosmopolitanism

Yaron, Hadas (Tel Aviv): Demarcating boundaries, overcoming borders: The Journeys of African Refugees from Africa to Israel

PANEL OVERVIEW

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Anders, Gerhard (Zurich): The state in society. A note on the anthropology of the African state
Munoz, Jose-Maria (Northwestern University): The eye of the state. Tax officials and the production of authority over business activities in Northern Cameroon
Wa Kabwe-Segatti, Aurelia (Witwatersrand): The turn-around strategy from below: bureaucratic reform among South African Home Affairs migration officials in Johannesburg
Carvalho, Clara (Lisbon): Civil society or civil servants? The construction of the public space in Guinea-Bissau

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Panelists:

Frankema, Ewout (Utrecht): Raising Revenue in the British Empire, 1870-1940; How 'extractive' were colonial taxes?
Gardner, Leigh (Oxford): Colonial origins of corruption? Tax collection in Kenya and Northern Rhodesia 1900-1938
Jerven, Morten (London): Colonial copper and post-colonial Diamonds: 20th century boom and bust in Zambia and Botswana compared
Malki, Xerxes Isaac (New York): Creating a 'business community' - the politics of controlling the Lebanese population of Ghana, c. 1925 - 1970
Kees van Donge, Jan (Leiden): Macroeconomic stabilisation, poverty and growth in Nigeria as compared to Indonesia in the mid-1980s



PANEL OVERVIEW

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Panelists:

- Dedich, Francesca (Urbino): Somali 'Bantu' within and between countries: claiming recognition and citizenship
Balkenhol, Markus (Amsterdam): Slavery and the negotiation of citizenship. How the Dutch deal with their colonial heritage
Delpino, Gaia (Milan): The coming back from the diaspora and the traditional rule in the Ahanta West District of Ghana: A case study
Kleist, Nauja (Copenhagen): Chiefs without borders? The transnationalization of Ghanaian chieftaincy

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PANEL 95 A CRITICAL APPRAISAL OF LUSOFONIA AS SEEN THROUGH CULTURAL PRACTICES IN PORTUGUESE-SPEAKING AFRICA

This panel investigates recent cultural practices of cinema (in Portuguese speaking African countries), oral and literary narration (in the Mozambican diaspora), music (in late colonial and present day Angola), and the plastic arts (in Mozambique and Angola). By looking at the situatedness of these practices in places that are imagined as both local and non-local, the panelists question the usefulness of the concept of a 'lusophone community' or lusofonia. The papers suggest that other spatializations are more useful for getting at the processes at work, in no small part because they emerge from the practices and cultural producers themselves. But these other imaginations – be they global, national, regional or sub-national, are not also critically engaged both by practitioners and by the panelists. The scholars on this panel have disciplinary homes in anthropology, sociology, Portuguese language and literature and history and institutional homes in Brazil, Portugal, the U.K. and the United States. We hope first to do a close reading of cultural practices and secondly to use those readings to think about the possibilities and limits of the idea of a lusophone community as well as other forms of territorialization.

Panelists:

- Arenas, Fernando (Minnesota): Lusophone Africa On Screen: After Utopia and Before the End of Hope
Paredes, Margarida (Lisbon): New Africanities in South Brazil
Siegert, Nadine (Bayreuth): Real and virtual cultural areas in Angolan Popular Culture
Khan, Sheila Pereira (Manchester): Are we all Lusophones? Decolonising the 'post' in Portuguese postcolonial culture

PANEL OVERVIEW

Sun, 7 June, 09:00 – 11:00
Room: S203

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PANEL 12 THE ROLE OF SCHOOLS IN THE RECONFIGURATION OF TERRITORIES

The administrative redrawing of territories by colonial power as well as the pyramidal structure of the school system led to a new relationship between the populations and the territory. From his village in the bush to the federal capital, from elementary school to the école normale, the pupil initiated new social and political networks. During his training, the pupil would rediscover the local territory (the 'petite patrie' celebrated by the school system), the teacher would teach local tales and legends, local folklore, histories of the village or district. This trend emerged in the thirties through the 'ruralisation' of school and would continue after independence, fostered by African states notably backed by UNESCO.

Panelists:

Labrune-Badiane, Céline (Paris): The initiatory course of Malick of its village of Casamance in Saint-Louis, capital of the AOF in the Thirties
Smith, Etienne (Paris): 'Cultural work', 'petites patries' and regionalism in the writings of West African teachers in the Bulletin de l'Enseignement en AOF (1930-1960)

Diallo, Abdoulaye (Paris): Le rôle de l'école dans la révolution sékoutouréenne

Lafon, Michel (Linguist Cnrs-Llacan Seconded to IFAS, South Africa): The South African education system in an African perspective - a belated alignment?

Sun, 7 June, 09:00 – 11:00
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PANEL 88 PATRIMONIAL ISSUES AND TERRITORIAL RECOMPOSITIONS

The objective of the proposed workshop is to analyse the impact of multifold heritage issues in the reorganization of territories in sub-Saharan Africa. As the common heritage of a community, this ancient or recently build testimony of the past can be thought of as embedded in space (natural reserves, museums, buildings, ruins...); but can also be considered cultural (religion, moral authority, history). The processes of promoting, securing, restoring, and manipulating what has to be transmitted to future generations involves (implies) many alternatives which would have an impact on the structure of the territory. Contributions could study the impact of the heritage issue in the organisation of space (several scales of analysis can be considered: cities, district, countries, villages, coasts) as well as its impact on the development of new economic areas (tourism, culture). Another approach could be to consider power stakes underlying the territory's restructuring processes, in particular when considering manipulations of the patrimony (succession, issues of the indigenous people, religions).

Panelists:

Manière, Laurent (Paris): Le culte Goro dans l'Afrique coloniale: Origines, trajectoires et stratégies d'implantation.

Belaidi, Nadia (Paris): Ecological front and peri-urbanisation in the Cape Town Metropolitan area : patrimonialisation strategy versus peri-urbanisation process ?

Martineau, Jean-Luc (Ibadan): La patrimonialisation identitaire du bois sacré d'Osogobo (Nigeria)

Martins, Ana Cristina (Lisbon): Uses and reuses of archaeological sites: Zimbabwe on (the) agenda(s)



PANEL OVERVIEW

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PANEL 105B CONFLICTS AND CONCEPTIONS OF AFRICAN IDENTITIES

Conflicts characterize all human societies. Many of these derive from differences in the ways people define their identities. Africa has witnessed conflicts arising from diversities bordering on religious, ethnic, cultural, linguistic and racial differences. While some conflicts have led to desirable social adjustments - like the transformation of South Africa after the collapse of apartheid - others have impacted negatively on African societies, leading to schisms and devastating crises. This panel seeks to engage diversity as a major factor in re-spacing Africa. It seeks to bring an interdisciplinary outlook to exploring the connection between the multiplicity of African identities and how these can be transformed into an asset for advancing the dreams and aspirations of the continent. Drawing scholarly investigations from various fields in the Humanities and the Social Sciences, the panel aspires to bring informed reflection to bear on the challenges that this state of affairs poses to the aspirations of Africa to development.

Panelists:

Shitemi, Naomi (Moi): Linguistic Identities and diversities: Cross -Border and Vehicular Languages as Foregrounded in Eastern Africa
Beneventi, Luca (Emilia): The 'Ritual Identities' of the Dagara of North-Western Ghana: Conflict and Belonging
Raji, Wumi (Ile-Ife): African Cultural identity: Between Nativism and Cosmopolitanism
Schraml, Carla (Marburg): Ethnicised and regionalized politics and internal conflicts in Rwanda and Burundi
Ajala, Ajala Suleiman (Mainz): Party Politics Political Hegemony and the (Re) making of the Youths in Ibadan Politics, Western Nigeria
Dasylva, Ademola (Ibadan): The Gender of Modern Nigeria Politics: The Nigerian Woman in the Eye of the Storm
Okunoye, Oyeniyi (Bayreuth): The Haunting Presence of the Past in Ogaga Ifowodo's The Oil Lamp

Sun, 7 June, 09:00 – 11:00
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PANEL 148 REFLECTIONS ON AFRICA'S INTEGRATION PROJECT

Drawing on AISA's ongoing research on continental integration this panel will provide reflections on the progress, challenges and opportunities for the African integration project. It will interrogate developments ranging from the political front where they manifest in the 'grand' debate on the union government, to issues of peace, security, governance and questions of Africa's capacity to realize its vision of a peaceful and prosperous continent. In exploring this expansive and oft contested terrain, the panel will landscape six issue areas that have a bearing on the integration project. These are the status of the political and economic integration – that manifests itself in the 'grand' debate on the union government that has been taking place in various forms most significant of it being during the AU summit of June/July 2006; the state of peace and stability; the pursuit of the various development goals; and the state of Africa's governance and democracy, all three viewed as the critical prerequisites of Africa's aspirations for its regeneration. The panel will also address itself to the state of Africa's human resource capacity to realize its vision of a peaceful and prosperous continent.

Panelists:

Nwonwu, Francis (AISA): Regional Integration Implications for Continental Unity and Development in Africa
Check, Nicasius (AISA): Sovereignty and Economic Rights: Revisiting Aspects of Integration in the Communautaire Economique et Monétaire de l'Afrique Centrale (CEMAC). Subregion and Implications for a United Africa
Zeka, Sandile (AISA): Does governance promote cohesion or is it a catalyst of polarization in the education sector? The case of South Africa and Lesotho
Makgetlaneng, Sehlare (AISA): Is the New Partnership for Africa's Development Appropriate Programme Serving Africa to Achieve Integration?
Adetula, Victor (Jos): Myth and Reality of Regional Integration in Africa: Between Collective Self-reliance and Global Trade Regimes

PANEL OVERVIEW

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Panelists:

Macamo, Elisio (Bayreuth): Violence, brutality and social order: A case study of the Mozambican civil war

Bøås, Morten (Oslo): The users for force: Militia membership and social transformations in the Mano River Basin

Heitz, Kathrin (Basel): Living under the domination of rebels: Insights into interactions between rebels and civilians in post-conflict western Côte d'Ivoire

Förster, Till (Basel): New social actors or neo-traditional actors? Social analysis and the conceptualization of actors in a rapidly transforming post-conflict society

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Panelists:

Agbenyiga, DeBrenna (Michigan State): Defining Childhood in Ghana

Hampshire, Kate (Durham): The Search for Belonging: Youth Identities and Inter-generational Relations in an African refugee Context

Appiah, Mark (Strathclyde): Girls' Nubility Rites in the Manya Krobo Paramountcy in the Eastern Region of Ghana

Tagoe-Darko, Eva Dedei (Kumasi): Traditional Teachings and Practices for Child Health in Ghana

Porter, Gina (Durham): Children's Rights, Mobility, Transport in Ghana: Access to Education and Health Services



PANEL OVERVIEW

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Room: S222

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PANEL 87A

LA QUESTION DU POUVOIR DANS LES RECOMPOSITIONS SOCIALES ET RELIGIEUSES CONTEMPORAINES EN AFRIQUE DU NORD ET DE L'OUEST

Depuis la fin de la guerre froide, qui avait participé à structurer et orienter les diverses « voies de développement » des pays que l'on disait du « tiers monde », les sociétés africaines connaissent localement des bouleversements importants dont la compréhension nécessite le développement de micro analyses fondées sur un retour constant sur le terrain et le dépassement des découpages disciplinaires classiques des universités européennes. Pour tenter d'éclairer les recompositions sociales et religieuses contemporaines de l'Afrique du Nord et de l'Ouest un groupe de recherche international et multidisciplinaire s'est constitué et a pu développer ses recherches de 2005 à 2008 grâce à un financement de l'ANR française complété par le ZMO de Berlin.

Panelists:

Caratini, Sophie (Tours): Introduction

Marfaing, Laurence (Hamburg): La posture paradoxale des employés de l'administration coloniale en Mauritanie au moment de l'indépendance

Correale, Francesco (Tours): Mémoire, paternalisme et violence dans le rapport colonial au Sahara espagnol

Lecoq, Baz (Ghent): The slave trade to Mecca from West Africa in the mid 20th century

Sun, 7 June, 09:00 – 11:00
Room: HS13

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PANEL 126B

DYNAMICS OF DISINTEGRATION AND COLLAPSE: AFRICAN SOCIETIES FACING HUNGER, VIOLENCE AND MIGRATION

The population shift from rural to urban of the last four decades, influenced by the cumulative effects of external interventions, weakened rural economies and increased external dependency by concentrating people in unproductive cities. This contributed to change the intended 'developmental' dynamics of African societies into downward spirals of disintegration and collapse.

The current 'food and energy crisis', undermines the precarious livelihood of peri-urban and rural societies. Migration, is turning from a well known diversification strategy on the household level into an increasingly risky endeavour and further feeds the dependency from external forces.

Panelists:

Martin, Bernhard (Halle/S.): Demographic pressure, running short resources and the failing to appear catastrophe. The dynamics of livelihood strategies among the Moba-Gurma farmers of Northern Togo

Dünnwald, Stephan (Lisbon): No way out: Failed migration in Mali

Almeida, Joelma (Lisbon): Migrant decision-making in conflict-induced migration in Africa

PANEL OVERVIEW

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PANEL 46

FROM PORTERS AND CANOE-MEN TO BUSBOYS AND RAILWAYMEN, TOWARDS A SOCIAL HISTORY OF LABOUR AND TRANSPORT IN AFRICA

Labour and transport are integrally connected in Africa. For a wide variety of reasons, related primarily to geography and climate, the bulk of transport in Africa, prior to the introduction of motorised transport in the early 1900s, was conveyed by human labour. It was only in specific sectors of the Sahel and southern Africa, where the absence of horse sickness and the tsetse fly (the purveyor of trypanosomiasis, sleeping sickness) allowed for the use of pack animals. Similarly it was only on Africa's lakes and on specific and limited stretches of the African river systems that boats could operate with sails. In contrast to the image of a stagnant or at best slowly moving continent, the movement of people -and with them goods and ideas- was and is the standard, and extensive trading systems and trade routes existed within and across Africa, all of which were totally dependent on African labour. Hitherto research into the relationship between labour and transport has been comparatively understudied. The panel seeks to explore the relationship between transport and labour in relation to trade and new forms of produce and the impact of this on African societies.

Panelists:

Ungruhe, Christian (Bayreuth): Truckpushers and Kayaye: Juvenile Migration, Gender Roles and Coping Strategies in the Load Carrying Business at Markets and Bus Stations in Southern Ghanaian Cities

Sebestyen, Eva (Porto): Long distance porters and change of goods. Ladislaus Magyar's Angolan records between 1848-1862

Klaeger, Gabriel (London): Fast business? The chances and drawbacks of speed for Ghanaian minibus drivers

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Discussant:
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PANEL 28

NEGOTIATING DISTANCES, RESHAPING IMMEDIACY: FULBE COMMUNITIES IN EMERGING TRANSLOCAL SETTINGS

FulBe Studies have contributed to African Studies by focusing on mobility and its impact on identity, social hierarchies and political relationships with the State. This panel aims to analyze rescaled translocal FulBe networks that have resulted from major shifts in the nature of their mobilities. New forms of mobility in multiple settings (transnational, transborder, translocal) and state policies to control them (displacements, redefinition of borders and citizenship rights) are reshaping the so-called Fulbe 'cultures of mobility' in the context of both sedentary and nomadic communities. Such changing translocal settings are affecting ideas and practices of social immediacy and proximity. How are the resulting gaps between proximity and distance, immediate presence and prolonged absence being bridged? Far from producing only isolation and fragmentation, the emerging socio-physical distances might also generate opportunities to change existing forms and meanings of relating and shape new 'cultures of relatedness' in translocal settings. These processes can be studied from two complementary perspectives. Firstly, we propose an emic perspective on how physical and social distances are being experienced and negotiated. Analyzing the transformation of relational idioms (e.g. kinship, hierarchy) might yield interesting ideas about bypassing/reshaping existing practices of relatedness, such as fosterage and practices of communication. Secondly, a perspective dealing with emerging translocal FulBe networks (e.g. Taabital Pulaaku) is likely to clarify how such networks are reconfiguring legitimacy and influencing local dynamics. (How) do these new institutions succeed in having an impact both on politics 'at home' and in 'host regions'?

Panelists:

Fabusoro, Eniola (Abeokuta): Fulbe Communities in Strange Lands: Institutions for Collective Action to Overcome Grazing Constraints in Southwest Nigeria

OR de Bruijn, Mirjam (Leiden): The contribution of Fulbe studies to African Studies: From an exotic to a modern 'tribe'?

Ngaide, Abderrahmane (Dakar): La diaspora haalpulaar/peul de Mauritanie. Ecrire et/ou réécrire l'histoire

Boesen, Elisabeth (Luxembourg): Mobility, processes of integration and intra-ethnic differentiation among the Wodaabe

Pelican, Michaela (Zurich): Yimbe dandi: Fulbe migrants in Gabon



PANEL OVERVIEW

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PANEL 37 THE COMING BACK TO POWER OF DIVINE KINGSHIP IN AFRICA

On this panel we will focus on divine kingship and its precess of regaining both social influence and political space. All along the twentieth century it seemed to many people that those kingships lost their political agency and became definitively an ethnological object. It was also thought that the state - whether colonial or post colonial - will be capable to monopolize the political, economic and philosophic landscape of future African societies. However, at the end the twentieth century most African societies were carrying the defeats of both the economic liberalism and the revolutionary state. Democracy was then ready to be the new proposal of the international community for Africa, and we could see how many African institutions which were supposed to be disappeared, taking advantage of the new political pluralism paradigm, start to come to the spotlight. In this context many African presidents - as the case of Uganda and Mozambique - showed their will to accept everybody, and even propose to include these traditional authorities in the new legislation. On the other hand some of the kings accepted to be a recognised actor in national politics, while some others pre prefer to keep state politics apart and mainly try to renew and tighten the symbolic space they used to have with the populations they represent. Our study cases will be Buganda Kingdom in Uganda, wanande mwamis in Nord Kivu province (RDC Congo) and Hosi/Régulo Zunguze in Mozambique, Joola Kaasa Kingdom in Casamance (Senegal), the Mbombog basaâ in Cameroon and ashanti kingdom in Ghana.

Panelists:

Lacuna, Pilar (Lleida-Barcelona): The Queen-Mother's issue in today's Asahnti Kingdom

Tomàs, Jordi (Lisbon): Les royaumes joola au Sud du Senegal et au Nord de la Guinée-Bissau: permanences et divergences (1903-2008)

Farré, Albert (Lisbon): Nande Kings (Bami) in Nord Kivu (R.D. Congo): Past and Present

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Room: S202

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PANEL 110 FIGHTING POVERTY AT THE URBAN LOCAL LEVEL IN SOUTHERN AFRICA: EXPERIENCES FROM BELOW

The new post-Washington consensus agenda, which finds a concrete application in MDGs, PRSP, NEPAD, puts a great emphasis on the reduction of poverty and social exclusion, as well as on participation. Within this framework cities become central actors in planning economic development strategies and addressing the imbalances of service delivery in the most marginal urban and peri-urban areas. Yet, the impacts of the new anti-poverty strategies seem to fail and give rise to growing discontent.

Achieving equity and social justice is central to the definition of a new 'social contract' between the ruling power and the citizens, to go beyond the traumas of the past and present conflicts and consolidate a long-term political and social stability.

This panel aims at analysing how poverty reduction and social exclusion policies are planned and implemented at the local level, focusing on Southern Africa countries. The papers will discuss, within the theoretical debate on citizenship, the political and social dynamics perpetuating or challenging existing powers; the different actors involved; the role of communities and social movements. They will also challenge the concepts of participation and participatory development, governance and 'poverty' through concrete empirical case studies.

Panelists:

Pezzano, Antonio (Naples): The poverty-reduction policies of the metropolitan councils in Gauteng

Thornton, Alec (Canberra): Exploring the potential of urban agriculture to strengthen food security and meet the MDGs through institutional capacity building in South Africa and Zambia

PANEL OVERVIEW

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PANEL 26 DOING RESEARCH IN AFRICAN SPACES AS YOUNG RESEARCHERS

This panel is open to francophone and anglophone PhD candidates and Postdoctoral research working in Africa in the field of human and social science, with at least little fieldwork experience. The goal is to offer them an environment for exchange and dialogue where they could share their field experiences. Presentations will have to focus on research strategies in Africa and could be articulated around the following themes: To reach out and to be accepted in communities of study; Thinking research methods; Thinking Ethics and responsibilities.

Panelists:

Fuh, Divine (Basel): Going native in my hometown: fieldwork as a youngman amongst youth in Bamenda

An Ansoms (Antwerp): The story behind the findings: Doing field research in contemporary Rwanda

Tchetgnia, Lucas (Paris): Being an African Student in the West and investigating on HIV among young people in Cameroon: questions, ethics and responsibility

Nkadi, Lionel (Amiens): Collecting data and information on a controversial issue: Nigeria as a case study

Jakobsen, Hilde (Bergen): Adapting focus group methodology to rural Tanzania: Reducing the presentation of the African self to the white 'other'

Winkelmann, Till (Bonn): Participatory Research Appraisal as a mean to depict life realities

Tsotsa, Nathanael (Paris): Gaining Acceptance and Access to People Living With HIV/AIDS

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PANEL 143 SPORTS HUNTING IN SOUTHERN AFRICA

The white (elephant) hunter during colonial times is for many an icon of the European penetration and appropriation of Africa (cf. MacKenzie 1988; Steinhart 2006). His role in the economic exploitation of Africa, as well as his contribution to the beginnings of conservation thinking have been thoroughly researched and documented (see Andersson and Grove 1987). Sports hunting has continued to play an important role in southern Africa, both economically and culturally (Gibson 1999), at the moment mainly through a mushrooming number of initiatives towards private wildlife conservation, like game farms and conservancies (Duffy 2000; Wels 2003). It is also still very much a 'white men's affair'. This panel wants to explore the developments in, and economic and cultural interpretations of, sports hunting. The panel will investigate the role of sports hunting in the tourism economy in southern Africa from its origin in colonial times to the modern-day industry that it has become, as well as its implications for processes of white identity construction.

Panelists:

Boonzaaier, Chris (Pretoria): Rural people's perception regarding wildlife conservation: the case of Masebe Nature Reserve in the Limpopo Province of South Africa

Michaud, Maxime (Lyon): The ethics of sports hunting in Africa as a criterion of the unity of this practice.

Spierenburg, Marja and Harry Wels (Amsterdam): Poaching on hunting grounds: Normality and censure in private wildlife conservation in southern Africa



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PANEL 23 IN BETWEEN WAR AND PEACE – SPACES OF TRANSITION IN AFRICA

Dealing with the aftermath of violent conflicts in order to provide for a peaceful future makes use of a number of instruments and mechanisms, including national and international tribunals, truth commissions and memory work which aim at uncovering the truth about past crimes, putting past wrongs right, holding perpetrators accountable, vindicating the dignity of victims-survivors and contributing to reconciliation. These spaces are oriented to the past, in addressing the wrongs that have been committed; to the present, in establishing a new ethical and institutional framework; and through this, to prevent the future occurrence of such similar injustices. Space, in this sense, refers to three aspects: the temporal space between past, present and future, the social space between the parties to the conflict and the physical space of the site for the encounter. This raises a series of question, including how divided societies are restructured, how images and norms of transitional justice and order are translated into practice, if and how these spaces are engendered, what kind of order is constructed and if and how the spaces turn into loci for restoring trust and peaceful coexistence.

Panelists:

Schroven, Anita (Halle/S.): The Window of Opportunity to Change Gender Relations: International Interventions in Post-War Sierra Leone and Liberia

Baloi, Obede Suarte (Bayreuth & Maputo): 'What is over is done with': Local Perceptions of Violence, Peace and Reconciliation in Post-War Mozambique

Thomson, Susan (Ottawa) and Rosemary Nagy (North Bay): 'I don't know who saw what but I say that I saw nothing': Power, Justice and Reconciliation in Post-Genocide Rwanda

Ingelaere, Bert (Antwerp): Opening Spaces of 'Togetherness': The Expectation of Transitional Justice in Burundi

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Panelists:

Klute, Georg (Bayreuth): Political violence and competing neo-tribal orders in the heterarchical setting of northern Mali

Mehler, Andreas (Hamburg): Reshaping political space: the impact of armed insurgency in Central African Republic

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Panelists:

Apt, Nana Araba (Accra): Children in Difficult Circumstances: Human Rights and Child Development Issues in Ghana

Twum-Danso, Afua (Sheffield): Assessing the Progress of the 1998 Children's Act of Ghana: Achievements, Opportunities and Challenges in its First Ten Years

McMillan, Leah (Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo): Ghana's Education System: Where Rhetoric Meets Reform

Ame, Robert Ame (Wilfrid Laurier University, Canada): The Rights of Children in Conflict with the Law

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PANEL 87B LA QUESTION DU POUVOIR DANS LES RECOMPOSITIONS SOCIALES ET RELIGIEUSES CONTEMPORAINES EN AFRIQUE DU NORD ET DE L'OUEST

Depuis la fin de la guerre froide, qui avait participé à structurer et orienter les diverses « voies de développement » des pays que l'on disait du « tiers monde », les sociétés africaines connaissent localement des bouleversements importants dont la compréhension nécessite le développement de micro analyses fondées sur un retour constant sur le terrain et le dépassement des découpages disciplinaires classiques des universités européennes. Pour tenter d'éclairer les recompositions sociales et religieuses contemporaines de l'Afrique du Nord et de l'Ouest un groupe de recherche international et multidisciplinaire s'est constitué et a pu développer ses recherches de 2005 à 2008 grâce à un financement de l'ANR française complété par le ZMO de Berlin.

Panelists:

Grémont, Charles (Paris): Du contrôle des hommes au contrôle de l'espace. Nouvelles formes de pouvoirs et résistances à l'œuvre chez les Touaregs du Nord-Mali (XXe siècle)

Boesen, Elisabeth (Luxembourg): New socio-political organisations and territoriality in a nomadic world : The case of the fulbe wodaabe from Niger

Jonckers, Danielle (Paris): Power stakes of Islamic associations. From identity affirmation to state contestation in Mali

Hardung, Christine (Vienne): 'C'est la culture de Baobab' — La perception de l'Autre dans l'espace discursif des acteurs politiques d'origine serviles en Mauritanie



PANEL OVERVIEW

Sun, 7 June, 11:30 – 13:30
Room: HS13

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PANEL 15 CONFLICT AND SPACE: SECESSIONIST AND AUTONOMY CONFLICTS IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

Despite the artificial character of state boundaries in contemporary Africa there are apparently relatively few secessionist conflicts in sub-Saharan Africa. Just one secession was successful, when Eritrea became independent from Ethiopia in 1993. Other ongoing and historical secessionist conflicts include the Casamance (in Senegal), Biafra (Nigeria), Katanga (DR Kongo), and the Caprivi Strip (Namibia) as well as Southern Sudan. A number of conflicts such as the Tuareg rebellions in Mali and Niger as well as the ongoing uprising in the Niger Delta can be characterized as autonomy conflicts rather than secessionist uprisings.

This panel aims at both discussing the general prevalence of secessionist and autonomy conflicts in sub-Saharan Africa and exploring pertinent country case studies. Particularly in the country cases, possible causes of secessionist conflicts deserve discussion. These possible causes include the role of abundant natural resources (oil, diamonds, copper and the like), ethnic and religious diversity as well as relative deprivation of regions by the central state.

Panelists:

Mbala, Firmin (Bordeaux): Demanding secessionism and expecting autonomy? Dynamics of Anglophone Cameroon separatism
Ottmann, Martin and Stefan Wolff (Nottingham): Content and context: Autonomy and conflict settlement in Sudan
Foucher, Vincent (Bordeaux): Secessionism and the topography of the African state: the case of Casamance
Schraml, Carla (Marburg): Ethnicised Politics and internal conflicts in Rwanda and Burundi
Lindemann, Stefan (London): 'Exclusionary elite bargains' and the onset of large-scale violent conflict - the case of Uganda

Sun, 7 June, 11:30 – 13:30
Room: S221

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Discussant:
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PANEL 27 CREATING FP& PROJECT ON EAST AFRICAN TERRITORIAL INTEGRATION

East Africa faces contradictory challenges, between economic development and environmental management, between the strengthening of the identities and geographical mobility, between integration and increase of social and spatial inequalities, etc. The project further regional integration and bi-regional cooperation through foci which give direction and impetus to the multiple activities which are intended to develop research capacity and collaboration.

The project has as its foci particular political and ecological borderlands in East Africa, which are both highly precarious and high in potential, and which by their very nature encourage regional cooperation in developing research capacity and reflect the possible benefits of regional integration. Four types of scientific reasoning (themes) characterize the East-Africa territorial approach of the project, which will focus on two spatial objects (foci) (mountains and Lake Tanganyika) localised as interfaces at the existing inter and intra regional borders.

Panelists:

Charlery de la Masselière, Bernard (Toulouse): EU FP7 CREATING Programme for regional integration through a biregional research network, two geographical foci and four scientific thematic
Bart, Jean-François (Bordeaux): Mountains and regional integration in East Africa, a geographical approach
Nakileza, Bob: Local community trans-boundary resource management in East African Mountains: Challenges and opportunities
Racaud, Sylvain (Toulouse): East African Mountains, flows of resources and products
Kago, Jackson (Nairobi): Henry LUBINDA, Achim von OPPEN: Kigoma on the move, Mobilities and identities in an East African border town
Kiwango, Wilhelm (Freiburg): Biofuel production, Challenges and Opportunities for Bagamoyo local communities, Tanzania
de Zamaroczy, Nicolas: The EU in East Africa: Promoting Regionalism Beyond Europe

PANEL OVERVIEW

Sun, 7 June, 11:30 – 13:30
Room: HS15

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Discussant:
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PANEL 91 SPATIALITIES OF HIP HOP MUSIC IN AFRICA

In Africa, the paradox of contemporary urban change – ‘the simultaneous expansiveness and closure of the city’ (Krim, A.; 2007) – especially affects the youngest generations living in urban areas. These urbanites, while experiencing distinctive forms of social exclusion in the city, appropriated and use hip hop music to deploy an alternative storytelling of the urban condition.

Beyond the national borders, this transnational, translocal urban reality comes to reshape the cultural, political as well as economic spatialities of African youth from a continental perspective.

Based on a roundtable format, this panel will invite researchers, offering their own theoretical as well as empirical insights, to engage with panafricanist issues of hip hop music as far as the continental youth is concerned:

- Hip hop space of politics: the evolution of hip hop actors’ discursive practices from day-to-day micro-politics to a singular praxis of macro-politics.
- Hip hop as an economic space: the mobilisation of a new generation of cultural entrepreneurs draining a whole creative economy around the industrial structuring of their musical practices.
- Hip hop as a cultural space: the negotiation and redefinition of a youth identity grounded in a specific social context and in relation to the eldest generations.

Panelists:

Eze, Kevin (Dakar): Hip Hop Music and African Renaissance

Lanzano, Cristiano (Turino): Rap in its place(s): imaginative geographies of Dakar (Senegal)

Künzler, Daniel (Zurich): Nigerian rap and notions of success

Perullo, Alex (Bryant): Visualizing Gender and Power Among Tanzanian Youth

Sun, 7 June, 11:30 – 13:30
Room: S202

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PANEL 136 AFRICAN AND ASIAN DEVELOPMENT PATHS

The panel presents papers that enquire into the reasons for the divergence in economic growth between African and Asian countries. Asian countries are often depicted as growth models for African countries. This panel will however not look primarily at divergent policies but will use a more sociological perspective looking at more autonomous processes of social change rather than planned interventions.

Panelists:

Musch, Tilman (Paris): Livestock-trading and development of pastoral households. The cases of Kirgizstan and Niger

Malki, Xerxes Isaac (New York): Creating a ‘Business Community’ – The Politics of Controlling the Lebanese Population of Ghana, c.1925-1970

Akinyoade, Akinyinka (Leiden): Stability and expertise in Nigerian and Indonesian cabinets 1999-2007: Implications for development



PANEL OVERVIEW

Sun, 7 June, 11:30 – 13:30
Room: HS17

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Chair(s):
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PANEL 13 **SPACE AND PLACE IN AFRICAN SPORTS**

Space and place are two central dimensions of sport. Different sports require and create specific forms of spaces and places, and at the same time, are determined by their spatial environment. Moreover, the sites of sports provide arenas not only for sporting events, but also for the celebration, representation and negotiation of local, regional and national identifications. Sports contests sometimes are characterized as 'struggles over space'. Yet, they also produce a 'sense of place'. This panel examines the different and manifold dimensions of space and place in African sports. It aims at exploring the geographies of sports on a local, national and transnational level. Contributions to this panel focus on specific sites and landscapes of sports in Africa, on the representation and imagination of spaces and places in African sports, and on the spatial experience in sports either on a local level of a playing field or stadium, or on a transnational level of sports migration. The panel thus considers space and place as social and cultural phenomena which are produced and experienced, perceived and represented in different contexts of sports in Africa.

Panelists:

Fumanti, Mattia (Keele): 'Long-Live Ghana, Long-Live Africa': Nationalism, the African Diaspora and the spirit of Pan-Africanism in the Ghana African Cup of Nations 2008

Scharf, Lutz (Halle/S.): Street-football in the urban space of Parakou – passion and improvisation as instruments for designing the social environment

Rasool, Ciraj & Virgil Slade (Western Cape): Fields of Play: the District Six Museum and the history of football in Cape Town

Baller, Susann (Basel): Contested terrains: Soccer fields and the control over the city

PUBLISHERS' EXHIBITION

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During the conference several academic publishing houses and distributors will present and sell recent publications on African Studies in the lecture hall building, 2nd floor. We cordially invite all participants to visit the book exhibition.

These 22 scientific publishing companies and distributors are present at the conference:

Africa-Europe Group for Interdisciplinary Studies (AEGIS)	www.aegis-eu.org
African Books Collective	www.africanbookscollective.com
Arnold-Bergstraesser-Institut	www.arnold-bergstraesser.de
Basler Afrika Bibliographien	www.baslerafrika.ch
Bayreuth International Graduate School of African Studies (BIGSAS), University of Bayreuth	www.bigsas.uni-bayreuth.de
BRILL	www.brill.nl
Cambridge University Press	www.cambridge.org
Centre for Conflict Resolution	ccrweb.ccr.uct.ac.za
Centro De Estudos Africanos, University of Porto	www.africanos.eu
Edinburgh University Press	www.eupjournals.com
GIGA German Institute of Global and Area Studies	www.giga-hamburg.de
Hanns-Seidel-Stiftung e.V.	www.hss.de
Intellect	www.intellectbooks.co.uk
Karthala	www.karthala.com
Leipziger Universitätsverlag	www.univerlag-leipzig.de
LIT Verlag	www.lit-verlag.de
Missing Link	www.missing-link.de
Oxford University Press	www.oup.co.uk
Routledge, Taylor & Francis Group	www.routledge.com
The Edwin Mellen Press	www.mellenpress.com
The Nordic Africa Institute	www.nai.uu.se
Zed Books	www.zedbooks.co.uk

In addition we would like to invite you to join us for the following receptions:

Fri, 5 June, 20:00, Exhibition area lecture hall	Publishers' reception, hosted by BRILL
Fri, 5 June, 19:00, Room S202	Reception hosted by the Centre of African Studies, University of Edinburgh
Fri, 5 June, 19:00, Room S224	Reception hosted by Africa Spectrum



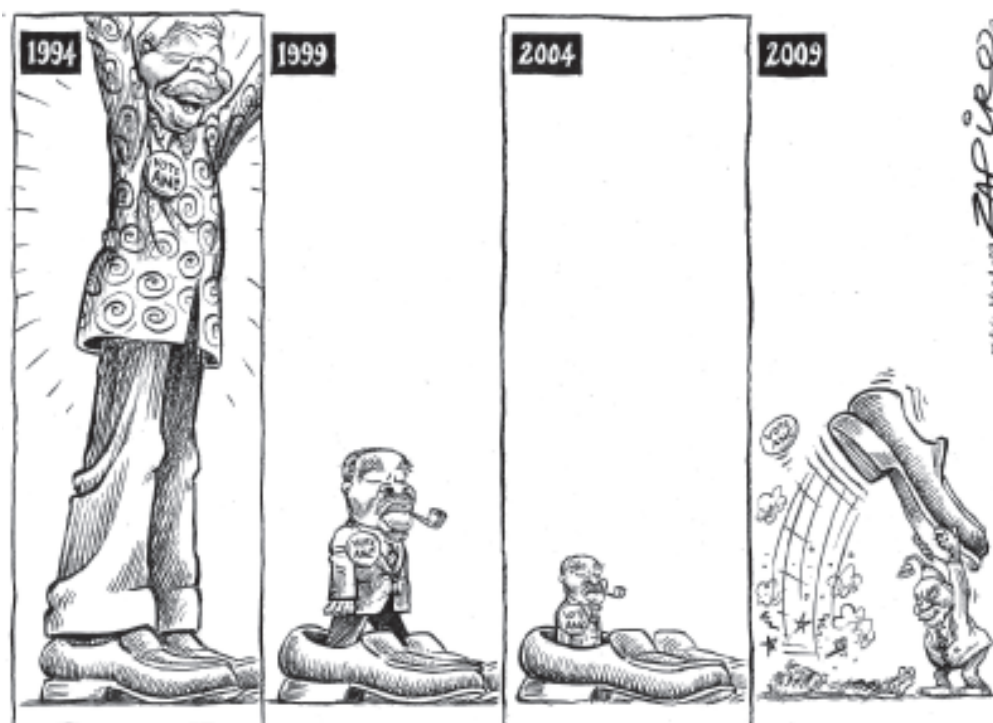
EXHIBITION

EXHIBITION OF POLITICAL CARTOONS

We proudly present the South African cartoonist Jonathan Shapiro who will host an exhibition of his cartoons at ECAS 3. The exhibition will show 50 of his original pieces and will be officially opened by the artist on Sunday morning at 11:00.

The political cartoonist Shapiro works under the pen-name Zapiro. His cartoons appear in a number of South African publications such as the Mail & Guardian, the Sunday Times and the Sowetan where he had been editorial cartoonist for many years. His work has also been exhibited internationally on many occasions.

He recently published his new book "The Mandela Files" presenting a range on cartoons of Nelson Mandela from the late 1980s to present. The book is a personal tribute to a person that Zapiro considers one of the greatest men of our times. Classic cartoons are enriched by personal anecdotes about Zapiro's meetings with Mandela as well as by short stories behind the cartoons.



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Officially recognised for a Studium Generale by Pope Alexander V on 9 September 1409, the Alma Mater Lipsiensis (University of Leipzig) can claim to be one of Europe's oldest universities. Since its inception the university has enjoyed 600 years of uninterrupted teaching and research, a birthday that will be celebrated greatly with a wide range of activities this year. In the 18th and 19th centuries, the University of Leipzig became one of the leading literary and cultural centres of Europe, scholars of world renown such as philosopher Christian Thomasius, philologist Johann Christoph Gottsched, the historian Karl Lamprecht or the physicists Werner Heisenberg and Gustav Hertz have taught at the university and contributed to its shaping. No less known are the names of numerous students, such as Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz, Gotthold Ephraim Lessing, Johann Wolfgang Goethe, Richard Wagner or Friedrich Nietzsche.

THE HISTORY OF THE INSTITUTE OF AFRICAN STUDIES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF LEIPZIG

by Prof. Adam Jones (Institute of African Studies; Dean of the Faculty of History, Arts and Oriental Studies)

Up to 1945 the academic study of Africa at the University of Leipzig can be traced within the disciplines of geography, linguistics and anthropology. In all three cases Africa was 'discovered' in the late nineteenth century, in a period when missionary work was intensifying and Germany was acquiring African colonies. Despite the loss of these colonies in 1919 Africa's importance at the university grew during the interwar period. The linguist Hans Stumme, who had come to 'Semitic and Hamitic languages' (in particular Berber) from an Orientalist background, was succeeded in 1930 by August Klingenberg, who for six years ran an Institute of African Languages. Meanwhile Hans Meyer had in 1915 been appointed Professor of Colonial Geography, and Africa played a major role in the work of him and his successors, not least because of the hope that Germany might regain its colonies. Karl Weule, who became the first Professor of Anthropology, Ethnography and Prehistory (and soon afterwards also director of Leipzig's ethnographic museum) in 1901, was likewise very much an Africanist.

Following Germany's defeat in 1945 African studies virtually disappeared in Leipzig, and it was not until the late 1950s that a recovery began. The linguist Ernst Dammann, based in Berlin, also taught regularly in Leipzig, but political developments induced him to leave the GDR. The creation of an Africa Institute at the university (now renamed Karl Marx University) in 1960 was largely the work of the Marxist historian Walter Markov. In the 1960s a multidisciplinary form of area studies emerged in Leipzig. Between 1962 and 1973 seven Africanist professorships were created – in history, African languages, economics, constitutional law, literature / culture, philosophy / ideology.

By 1989 roughly 30 academics specialising in African studies were employed in the Department of Middle Eastern and African Studies. Seven years later, however, the number was only nine, and only two of these had been employed before German reunification. The new institute, founded in 1993, had just three full professorships. On the other hand, the number of students rose dramatically until the introduction of the B.A./M.A. system in 2006, and Leipzig remains one of Germany's leading African studies centres.



LEIPZIG – TOURISTIC INFORMATION

LEIPZIG – HISTORY OF A UNIQUE CITY

Originally a Slavic settlement called Lipsk, Leipzig entered recorded history in 1015 as the fortified town of Urbs Libzi and was granted municipal status by 1170. Its favorable position located at the intersection of important trade routes stimulated the town's commercial development and Leipzig quickly developed into a commercial centre. In 1190 Otto the Rich, margrave of Saxony instigated two trade fairs in Leipzig, at Easter (Jubilate) and Michaelmas that were raised to the rank of imperial fairs in 1497. Additional economic privileges enabled Leipzig to become the foremost German commercial centre by about 1700, a development that contributed to the cities' affluence.

To this day, the annual spring book fair holds particular importance. Since the first printing of a book in Leipzig in 1481, the city has been a center of publishing and printing. As early as 1550, the university library was one of the largest in Europe. Since 1912, a copy of every published book and journal in the German language has been stored in the Deutsche Bücherei.

The recent history of Leipzig is first and foremost marked by 'The Wende', or change, of 1989. The peaceful and massive 'Monday Demonstrations' by citizens of Leipzig in late 1989 played a significant role in bringing an end to the communist regime of East Germany. Still today one can visit the original locations of St. Nikolaikirche (St. Nicholas's Church), where after the Prayers for Peace were said, the demonstrations started along Augustusplatz and the central ring road to the headquarters of the secret police (Stasi). Part of the building has later been incorporated into the Museum in the 'Round Corner' (Museum in der Runden Ecke).

Leipzig gained an international reputation as a city of music. The list of people that lived and composed in the city is long, among them Edvard Grieg, Albert Lortzing, Gustav Mahler, Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy, Clara and Robert Schumann, Richard Wagner and Hanns Eisler. But one of the most famous musicians that one connects with the city is Johann Sebastian Bach. He was Leipzig's musical director – director 'musices lipsiensis' – and choir-master of the St. Thomas' Boys Choir between 1723 and 1750. The city has dedicated itself to maintaining Bach's heritage with the Bach Archives, the Bach Museum, the St Thomas' Boys Choir, and the Gewandhaus Orchestra.

St. Thomas's Boys Choir emerged more than 800 years ago from the practice of music making during services at the former Augustinian Canons. Today, the choir enjoys an exceptional international renown.

But it's not only the names of famous musicians one associates with Leipzig music but also the Gewandhaus Orchestra, which is based in the Gewandhaus concert hall on Augustusplatz and is currently conducted by Riccardo Chailly, is of great importance.

PLACES TO VISIT:

» The Old Town Hall

The Old City Hall, a beautiful Renaissance style building, was built 1556 by Hieronymus Lotter on basements of two Patrician houses. Today it contains a museum of city history which possesses the original of the only confirmed painting of Bach produced in his lifetime. It also provides interesting information regarding the public executions that used to take place in the market in front of the city hall.



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Auerbach's Keller

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Opened in 1525, Auerbach's Keller is among the oldest continuously operated pubs in Germany. The barrel cellar has been the setting to a scene in 'Faust', one of Germany's most famous plays of Johann Wolfgang von Goethe who himself used to drink his wine here.



Faust and Mephisto

» Schiller House, Mendelssohn House, Schumann House

All used to live and create in Leipzig. Mendelssohn's concert hall, the Gewandhaus is still active today near Leipzig's market place.

» Gewandhaus

The history of the Gewandhaus Orchestra goes back to 1743 when it started with the 'Great Concert'. Today the world-famous ensemble accompanies the cantatas at St. Thomas's Church and performs in many locations in Germany and abroad. Most renowned among the chamber music ensembles of the Orchestra



is the Gewandhaus Quartet. Founded in 1809, it is the oldest string quartet in the world. St. Thomas Church and Bach Museum
The church where Bach worked for most of his life hosts a museum. This is also where Bach himself is entombed.

» Museum at the Round Corner

An interesting museum documenting the GDR secret police (Stasi) headquarters in Leipzig.

» Völkerschlachtdenkmal

This 91 metres high monument was built in commemoration of the Battle of the Nations in 1813 during the Napoleonic Wars. This was the first major defeat for Napoleon in 1813. A must see!

