Programme of the International Workshop

African Studies – Multiple and Relational

University of Bayreuth, Germany
December 7th-10th 2017

Saturday, December 9th 2017

09:30-10:45 African Studies Centers in the Americas

John H. Hanson (The African Studies Program, Bloomington, Indiana, USA)
“Multiplicity and Relationality in the research of African Studies scholars at Indiana University”

Livio Sansone (Centro de Estudos Afro-Orientais, Salvador de Bahia, Brazil)
“Challenges and new possibilities: African Studies in Brazil”

Chair: Eva Spies

10:45-11:15 Coffee break

11:15-12:30

Akintunde Akinyemi (Department of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures, University of Florida, Gainesville, FA, USA)
“The Center for African Studies at the University of Florida: 50+ years of Teaching and Research on Africa”

Marta Cordiés Jackson (Centro Cultural Africano “Fernando Ortiz”, Universidad del Oriente, Santiago de Cuba, Cuba)
“African Presence in the Caribbean: certain considerations”

Chair: Susanne Mühleisen

12:30-14:00 Lunch break (catering)

14:00-15:15

Rina Cáceres Gómez (Chair for African History, Universidad de Costa Rica, San José, Costa Rica)

African Studies Centers in Europe

José da Silva Horta & Carlos Almeida (African Studies, Centre for History, University of Lisbon, Portugal)
“Historicity: the primacy of contexts, connections and networks. The case of the international project ‘African Ivories in the Atlantic World’”

Chair: Johannes Döveling

15:15-15:45 Coffee break

15:45-17:00

Jan-Bart Gewald (African Studies Centre, Universiteit Leiden, Netherlands)
“African Studies in the Netherlands, Challenges and Constraints”

Angelica Baschiera (School of Oriental and African Studies, London, Great Britain)
“The work of SOAS and the research priorities”

Chair: Cyrus Samimi

20:00 Dinner in Town

Sunday, December 10th 2017

10:00-11:00 Round table: “African Studies in the World – multiple and relational?”

Aparajita Biswas, Rina Cáceres, John Hanson, Godwin Murunga

Chair: Rüdiger Seesemann

11:00-12:00 The way forward / End of Conference (Ute Fendler, Doris Löhr)
Thursday, December 7th 2017

13:30-14:00 Registration & coffee on arrival of the participants at Iwalewahaus

14:00-15:00 Opening Session
• Words of Welcome by the Director of IAS, Rüdiger Seesemann
• Words of Welcome by the University Board, Vice President Martin Huber
• Introduction by the Convenors Ute Fendler & Doris Löhr
• Presentation of the IAS by the Coordinator of IAS, Franz Kogelmann

15:00-17:00 African Studies Centers in Europe
Céline Thiriot (Les Afriques dans le Monde, Université de Bordeaux, France)
"Is there a French way for African studies?"
Petr Skalník (Philosophical Faculty, University Hradec Králové, Czechia)
"African studies at Hradec Králové, the Czech Republic and East-Central Europe: advantages and limitations of studying Africa from non-colonial perspective"
Giorgio Banti (University of Naples “L’Orientale”, Naples, Italy)
"African Studies at Naples ’L’Orientale’ and in the wider Italian context"
Chair: Clarissa Vierke

17:00-17:30 Coffee break

17:30-18:15 Public Lecture
Livio Sansone (Centro de Estudos Afro-Orientais, Salvador de Bahia, Brazil)
"Africa has no special smell: towards academic equality in African Studies"

18:15-18:45 Response & open discussion: Maria Grosz-Ngaté & Yongkyu Chang
Chair: Eberhard Rothfuß

19:30 Dinner in town, at "Wiegner 1872"

Friday, December 8th 2017

09:15-10:30 African Studies Centers in Asia & Australia
Hui Jiang (School of Asian & African Studies at Beijing Foreign Studies University, Beijing, China)
"An overall view on African Literary Studies in China practiced in different institutes all over China & the institute's development of African Literary and language studies against the general situation in China"
Apapajita Biswas (Centre for African Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Mumbai, India)
"African Studies in India: Evolution, Challenges and Prospects"
Chair: Martina Drescher

10:30-11:00 Coffee break

11:00-12:15 Yongkyu Chang (Institute of African Studies, Hankuk University of Foreign Studies, Seoul, Gyeonggi-do, South Korea)
"Convergence or divergence? Issues and trends in Korean African studies"
David Doepel (Africa Research Group, Murdoch University, Perth, Australia)
"How closing a mine can be good news for a local economy"
Chair: Uli Beisel

12:15-13:30 Lunch break (catering)

13:30-15:30 African Studies Centers in Africa
Akosua Adomako Ampofo (Institute of African Studies, University of Ghana, Legon, Ghana)
"Overview of the Institute of African Studies – research issues and the issue of theoretical frameworks"
Carlos Fernandes (Centro de Estudos Africanos, Maputo, Universidade Eduardo Mondlane, Maputo, Mozambique)
Yahia Abou El Farah (L’Institut des Etudes Africaines, Université de Rabat, Morocco)
"Institute of African Studies: an institution during the African politics of Morocco"
Chair: Rémi Tchokothe

15:30-16:00 Coffee break

16:00-17:15 Lungisile Ntsebeza (Centre for African Studies, University of Cape Town, South Africa)
"The Centre for African Studies and its role in current debates around ‘decolonisation’"
Godwin Murunga (Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa, Dakar, Senegal)
"African Studies seen by CODESRIA"
Chair: Rudolf Schüßler

17:15-18:45 Round table "Where is the ‘African’ in African Studies?"
Godwin Murunga (Dakar), Lungisile Ntsebeza (Cape Town), Akíntúndé Akínyemí (Gainesville)
Moderation: Katharina Schramm, Martin Doevenspeck

19:00 Dinner and Concert (“Taxi brousse”) at Iwalewahaus