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Editorial by the Directorate



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The past year was a turbulent one for the Centre for African Studies Basel (ZASB). At the beginning of 2019 a new Directorate was instituted to navigate ZASB through this time. We, the new Directorate (first with Kenny Cupers followed by Lorena Rizzo), have felt dedicated to accompanying ZASB during this lively period.

In the first year, our main mission was to evaluate and amend the Centre's governance structure. In close collaboration with the Steering Committee of ZASB and various University stakeholders, we revised existing rules and regulations to ensure most efficient network activities and maximize the exchange of Africa-related research across faculties and disciplines. In view of justified criticism and committed interventions from students, doctoral candidates, and postdoctoral research-

ers, we committed ourselves to improving the working environment at the Centre and nurturing a culture of openness and trust across institutional hierarchies.

We revised our regulations to allow for greater participation of students, PhD candidates, and postdocs. Among others, we organized two workshops that reflected on the Centre's working culture for students and associated researchers and scholars. We also hope that our revised regulations will allow for more democratic, participatory, and transparent decision-making. This is reflected in the strengthening of the Steering Committee, which represents researchers at different career stages across the disciplines, as well as in the principle of co-leadership embodied by the Directorate. It was therefore rewarding that the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sci-

| Conference: Africa and the Academy in the 21st Century (Basel, 1-2 November 2019)

25 years ago, the conference "Africa and the Disciplines", and the landmark publication that resulted from it, asked about Africa's contribution to the disciplines. It showed the extent to which Africa as an apparently marginal field of study had contributed to the emergence of new topics and ideas in the various academic disciplines. In 2019, an interactive and interdisciplinary two-day conference organized by the ZASB together with the Swiss Society for African Studies SSAS invited a selection of Swiss and international scholars studying Africa to take the classical work as a starting point for a reflection about their own experience in academia.

The programme included conversations between experts with different backgrounds in four disciplines or interdisciplinary fields, namely social anthropology, history, urban studies, and public health. In plenary and break-out sessions, speakers and the audience engaged in discussions about the present and future of African Studies, about the call for a *decolonization* of the study of Africa, and about ways to make African narratives relevant for research and research relevant for African societies. The innovative conference format allowed for rewarding exchanges and refreshing insights. And Francis Nyamnjoh's plea for convivial scholarship in his keynote was a reminder to all scholars to think not only beyond their disciplines but also beyond established epistemological frameworks.

Programme committee: Cassandra Mark-Thiesen (University of Basel), Carole Ammann (University of Bern), Alice Aterianus (Université de Lausanne), Matthieu Bolay (Graduate Institute Geneva), Wilfred Elegba (Biotechnology and Nuclear Agriculture Research Institute, Accra), Christelle Favre (University of Basel), Solange Mbanefo (University of Basel), Fiona Siegenthaler (University of Basel)

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ences approved the revised *Geschäftsordnung* at its last meeting in 2019.

A well-reflected governance is the basis for a functional ZASB. But, in the end, what matters is what people do. In the last year we witnessed many personal highlights, engaged in numerous and innovative teaching activities, and promoted research exchanges. The annual report provides details on some of these productive activities within our Key Areas of Activities (KAAs). Here we wish to highlight one of the key scholarly events: the two-day conference on “Africa and the Academy in the 21st century”, which was attended by 100 participants from Africa, Europe, and Switzerland.

During the past year and the complex process of institutional renewal, the Directorate received significant support from the mem-

bers of ZASB. We would like to thank our colleagues, students, doctoral candidates, and postdocs for their commitment and their willingness to engage and make critical suggestions, especially in a situation that was and remains challenging for the Centre.

All of us continue to be committed to Africa-related research and teaching, and since we all embrace the idea of a network, we remain dependent on active participation by all members, in and beyond the University. In fact, our diversity, our willingness to hear propositions and ideas, and our commitment to be attentive to weaknesses and possible blind spots will help us consolidate the Centre and its place within the University. In order to improve and progress, we need to work, think, and act together – in our turbulent present and in a, hopefully, more balanced future.



Rita Kesselring (University of Basel), Carole Ammann (University of Bern) and Mwenda Ntarangwi (Calvin College)
Photo: Veit Arlt/ZASB

KAA1: Politics and Governance

Claudia
Baez-Camargo

Objectives

This key area addresses the challenge of understanding the articulation between how a society wants to live (politics) and the coordinated action (governance) undertaken to make this possible. The members wish to focus less on the state and more on the actions and practices constitutive of contexts for politics and governance.

In addition to this, the KAA acknowledges the importance of knowledge that addresses practical problems, especially since these and policy issues might be an important source of inspiration for the identification of theoretical, conceptual and methodological challenges.

Activities and major achievements

In a major milestone in promoting North-South exchange, the Merian Institute for Advanced African Studies in Africa (MIASA) received a successful on-site evaluation in December 2019 which will permit it to move on to the main phase of funding with a duration of six years (2020-2026). Among the consortium partners in the Executive Council of MIASA is the Albert-Ludwig-University of Freiburg, represented by Andreas Mehler of the Arnold Bergerstraesser Institute (ABI), while Elísio Macamo of the University of Basel is a member of MIASA's Academic Advisory Board. MIASA serves as a hub for exchange, networking, and collaboration between researchers in Africa and Europe. It is embedded in the University of Ghana and dedicated to the topic of "Sustainable Governance".

Another notable development in the promotion of academic exchange that took place in 2019 was the appointment of Mark Pieth as extraordinary professor at the University of the Western Cape, South Africa. The appointment comes after over ten years during which Mark Pieth and his team have taught at the University of the Western Cape as part of the Masters Course on Transnational Criminal Justice.

Building on Till Förster's research findings from the last decades, the new research project "Life in the West African Savannah Since the 1970s: Hegemony and Autonomy" (2020-

Addressing Bribery in the Tanzanian Health Sector: A Behavioural Approach.

This project develops and tests an anti-bribery intervention that works with health workers as well as with trusted community-based social networks to deliver messages of attitudinal and behavioural change, aimed at addressing the social acceptability of bribery and gift-giving in the provision of health services in public facilities. It builds on past research headed by the Basel Institute on Governance which aimed to explore how behavioural factors impact on the expectations and behaviours of users and providers of essential public services in Rwanda, Tanzania, and Uganda.

The current project is headed by the Basel Institute on Governance and brings together researchers from the University of Dar es Salaam, the University of Utrecht, and the UK Behavioural Insights Team.

[ace.globalintegrity.org/projects/tanzhealth](https://www.ace.globalintegrity.org/projects/tanzhealth)

2022) has received funding from the Swiss National Science Foundation. Under the lead of Till Förster, with Lucy Koechlin as coordinator, the project will explore the social and political transformations of Côte d'Ivoire, adopting a long-term perspective. The project is complemented by a second, separately funded module to document the visual dimension of these transformations on the basis of the applicant's photographic archive collected since 1979.

In line with the KAA's interest in policy issues, the Basel Institute on Governance worked throughout 2019 to support the Anti-Corruption Bureau of Malawi in developing the new National Anti-Corruption Strategy (NACS) 2019-2024. The support involved conducting extensive background research and convening multi-stakeholder consultations to ensure that the new strategy be evidence-based and





The project addresses social norms and their role for practices of gift-giving and bribery between health service providers and users in Tanzania.

Photo: Richard Sambaiga

inclusive of the views of all groups in Malawian society. The new NACS was formally launched on 9th December 2019 by Honourable Bright Msaka, Minister of Justice and Constitutional Affairs of Malawi.

Outlook

During 2019, KAA members participated in a series of meetings aimed at deepening the dialogue and collaboration within the group. Stemming from these meetings was the initiative, led by Joschka Phillips, to apply for funds from Eucor – The European Campus to organize a series of workshops inspired by those topics that were identified as being of mutual interest. The application was successful and a call for papers has been launched for the workshop series “The Trouble with the State: Boundaries and Networks in Africa”. The series consists of three workshops, which will take place in 2020, and will explore questions

around the usefulness of the state as a central concept for the study of power, domination, and socio-political change in African contexts. The call is directed at young scholars from the tri-state area and beyond. The workshops will be hosted by ABI, Sciences Po Strasbourg of the University of Strasbourg, and ZASB.

In December 2019 the Council of the University of Freiburg approved the proposal submitted by Andreas Mehler to create the “Africa Centre for Transregional Research” (ACT). This will provide further opportunities for exchange and collaboration between Basel and Freiburg in the field of Africa-related research and teaching – within our KAA and beyond.

Selected projects

Making the City: Agency, Urbanity and Urbanization in Ordinary Cities

Principal investigator: Till Förster
Project members: Manuel Herz, Maren Larsen, Lotte Knakkegaard Nielsen, Barbara Heer, Silke Oldenburg
01.08.2016-31.07.2019; Swiss National Science Foundation SNSF

Inter-Religio: Sharing Religions and Convictions

Project members: Beate Bengard, Reinhold Bernhardt, Moisés Mayordomo, Andreas Heuser, Alfred Bodenheimer, Georg Pfeleiderer, Jörg Röder,
01.01.2017-31.12.2019; INTERREG V Upper Rhine

From Fragility to Resilience: Accounting for the Diversity of State-making Trajectories in Africa 2017-2020

Principal investigator: Laurent Goetschel
Project members: Domink Balthasar, Toon Dirxx, Wendyam Hervé Lankiandé
01.04.2017-31.03.2020; SNSF

Harnessing Informality: Designing Anti-corruption Network Interventions and Strategic Use of Legal Instruments.

Principal investigator: Claudia Baez Camargo
Co-investigators: Lucy Koechlin (University of Basel), Scott Newton (SOAS, University of London)
01.01.2018-31.12.2020; Global Integrity Anti-Corruption Evidence Programme

Addressing Bribery in the Tanzanian Health Sector: A Behavioural Approach

Principal investigator: Claudia Baez Camargo
Co-investigators: Richard Sambaiga (University of Dar es Salaam), Ruth Persian and Matthew Howitt (The Behavioural Insights Team), Tobias Stark (Utrecht University)
01.01.2019-31.12.2021; DFID/Global Integrity

Key publications

Baez-Camargo, Claudia, Abel Dufitumukiza, Egidius Kamanyi, Robert Lugolobi, Saba Kassa, and Cosimo Stahl. 2019. 'Social Norms and Attitudes Towards Corruption: Comparative Insights from East Africa'. In *Corruption, Social Sciences and the Law. Exploration across the Disciplines*, edited by Jane Ellis, 280.

Dobler, Gregor. 2019. 'Waiting and Voting in the Village: Election Day 2014 in Odibo, Namibia'. *Journal of Namibian Studies* 26, 7-28.

Förster, Till. 2019. 'Europe Far and Close: African Migrants and the Imagination of Europe'. In *Competing Perspectives: Figures of Image Control*, edited by Günter Blamberger and Dietrich Boschung, 315-37.

Hartzell, Caroline and Andreas Mehler eds. 2019. *Power Sharing and Power Relations After Civil War*. Boulder/CO: Lynne Rienner.

Heuser, Andreas, and Jens Koebrsen, eds. 2020. *Faith-Based Organizations in Development Discourses and Practice*. Routledge Studies in Religion and Politics (open access publication in November 2019).

Selected events

On Articulation: Theoretical Reflections on the Politics of Claims and Interests

Talk by Till Förster, University Alassane Ouattara, Bouaké,
06 Feb 2019 | Guest lecture

Walking and Working

Till Förster invited speaker, Institute for Advanced Studies, Princeton,
22 Feb 2019 | Guest lecture

Graduate Workshop: North Africa: New Forms of Social Movements, Social Non-Movements, and Social Non-Actors

Taught by Amal Abdrabo, PhD, lecturer in Sociology at the University of Alexandria and fellow of the Oumou Dilly Foundation
04 May 2019 | Workshop

Abena D. Oduro: The Gender Gap in Asset Ownership in Ghana

Freiburger Afrikagespräch
02 Jul 2019 | Guest lecture/talk

Migration - Interkulturelle Theologie - Kirche, weltweites Christentum lokal

Organized by the Theological Faculty of the University of Basel
09-10 Sep 2019 | Conference

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Claudia Baez-Camargo (Basel Institute
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KAA2: Public Health, Ecosystems, and Well-Being

Martin Röösl

Aims and approaches

Given that human and animal health are closely interlinked with social-ecological systems, we pursue interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary approaches to deepen our understanding of these complex interactions. The aim is to develop and apply concepts of health in social-ecological systems that go beyond “one health”, “environmental public health”, or “eco-health” approaches. We consider vulnerability and resilience validated in different social and cultural contexts. A systemic view ranging across scales from molecules to the ecological and social, cultural and economic context will identify emerging properties and determinants of health. A key element is the comparison of different disease entities and health systems.

Among others, our focal research areas include climate change (from combining climate modelling and health data to assessing vulnerabilities and finding solutions for both adaptation and mitigation), pesticides (use and health effects), environmental pollution (water, soil, and air), and the role of the social sciences in health research.

Activities and major achievements

The Bilateral CH-SA Chair in Global and Environmental Health has been renewed for another five years (until 2024). The main activity in 2019 was completing the follow-up investigation of the “Child Health Agricultural Pesticide Study in South Africa” (CapSA). Visits of study participants at their schools included physical examination, cognitive testing, and personal interviews. Hair samples were collected at baseline, and urinary samples were collected five times between baseline and follow-up investigations to be analysed for pesticide metabolites. In addition, guardians were visited at home for complementary interviews about their children. An in-depth pesticide exposure study was conducted in the autumn with 40 children. This included air, soil, and dust measurements, collection of urine biomarkers, and the distribution of silicon wristbands. Further, water samples were collected in various rivers for a comparison between pesticide concentrations in drought and non-drought periods.

On-going work includes a national particulate matter modelling for South Africa based

Swiss TPH Winter Symposium 2019: Climate Change and Health (Basel, 5-6 December 2019)

Climate change not only has an impact on the environment, but also significant effects on global health. These effects including possible mitigation and adaptation strategies were the questions addressed at this year's Swiss TPH Winter Symposium, organized by Gueladio Cissé and Martin Röösl. Further topics included vulnerabilities, resilience strengthening, and impacts in different contexts. More than 400 experts from academia, public administration, international organizations, and the private sector joined the pressing discussions around climate change and health from 5-6 December in Basel.

In addition, new approaches were tested for this symposium to minimize the event's carbon footprint and to act as a role model for future scientific gatherings. This included video conferencing and live streaming (as well as an event app to reduce printing of event information as well as facilitate networking). In total, ten overseas speakers (and two from Switzerland) presented by video conferencing instead of travelling to Basel, which is equivalent to preventing 28 tons of CO₂ emissions. In the last interactive session, Swiss TPH presented and discussed with the audience their new decarb strategy.

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on satellite data and a time series analysis of acute effects of air pollution on hospitalization rates. For the environmental health study “Climate Change, Drought, and Diarrhea in Children Under Five in Cape Town, South Africa”, fieldwork has been successfully completed, focussing on the association between recent climate trends and the incidence rate of diarrhea in children under five, and using key informants to understand perceptions about climate change and diarrhea.

In May, a very successful graduate workshop on transdisciplinary research in action was conducted in Basel. The 24 workshop participants – ranging from MA students to post-docs in the social sciences, humanities and health/biomedical sciences – discussed the practical implications for undertaking transdisciplinary research projects in Southern contexts, as well as approaches to address a particular health question.

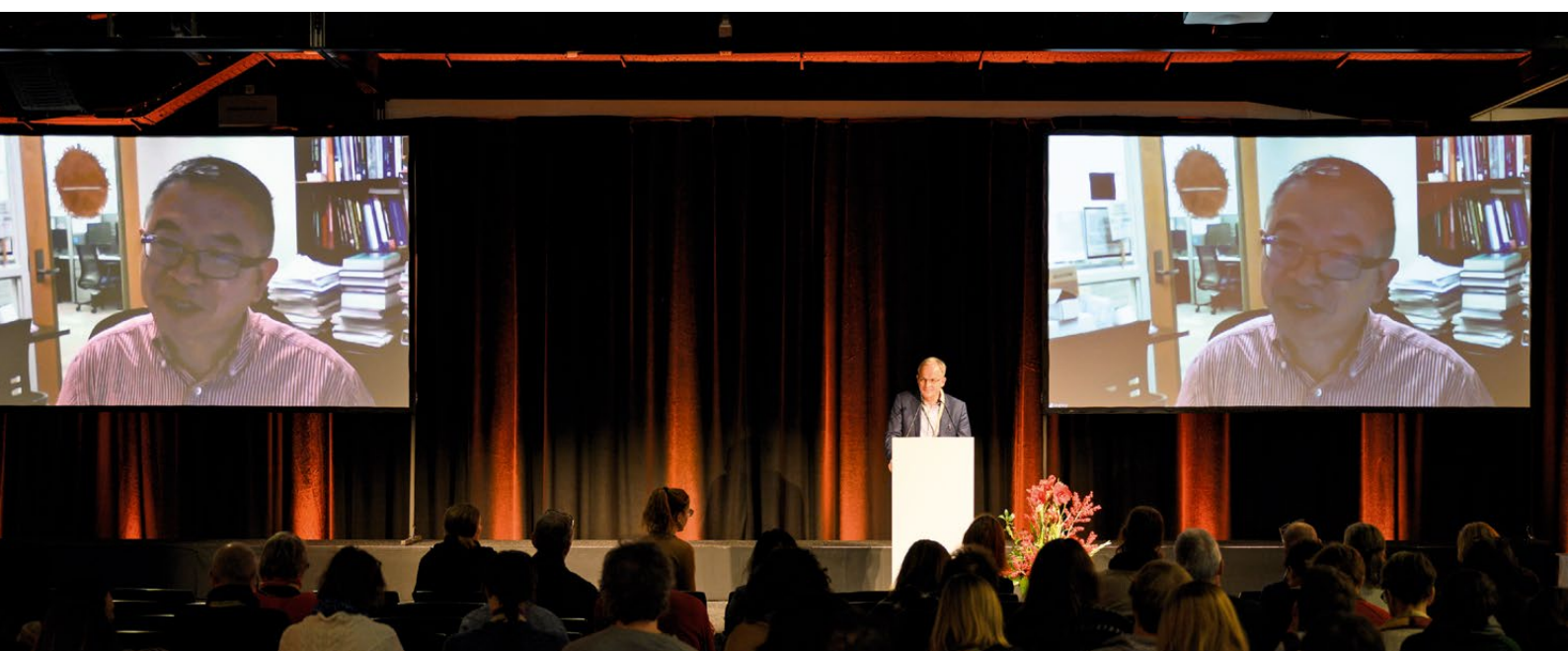
Outlook and planned activities

In 2020/21, a project entitled “Development of Interventions to Reduce Pesticide Exposure in Africa” will commence. The goal is to docu-

ment effective intervention strategies in the agricultural sector of several African countries. The backbone of the project will be two existing case studies in Uganda and South Africa. A workshop with invited pesticide researchers from three to five hotspots in South Africa will be conducted in early 2021 to develop a guideline paper about barriers and promoters of successful interventions and strategies to upscale local intervention studies on a larger scale.

Also in 2020, an integrated research-to-action project is planned to start in the Limpopo province in the north of South Africa. The project will address Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). In addition, a new PhD project will address the effects of climate change on cardiovascular and cardiorespiratory diseases in South Africa (Shreya Shrikhande).

“Transdisciplinary Research in Action” will be continued in the format of a seminar or lecture series at the Centre for African Studies Basel.



Video conferencing and live streaming reduced the symposium's ecological footprint by an estimated 28 tons of CO₂.
Photo: Dominik Plüss/SwissTPH

Selected projects

Joint South Africa and Swiss Chair in Global Environmental Health

Project leaders: Martin Rössli, Aqiel Dalvie

Co-leader: Guéladio Cissé
2015-2024; State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation (SERI), National Research Foundation (NRF)
South Africa

Participation in Social Health Protection: An Anthropological Case Study in Tanzania

Principal investigator: Brigit Obrist van Eeuwijk

Project members: Mayumana, Iddy; Rutishauser, Melina
01.01.2017-31.12.2019; Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF)

In-depth Pesticide Exposure Assessment of Children Living on Farms in the Western Cape, South Africa

Principal investigator: Samuel Fuhri-mann

01.01.2019-31.12.2020; SNSF (Postdoc. Mobility)

Pesticide Exposure, E-Media Use and Neurobehaviour of Children Living in Farmlands of South Africa

PhD thesis Shakuntal Mhlanga

Reproductive Health Effects Due to Pesticide Exposure Amongst Children in the Rural Western Cape in South Africa

PhD project Wisdom Basera

The Relationship Between Organophosphate Metabolites and Neurotoxicity Amongst Emerging Farmers in the Western Cape: A Longitudinal Study

MD thesis, Barblin Michelsen

Climate Change, Drought, and Diarrhea in Children Under Five in Cape Town, South Africa

MSc thesis, Tristan Lee

Pre- and Postnatal Maternal Alcohol Consumption and Neurobehaviour of Adolescents

MSc thesis Paolo Vieglieti

Predictors of Urinary Level of Dialkyl Phosphate Metabolites

MSc Regina Molomo

Development of Current Use Pesticide Analysis Methods

PhD Mufaro Mugari

Modelling South Africa's Daily PM Concentrations at High Spatio-Temporal Resolution and Assessing The Association with Acute Adverse Health Effects

PhD thesis: Oluwaseyi Arowosegbe

Developing an Air Quality Health Index for Cape Town, South Africa – a Time-Series Study

PhD thesis Temitope-Christina Adebayo-Ojo

Key publications

Curchod, L., C. Oltramare, M. Junghans, C. Stamm, M. A. Dalvie, M. Rössli, and S. Fuhrmann. 2020. 'Temporal Variation of Pesticide Mixtures in Rivers of Three Agricultural Watersheds During a Major Drought in the Western Cape, South Africa'. *Water Res X* 6. Elsevier, 100039.

Cissé, Guéladio. 2019. 'Food-Borne and Water-Borne Diseases under Climate Change in Low- and Middle-Income Countries : Further Efforts Needed for Reducing Environmental Health Exposure Risks'. *Acta Tropica* 194. Elsevier Science Publ., 181-88.

Dietler, Dominik, Mohammed Babu, Guéladio Cissé, Ali A. Halage, Enos Malambala, and Samuel Fuhrmann. 2019. 'Daily Variation of Heavy Metal Contamination and Its Potential Sources Along the Major Urban Wastewater Channel in Kampala, Uganda'. *Environmental Monitoring and Assessment* 191 (2). Springer, 52.

Olaniyan, Toyib, Mohamed Aqiel Dalvie, Martin Rössli, Rajen Naidoo, Nino Künzli, Kees de Hoogh, Bhawoodien Parker, Joy Leaner, and Mohamed Jeebhay. 2019. 'Asthma-Related Outcomes Associated With Indoor Air Pollutants Among Schoolchildren from Four Informal Settlements in Two Municipalities in the Western Cape Province of South Africa'. *Indoor Air : International Journal of Indoor Environment and Health* 29 (1). Blackwell, 89-100.

Selected events**Transdisciplinary Research in Action (LV 53723-01)**

Workshop convened by Monica Berger, Alexandra Hofmänner, James Merron, Brigit Obrist, Theres Paulsen, Piet van Eeuwijk

02 May 2019 | Workshop

African Voices in Global Health: Knowledge, Creativity, Accountability (LV 54104-01)

Graduate workshop with Mandisa Mbali (Cape Town)

03 Jun 2019 | Workshop

Joint Bilateral Chair Research Workshop

02-04 September 2019 | Workshop

Symposium: Climate Change and Health — Risks, Adaptations, Resilience, and Co-Benefits

Swiss TPH Winter Symposium

05-06 Dec 2019 | Conference

Members

Guéladio Cissé (Swiss TPH)

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KAA3: Arts, Culture, and Urbanism

| Till Förster

| Kenny Cupers

Our interest

The wealth and diversity of Africa's expressive culture is breathtaking. African arts belong to the oldest and youngest in the world, cover fine and performing arts, music, literature, as well as architectural expressions, embodying finest craftsmanship and splendid design. They address sublime, intimate feelings and make broad political claims, linking the most individual to the widest societal context. They belong to the world's cultural heritage and simultaneously question it by situating the past in the present.

There are no useful definitions of its characteristics as something unique to the continent – uniquely “African”, as Western thought wanted to have it: The arts in Africa did not and do not unfold along the lines of “traditional African” versus “modern and Western”. Like the continent itself, the arts of Africa have been construed by misleading, largely Western dichotomies that call for thorough post-colonial critiques. Today, neither traditional nor mod-

ern makes sense in Africa, nor do conventional categories and genres. More often than not, the expressive cultures of Africa bring fine and performing arts together, embrace literature and music, while simultaneously making use of old and new media in order to make sense to the peoples of the continent.

Africa is no longer the rural continent of Western imagination where wildebeest and giant trees populate pristine landscapes. Africa shows the fastest urbanization worldwide. Cities like Johannesburg, Lagos, and Kinshasa compete with London, New York, and Paris. For many Africans, the former colonial metropolises are no longer the destination of their dreams – although one may be hunting for a job out there. More often than not, the vibrant life of an African city has more to offer than labour. The intensive interactions of urbanites with their cities produce places and spaces where urban culture flourishes, where individual as well as collective identities emerge, where they are forged and eventually



Section of the procession *More Sweetly Play the Dance* (2015)
Photo: Kunstmuseum Basel | Gegenwart, 2019

forgotten. African cities are grey spaces that turn into colourful cityscapes when their inhabitants live them. Cities are collective works that are no less creative than a sculpture or a dance.

What we do

Within this extremely wide gamut, many questions arise – research questions that relate to Africa's place in the world and its significance for our understanding of the arts. Our common focus is the formation and transformation of aesthetics as judgements of sensory experience. We study Africa's historic as well as contemporary visual culture, its oral as well as written literature, its performing arts, the role and use of old and new media from wooden sculptures through photography to smartphone clips, and the urban in all its varieties, from refugee camps through densely packed villages and urban neighbourhoods to lavish post-colonial architectural design and the impact of infrastructure on urban life and culture. Research projects in these fields were

and are conducted in West, Central, East, and Southern Africa.

We maintain a wide academic network with partners throughout Africa and the wider world. We organize workshops and panels at international conferences with eminent scholars, for instance, at the Triennial Symposium on African Art, the European Conference on African Studies, the African Studies Association US and UK, the Swiss Society for African Studies conference, and many more. We engage in outreach activities, for instance, at the Art|Basel art fair, the Museum der Kulturen, or the Basler Afrika Bibliographien. Last but not least, we publish our work in leading journals in the field, among them *Africa*, the *African Studies Review*, *Visual Studies*, *African Arts*, *Social History*, and the *Journal of the Society of Architectural Historians*. Books and edited volumes appear in renowned academic publishing houses, and we have several in-house publication series that are accessible online.

Visual History Lab 2019: A Social History Reading of the William Kentridge Exhibition at the Museum of Contemporary Art in Basel (9-14 September)

The Visual History Lab is offered at ZASB on a yearly basis. It is a learning format, which allows MA students to spend one week working intensively on a particular topic. The lab ends with a public event, which students organize themselves. The Visual History Lab 2019 was concerned with the William Kentridge exhibition *A Poem That Is Not Our Own* at the Museum of Contemporary Art in Basel, which was on show from June to October 2019. William Kentridge is one of the most renowned and internationally recognized South African visual artists.

Students explored how 20th century South African history is addressed in Kentridge's oeuvre, and situated him as an artist in the politics and aesthetics of South African artistic production, a critical domain in which questions of race, class, and gender are negotiated in exciting and often provocative ways. Likewise, the Kentridge show in Basel provided an opportunity to discuss if and how his art speaks to audiences here, and in what ways the exhibition might invite us to think about the arts, race, class, and gender in a Basel context. Students had exclusive access to the exhibition. They were able to speak to curators and museum workers about the making of the exhibition, the supporting programme, visitor responses, etc. In view of a public event at the Museum on 14 September, the students organized a series of public seminars, which were all attended by 30 to 40 people. In the evening, William Kentridge joined the students as interlocutor in a round-table discussion attended by around 150 people.

Lecturers: Kadiatou Diallo, Marcel Mayer, Giorgio Miescher, Lorena Rizzo

Projects

Aesthetics from the Margins.

Photography in Africa and the Poetics of Un/Making the World

Principal investigator: Lorena Rizzo
 Project members: James Lawrence Meron, Kadiatou Nenein Diallo
 01.02.2018-31.01.2023, foundations and associations

Life in the West African Savannah since the 1970s: Hegemony and Autonomy

Principal investigator: Till Förster
 Project member: Lucy Koechlin
 01.11.2019-31.08.2022, SNSF

Territorial Design: How Infrastructure Shaped Territory in Africa

Principal investigator: Kenny R. Cupers
 Project members: Thomas Betschart, Ernest Sewordor
 01.09.2018-31.08.2022, SNSF

Making the City: Agency, Urbanity, and Urbanization in Ordinary Cities

Principal investigator: Till Förster
 Co-investigator: Manuel Herz
 Project members: Silke Oldenburg, Barbara Heer, Lotte Knakkegaard Nielsen, Maren Larsen
 01.08.2016-30.06.2020, SNSF

Art/articulations: Art and the formation of Social Space in African Cities

Principal investigator: Till Förster
 Project members: Franziska Jenni, Fiona Siegenthaler, Frederik Unseld Frederik
 01.02.2015-31.01.2019, SNSF

Key publications

Allain Bonilla, Marie-laure, Fiona Siegenthaler, Yann Laville, Grégoire Mayor, and Boris Wastiau. 2019. 'Entre négociations Et expérimentations: Les musées d'ethnographie Et La décolonisation. Un Entretien'. *Tsantsa* 24, 67-77.

Braun, Lesley Nicole. 2019. 'Wandering Women: The Work of Congolese Transnational Traders'. *Africa* 89 (2). Cambridge University Press, 378-96.

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Selected events**Creative Non-fiction Writing**

With Gaiutra Bahadur (New York based writer and journalist)

26 Apr 2019 / Graduate workshop

(paralleled by a regular semester-long exercise course)

Restitution - Was heisst das?

Inputpräsentation mit anschliessendem Stammtisch

14 May 2019 | Public event

Rural Continuities in the Urban Revolution

Till Förster invited speaker, Stanford University, Stanford

18 May 2019 | Guest lecture

Walter Mignolo (Duke University): Decolonial Aesthetics - One Decade later

Public lecture

21 May 2019 | Guest lecture

Workshop: Refashioning Collaboration

Workshop organized by the Centre for African Studies Basel and Basler Afrika Bibliographien

22 May 2019 | Workshop

Secondary Cities in Burkina Faso – Urban Life as Seen by the Townsfolk

Student presentations by participants in the guided field course to Burkina Faso

22 May 2019 | Colloquium

States of Seeing

With Hans Ruin (Södertörn University), Olga Shevchenko (Williams College), Lorena Rizzo (University of Basel), Martina Baleva (University of Innsbruck), Nicole Fleetwood (Rutgers University), Yvette Christianse (Barnard College), Derek Gregory (University of British Columbia), Rebecca Stein (Duke University), Zeynep Gürsel (Rutgers University), Karen Strassler (City University of New York)

06-07 Jun 2019 | Workshop in collaboration with eikones

Atelier de recherche sur les villes africaines

With Till Förster and Aïdas Sanogo

10-11 Oct | Workshop at Université

Catholique de l'Afrique de l'Ouest, Bobo Dioulasso, Burkina Faso

Amanda Hammar: Speaking Through Houses - Interweaving Biography, Property and Personhood in Urban Zimbabwe

5th J.J. Bachofen Lecture - Basic Questions of Anthropology

08 Nov 2019 | Public event, guest lecture

Workshop: Urban Comparison

With Manuel Herz, Maren Larsen, Lotte Nielsen, and Silke Oldenburg

15 Nov 2019 | Workshop

Members

Lesley Braun (Department of Social Sciences)

Isabelle Chariatte (Department of Languages and Literatures)

Kenny Cupers (Department of Social Sciences)

Serena Dankwa (Fachhochschule Nordwestschweiz FHNW)

Cédric Duchêne-Lacroix (Department of Social Sciences)

Till Förster (Department of Social Sciences)

Manuel Herz (Department of Social Sciences)

Ute Holl (Department Arts, Media, Philosophy)

James Merron (Projects ZASB)

Sonja Merten (Swiss TPH)

Silke Oldenburg (Department of Social Sciences)

Sophie Oldfield (Department of Social Sciences)

Lorena Rizzo (Projects ZASB)

Christiane Schlote (Department of Languages and Literatures)

Sandra Schlumpf-Thurnherr (Department of Languages and Literatures)

Jürg Schneider (African Photography Initiative)

Fiona Siegenthaler (Department of Social Sciences)

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KAA4: Control of Neglected Tropical Diseases and Diseases of Poverty

Claudia
Daubenberger

Objectives

This KAA engages in developing, testing, implementing, and monitoring approaches for the control of Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) and Diseases of Poverty. The University of Basel together with its associate institutes, mainly Swiss TPH, and the links to the private sector, is a key player in product-oriented research. We contribute to the R&D process of vaccines, drugs, and diagnostic tests with the focus on diseases of poverty and NTDs by innovative basic research interlinked with pre-clinical studies. Novel interventions are tested and implemented through joint clinical research with African partners ranging from phase I up to phase IV.

Malaria

Enhancement of malaria control efforts including vector control and better access to diagnosis and prompt treatment have reduced considerably malaria related morbidity and mortality in the past 15 years, particularly in Sub-Saharan Africa. However, additional tools, including a highly protective malaria vaccine are needed for sustainable malaria control and elimination.

The Bioko Island Malaria Elimination Project (BIMEP) addresses malaria morbidity and mortality affecting the population living and working on Bioko Island in Equatorial Guinea, and informs a broader malaria control strategy for the rest of the African continent. The collaboration achieves this through long-term, large public-private funding agreements, including the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare of Equatorial Guinea together with Marathon EG Production Limited, Noble Energy, and the Atlantic Methanol Production Company. Over the past few years, members of the Swiss TPH Clinical Immunology Unit in collaboration with the Ifakara Health Institute and Medical Care Development International under the sponsorship of Sanaria Inc. have successfully conducted three malaria vaccine trials on Bioko Island. The trials evaluated the safety, immunogenicity, and efficacy of live, purified, cryopreserved, metabolically active and irradiation attenuated whole sporozoites of *P. falciparum* as vaccine against malaria infection.

This series of clinical studies has resulted in the selection of optimal vaccine dosing and regimen for infants, children, adolescent, and adults living in Sub-Saharan Africa that will be tested in an upcoming phase III study in 2020.

At the 2019 Concordia Summit, BIMEP was announced as the winner of the P3 Impact Award. The annual P3 Impact Award recognizes leading cross-sector collaborations that feature public, private, nonprofit, or non-governmental organizations addressing societal challenges. Winners are selected by the U.S. Department of State, the University of Virginia Darden School of Business, and Concordia, a nonprofit organization that promotes cross-sector partnerships for social impact. BIMEP is the sixth public-private partnership to win the annual award, and the first to not only win the P3 Impact Award, but to also be selected by the audience from among the finalists for the Audience Choice Award.

Helminths

In September 2019, the “Helminth Elimination Platform (HELP)” was launched within the helminth drug development unit of Swiss TPH. This new multidisciplinary platform is funded through the European Union’s Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme and will run until September 2024. HELP is headed by Jennifer Keiser and comprises non-profit research and development (R&D) organization, Drugs for Neglected Diseases initiative (DNDi), and the pharmaceutical companies Bayer Animal Health and Bristol-Myers Squibb (formerly Celgene). Partnering European and African academic institutions are the University Hospital Bonn, Germany, and the Muséum National d’Histoire Naturelle Paris, France, as well as the Ifakara Health Institute, Tanzania, and the University of Buea, Cameroon.

Sleeping sickness

The London Declaration of 2012 was a milestone in the fight against neglected tropical diseases, guaranteeing the supply of available drugs free of charge. Yet it is mostly the patients who are neglected, not the diseases, and, at first instance, it is the patients in rural Afri-

ca who often resort to folk medicine. Be it for ease of access or cultural aspects, traditional herbal medicines tend to be preferred to pharmaceuticals. This was investigated for African sleeping sickness in a collaboration between the Swiss TPH, the Instituto de Combate e Controlo das Tripanossomíases (ICCT) in Luanda, and several other Angolan institutions. Nina Vahekeni, who designed and carried out the study, conducted structured interviews with sleeping sickness patients and with traditional practitioners. She found that indeed a substantial fraction (40%) of the sleeping sickness patients at ICCT had used folk medicine as a first treatment option. Based on these interviews, ethnobotanical and ethnomedicinal studies were carried out that serve as the basis for valorization of the herbal remedies and for identification of potentially toxic preparations. This study was the first implementation of the Nagoya Protocol for access and benefit sharing in Angola.

Acute respiratory infections in children

Pneumonia continues to be the biggest single killer of children, claiming the lives of 800,000 children last year. Acute respiratory infections (ARIs) in infants and children under five years have been a target of the World Health Organization (WHO) since the early 1970s as they contribute substantially to childhood mortality in low and middle income countries (LMICs). In the 1980s, there was general agreement that severe ARI was primarily a bacterial disease. Management strategies have focused on the provision of antibiotics and vaccines ever since. WHO developed a pneumonia case management algorithm for frontline health workers, using simple clinical signs such as cough, fever, rapid breathing, and chest indrawing. Research over the past years has shown that viral infections cause the majority of severe ARIs in LMICs. But viral respiratory infections have been neglected in pneumonia case management strategies. With the growing availability of life-saving antibiotics in LMICs, children are now facing the additional burden of antibiotic over-prescription. On average, a child in Sub-Sahara receives an estimated 25 courses of antibiotics in the first five years of life. Unnecessary antibiotics

kill the natural protective body flora, making children even more vulnerable to infections. Finally, air pollution has led to a rise in childhood asthma cases. Front-line health workers currently lack tools to adequately diagnose and treat children presenting with the “pneumonia” disease spectrum.

Kristina Keitel and her colleagues at Swiss TPH and Ifakara Health Institute in Tanzania have developed smartphone-based electronic decision support algorithms for front-line health workers. The novel pneumonia case management algorithm was integrated into an overall smartphone-based electronic decision support tool, ePOCT (see page 18), and assessed through a randomized, controlled study in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. The findings, published 2019, showed a striking reduction in antibiotic prescriptions and improved health outcomes. For her research work on ePOCT, Kristina Keitel received the prestigious Pfizer Research Award in 2019. She will continue leverage innovative pneumonia diagnostics to improve care for children in Africa. For pneumonia, she plans to investigate how two novel, artificial intelligence powered technologies, smart stethoscopes and lung ultrasound, can be included in pneumonia case management algorithms in Africa.

Research ethics in context of poverty related diseases

A seminar on genetics and race in the context of medical research at Swiss TPH given by Henri Yérés was the starting point of a conversation we wish to continue within ZASB and expand further. Ethical and social questions in the context of genetics and genomics are particularly critical for research and development in areas like personalized medicine. We believe that these questions require exchange between biomedicine, on the one hand, and the humanities and social sciences, on the other, in order to contribute to a better understanding of the implications of genetics and genomics for medical research, health care, and society more generally.

Selected projects**Bioko Island Malaria Elimination Project (BIMEP)**

Principal investigator for clinical and diagnostic laboratory work: Claudia Daubenberger

Co-investigators: Stephen L. Hoffman (Sanaria Inc), Said Jongo (Ifakara Health Institute), Christopher Schwabe (Medical Care Development International), H.E. Mitoha Ondo'o Ayekaba (Vice Minister of Health and Social Welfare of Government of Equatorial Guinea)
01.01.2019-31.12.2024; Public private partnership funding through the Government of Equatorial Guinea, Marathon Oil Corporation, Noble Energy Inc, Atlantic Methanol Production Company

Electronic Algorithms Based on Host Biomarkers Point of Care Tests to Decide on Admission and Antibiotic Prescription in Tanzanian Febrile Children (ePOCT)

Principal investigator: Valérie D'Acremont (Swiss TPH)

Co-investigators: Kristina Keitel (Swiss TPH), Frank Kagoro (Ifakara Health Institute), Willy Sangu (Dar es Salaam, City Council, Tanzania)
2014-2021; SNSF/r4D, Thrasher Foundation, Harvard University

Collaboration for innovation:**Establishment of a pan-nematode drug development platform**

Principal investigator: Jennifer Keiser
Consortium members: 8 universities, industries and public development partnerships (2 from African countries)
01.09.2019-31.08.2025; EU/Horizon 2020

Key publications

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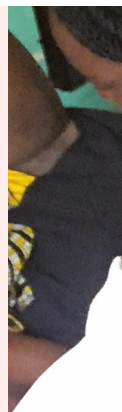
Innovative Clinical Decision Support Tool

The management of childhood infections is often inadequate in resource-limited settings, resulting in high mortality and irrational use of antimicrobials. Current disease management tools rely solely on clinical signs but do not include point-of-care tests such as blood tests to detect infections.

To improve diagnosis and care of sick children, Swiss TPH developed a smartphone-based interactive decision support tool (ePOCT). ePOCT guides health workers through the entire consultation and recommends treatment based both on clinical signs as well as point-of-care test results. The tool maintains simplicity while integrating more complex case management algorithms. Apart from a malaria rapid diagnostic test, ePOCT includes tests for anemia, low oxygen, bacterial infections, and low blood glucose. The project was funded by the Swiss Programme for Research on Global Issues for Development (r4d), the Thrasher Foundation, and Harvard University.

As a next step, the ePOCT tool will now undergo "real-world" testing through several Swiss TPH research projects in Tanzania, Rwanda, India, Kenya, Senegal, and Myanmar, funded by the Botnar Foundation, UNITAID, and the Swiss Development Cooperation. The goal of these large-scale, multi-country projects is to provide evidence for scale-up of the tool.

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Selected Events

Olotu, Ally, Vicente Urbano, Ali Hamad, Martin Eka, Mwajuma Chemba, Elizabeth Nyakarungu, Jose Raso, Esther Ebury, Dolores O. Mandumbi, Diana Hergott, Carl D. Maas, Mitoha O. Ayekaba, Diosdado N. Milang, Matilde R. Rivas, Tobias Schindler, Oscar M. Embon, Adam J. Ruben, Elizabeth Saverino, Yonas Abebe, Natasha Kc, Eric R. James, Tooba Murshedkar, Anita Manoj, Sumana Chakravarty, Minglin Li, Matthew Adams, Christopher Schwabe, J. Luis Segura, Claudia Daubenberger, Marcel Tanner, Thomas L. Richie, Peter F. Billingsley, B. Kim Lee Sim, Salim Abdulla, and Stephen L. Hoffman. 2018. 'Advancing Global Health through Development and Clinical Trials Partnerships: A Randomized, Placebo-Controlled, Double-Blind Assessment of Safety, Tolerability, and Immunogenicity of Plasmodium Falciparum Sporozoites Vaccine for Malaria in Healthy Equatoguinean Men'. *American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene* 98 (1). American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, 308-18.

**Genetics at the Service of Healthcare:
What Has Race Got to Do With It?**

06 Nov 2019 | Workshop
Swiss TPH Seminar with Henri-Michel Yéré

Members

Claudia Daubenberger (Swiss TPH)
Sebastien Gagneux (Swiss TPH)
Jennifer Keiser (Swiss TPH)
Sonja Merten (Swiss TPH)
Brigit Obrist (Department of Social Sciences)
Daniel Paris (Swiss TPH)
Piet van Eeuwijk (Department of Social Sciences)
Henri-Michel Yéré (Department of Social Sciences)



ePOCT guides health workers through the consultation and recommends treatment.
Photo: Kristina Keitel/Swiss TPH

KAA5: Knowledge Production, Forms, and Platforms

| Julia Tischler

Objectives

This key area addresses the following questions: What are the conditions for producing knowledge on Africa, and how do these affect the quality and outcomes of research? Who do we produce knowledge on Africa for? What does it mean to produce “postcolonial” knowledge on Africa? How can we engage with the asymmetries that continue to characterize African Studies, in which Northern institutions and researchers play a dominant role? How can our research inform broader public debates?

Activities and major achievements

In June, the Sinergia project “African Contributions to Global Health”, a collaboration between the Department of History (Julia Tischler), Swiss TPH (Jürg Utzinger), and EPFL (Jérôme Chenal) was launched. An international team of researchers, three of whom coming from institutions in African countries, was hired to implement the six sub-projects, which deal with different aspects of health-related knowledge and its global circulation. An additional PhD project on maternal health in Nigeria (Tolulope Fadeyi), financed through the Humer Foundation, was furthermore affiliated with the consortium.

In the context of her project on Equatoguinean immigrants in Madrid, Sandra Schlumpf-Thurnherr initiated the event “Visibilizar lo invisible: lenguas indígenas del mundo iberorrománico” with the renown Equatoguinean scholar Justo Bolekia Boleká (Universidad de Salamanca).

Isabelle Chariatte Fels organized two workshops that brought African literature to a Basel audience, featuring the prominent authors Karmel Daoud from Algeria and Sami Tchak from Togo.

Dag Henrichsen and colleagues of the Basler Afrika Bibliographien (BAB) organized a workshop on ethnographic collection provenance and organized the workshop “Stolen from Africa? Restitution of Namibian Cultural Heritage in Switzerland”.

Several members of our Key Area were part of the organizing committee and/or speakers at the conference “Africa and the Academy” in November 2019.

Planned activities

In March 2020, the Sinergia project “African Contributions to Global Health” will organize an international kick-off conference with the collaboration of African project partners. In April 2020, Tanja Hammel will co-host the conference “The Intersectional Ghosts of Natural History: Gender, Class, Race, and Empire”. Dag Henrichsen, in collaboration

African Contributions to Global Health. Circulating Knowledge and Innovations

Scholarly and policy discourse on innovation has been based on the (tacit) understanding that new developments generally occur in the west, while lower-income countries in other parts of the world adopt them only after some delay. Challenging these unidirectional models, this new interdisciplinary project focuses on African contributions to global health by examining knowledge, practices, or applications that were designed for improving healthcare in Africa but that have become – or have the potential to become – relevant to questions of health globally.

At a time of shrinking public budgets and ageing societies in the global north, much can be learned from African countries, which have done remarkably well in the past two decades with respect to population health outcomes. The project brings these concerns into conversation with academic debates on knowledge circulation and innovation by examining cross-continental learning with an inter- and transdisciplinary perspective.

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with other members of this KAA, has secured funding for the workshop “Sites of Knowledge Production” to be held at BAB.

In March, Zimbabwean scholar Vimbai Kwashirai will join the History Department on a Marie Curie Fellowship. Tanja Hammel has been awarded a fellowship at the German Historical Institute in Washington to conduct research on her work on the history of mefloquine.

Outlook

Members of the KAA met in December 2019 to discuss ongoing activities and plan future

events. As a result, several ideas crystallized: a conference or panel discussion on “Doing Research in Authoritarian Contexts”; a podium discussion on the current politics of international research collaboration in Switzerland; an intervention in schools or teacher training on the issue of Africa and its place in current school curricula.

In addition, Danelle van Zyl-Hermann, Tanja Hammel and Henri-Michel Yéré are working on a collaboration with Kathrin Heitz-Topka at the Centre Suisse de Recherches Scientifiques (Abidjan) to organize a conference and special issue on the topic of One Health.



One of the case studies situates urban planning in the global health agenda by reassessing the relevance of urban planning as a preventive tool against disease, as well as a tool to promote equity in health.

Photo: Blue Ox Studio/Pexels

Selected projects

African Contributions to Global Health: Circulating Knowledge and Innovations

Principal investigators: Tischler Julia, Utzinger Jürg, Chenal Jerome (EPF Lausanne)

Project members: Danelle van Zyl-Hermann, Tanja Hammel, Doris Osei-Afriyie, Ipyen Eric Nebie, Günther Fink, Christian Burri, Jakob Zinsstag
01.06.2019-31.05.2023, SNSF (Sinergia)

China's Medical Assistance to Africa. A Case Study of Tanzania, 1960s to 2015

Dissertation Kifyasi

Engendering the Colony: Maternal Health, Indigenous Knowledge and European Medicine in Southwest Nigeria, 1925-1960

Dissertation Tolulope Esther Fadeyi

Key publications

Siegenthaler, Fiona. 2019. 'Art Practice As a Field of Articulatory Engagements: Fred Mutebi's Promotion of Barkcloth in Local and Global Networks'. Edited by Till Förster, Franziska Jenni, Fiona Siegenthaler, and Frederik Unseld. *Basel Papers on Political Transformations*, no. 18/19 (November). Institute of Social Anthropology, University of Basel, 35-57.

Hammel, Tanja. 2019. *Shaping Natural History and Settler Society: Mary Elizabeth Barber and the Nineteenth-Century Cape*. Cambridge Imperial and Post-Colonial Studies Series. London: Palgrave.

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Siegenthaler, Fiona, and Marie-laure Alain Bonilla. 2019. 'Dekoloniale Prozesse an Schweizer Hochschulen Und Kulturinstitutionen: Empirische Und Theoretische Ansätze'. *Tsantsa*. Seismo Verlag.

Selected events

Reading: Rencontre avec Kamel Daoud
With Kamel Daoud
20 Mar 2019 | Public event/guest lecture

Workshop: 'Stolen from Africa'? Restitution of Namibian Cultural Heritage in Switzerland

In collaboration with the Basler Afrika Bibliographien, the Swiss Society for African Studies, and the Swiss Academy of Humanities and Social Sciences
08 May 2019 | Workshop

Summer School: The Value(s) of Science. The Normative Order of African Studies

4th Basel Summer School in African Studies
09-13 Sep 20 | Workshop

Book Launch: Shaping Natural History and Settler Society

With Tanja Hammel
04 Oct 2019 | Public event

Justo Bolekia: La lengua Bubi: resistencia, rehabilitación y empoderamiento

With Justo Bolekia Boleká, Universidad de Salamanca
30 Oct 2019 | Guest lecture

Rencontre avec l'écrivain togolais Sami Tchak

With Sami Tchak
22 Nov 2019 | Workshop

Members

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Languages and Literatures)
Laurent Goetschel (swisspeace)
Tanja Hammel (Department of History)
Dag Henrichsen (Basler Afrika Biblio-
graphien)
Andreas Heuser (Faculty of Theology)
Alexandra Hofmänner (Department of
Social Sciences)
Elísio Macamo (Department of Social
Sciences)
Sandra Schlumpf-Thurnherr
(Department of Languages and
Literatures)
Fiona Siegenthaler (Department of
Social Sciences)
Noemi Steuer (Projects ZASB)
Julia Tischler (Department of History)
Danelle Van Zyl-Hermann (Department
of History)
Ralph Weber (Institute for European
Global Studies)
Henri-Michel Yéré (Department of Social
Sciences)
Jakob Zinsstag (Swiss TPH)

KAA6: Land, Landscapes, and Ecology



Giorgio
Miescher

Niklaus Kuhn

Aims and approaches

This key area has a research agenda based on the combination of three interconnected key themes in Africa-related research and debates in the humanities, and social and natural sciences.

Land is a core topic in political struggles across Africa and beyond. The question of who owns and who can make use of the land, and natural resources more generally, is fundamental to any socio-political analysis. Practices of land-use are never isolated, but always related to complex ecological, social, and cultural processes, which are concurrently embedded in broader spatial and temporal frameworks.

The term “landscape” offers a theoretical perspective for discussing the material and imagined – or practical and metaphysical – conceptions through which land is shaped, perceived, experienced, and made sense of. Landscape, therefore, is a concept reflected on in both the social and natural sciences, and it opens up productive pathways towards interdisciplinary research.

The term “ecology”, finally, refers to the study of interactions between components within ecosystems, and highlights the commitment to include biological, environmental, and conservation science into our understanding of land and landscapes in Africa.

In sum, this KAA offers a platform for thinking about the past, present, and future of land and land use across the disciplines, on the basis of a sustained interdisciplinary conversation that wishes to synthesize the theoretical and methodological approaches from the natural and social sciences, and the humanities.

Land use and landscapes narratives

Since 2017 researchers from the fields of the social sciences, humanities, and natural sciences, who are based in South Africa, Namibia, and Switzerland, have jointly worked together in the research project “Space in Time: Landscape Narratives and Land Management Changes in a Southern African Cross-Border Region”. Bringing together various KAA

members (Giorgio Miescher, Nikolaus Kuhn, Luregn Lenggenhager, Lena Bloemertz), this project aims to understand the changing landscape along the bi-national Lower Orange River region in South Africa and Namibia from various disciplinary angles.

Our common research questions imply, firstly, to identify changing land use and claims, secondly, to ask how these changes in land use and land claims affected the landscape, and, thirdly, how the landscape has reflected these changes. Each discipline would choose a different methodology in order to identify and narrate land use changes in the Lower Orange River area, and each discipline would rely on specific archives, which consist of both representations of the landscape, such as written or oral descriptions, and representations in the landscape, such as sediments or ruins.

We wish the research conducted in the framework of our project to lead to a variety of distinct landscape narratives based on interdisciplinary research that reflect transformations in and of the landscape, both at the level of its materiality and its representation. As in every interdisciplinary project, the challenge will be to bring these narratives into a productive conversation. This requires an understanding of the different methodologies applied, the different archives used, along with the research questions and purpose. It is only on the basis of a genuine interdisciplinary exchange and dialogue that we can think about commonalities and differences in the different landscape narratives produced.

The Basler Afrika Bibliographien (BAB) made parts of the Lower Orange River-related archives (images, film, written documents) of the archaeologist Gudrun Corvinus accessible. Some twenty Super 8 films from the 1970s and 1980s and a first collection of slides were digitized. BAB works together with the anthropologist Ulla Mussgnug (Karlsruhe-Cape Town) who researched the Lower Orange area herself in the 1980s and, in part, together with Corvinus. The collection is one of the few in Switzerland relating directly to the research area and is important in its transdisciplinary

entanglements. Namibian visitors from the project to Basel in summer 2019 (M. Akawa and R Nghiteveleleka) used the opportunity to research some of the digital material from this collection.

Environmental impact of land use

Two projects headed by Nikolaus Kuhn of the Physical Geography and Environmental Change Research Group focus on the environmental impact of land use change in the Karoo rangelands and the intense crop production in the Free State (South Africa).

Rangelands comprise two thirds of the global cropland and are subject to an intense degradation of soils and vegetation. Most research so far has focused on the regional dimension of causes and impacts of soil erosion. The work done by Nikolaus Kuhn and his team in the Karoo expands the scope of these studies by focusing on the relevance of rangeland degradation on global biogeochemical cycles.

In the Free State, intense crop production contributes significantly to food security in southern Africa. A major side effect of the crop production is a lack of protection of the soils from wind, causing dust emissions with detrimental effects on soils, but also air quality, in particular in the Johannesburg metropolitan area. In the project on the dust emissions from Free State croplands, the Physical Geography and Environmental Change Research Group studies the role of surface boundary controlling the dust emissions.

Teaching and exchange

On the level of teaching, we have launched a series of winter/summer schools jointly organized with the University of Namibia in the framework of the “Learning for (Ex)Change” (L4E) project. In the first edition, an interdisciplinary group of students from both universities has done comparative fieldwork on small town structural change in the mining town of Oranjemund on the Lower Orange River and in Appenzell in Eastern Switzerland.

The weekly Namibian and Southern African Studies research colloquium is an important

platform for the interdisciplinary work of our KAA. The colloquium allows bringing international scholars from various disciplines to Basel and offers students and staff a regular opportunity for interdisciplinary exchange and debate.

A particular highlight this year was the workshop “Re-fashioning Collaboration” at ZASB. The workshop brought together a broad range of scholars from Namibia, South Africa, UK, and Switzerland to reflect on previous, current, and future academic collaborations.

Outlook and planned activities

Scheduled for 2020 is an international conference in the framework of the “Space in Time” project taking place in Oranjemund, Namibia, in January 2020. The conference brings together scholars and students working on the project, who will present and discuss first results amongst themselves and interested regional participants.

The Physical Geography and Environmental Change Research Group conducts a field campaign in the Free State and the Karoo in January 2020. Further fieldwork and presentations of results are scheduled for July 2020 in the context of the International Conference on Aeolian Research (ICAR) in Swakopmund as well as a couple of workshops with farmers in the Free State and the Karoo where research results will be presented and discussed.

In June 2020, the second winter/summer school will bring Namibian and Swiss students first to Switzerland and then to Namibia to explore and compare the ecological, economic and political challenges of agriculture in the context of climate change in the two countries.

In addition, several individual research stays and scientific exchange visits are scheduled for 2020.

Selected Projects

Space in Time: Landscape Narratives and Land Management Changes in a Southern African Cross-border Region

Principal investigators: Giorgio Miescher, Maano Ramutsindela (University of Cape Town)

Coordinator: Luregn Lenggenhager

Partners: Martha Akawa (University of Namibia), Dag Henrichsen, Nikolaus Kuhn, Lena Bloemertz, Juliane Krenz
01.06.2017-31.05.2021, SNSF/SSAJRP

South African Cropland Dust Emission Risks: Physical Thresholds, Environmental and Socio-Economic Impacts

Principal investigator: Nikolaus Kuhn

Co-investigator: Frank Eckardt

Project team: Juliane Krenz, Heleen Vos
01.04.2017-31.03.2021, SNSF

Soil Erosion Monitoring With Unmanned Aerial Vehicles

Principal investigator: Nikolaus Kuhn

Project team: Brigitte Kuhn, Daniel

Schaub

01.01.2016-31.12.2020, University funds

Land Degradation in the Karoo, South Africa

Principal investigator: Nikolaus Kuhn

Project team: Brigitte Kuhn, Juliane

Krenz

01.01.2015-31.12.2021, University funds

Learning for (Ex)change: Small Town Transformation in Namibia and Switzerland

Project team University of Basel: Luregn Lenggenhager, Lena Bloemertz, Giorgio Miescher, Silva Liebherr

Project team University of Namibia:

Martha Akawa, Martin Hipondoka,

Romie, Goodman Gwasira, Nahas

Angula

01.01.2019-31.12.2022, Stiftung Mercator

Schweiz

Namib Fog Life Cycle Analysis – Field Measurements (NaFoLiCA - F)

Principal investigator: Roland Vogt

Co-investigator: Eberhard Parlow

Project members: Jarl Are Larsen, Christian Feigenwinter, Robert Spirig

Key publications

Dobler, Gregor, and Rita Kesselring. 2019. 'Swiss Extractivism: Switzerland's Role in Zambia's Copper Sector'. *Journal of Modern African Studies* 57 (2). Cambridge University Press, 223-45.

Krenz, Juliane, Philip Greenwood, and Kuhn Nikolaus J. 2019. 'Soil Degradation Mapping in Drylands Using Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) Data'. *Soil Systems* 2 (3). MDPI, 33.

Wingate, Vladimir R., Stuart R. Phinn, and Nikolaus Kuhn. 2019. 'Mapping Precipitation-Corrected NDVI Trends across Namibia.' *The Science of the Total Environment* 684, 96–112.

Collaborative teaching project: Learning for (Ex)change (L4E) – Small Town Transformation in Namibia and Switzerland

Learning for Ex(change) develops and implements innovative forms of international collaboration in teaching among universities from the global South and North. This takes place in the form of summer or winter schools focusing on socio-economic changes in rural and semi-urban areas in Namibia and Switzerland with participants from both countries.

The first joint summer/winter school took place in 2019 with nine students from the University of Namibia and seven students from the University of Basel. In June, we went to Oranjemund (Namibia) – a previously privately owned and strictly closed mining town that was built for the sole purpose of accommodating the mine's workers. Over the last years, the town gradually turned into an



At the Orange River during the winter school in Namibia, June 2019.
Photo: Luregn Lenggenhager

Selected events**William Beinart: Priorities for Land Reform and Agricultural Production in South Africa**

Namibian and Southern African Studies
Research Colloquium
03 Apr 2019 | Colloquium

Brigitte Kuhn: Aerial Photography & the Orange River Mouth Landscape

Namibian and Southern African Studies
Research Colloquium
15 May 2019 | Colloquium

Workshop: Refashioning Collaboration

Workshop organized by the Centre for African Studies Basel and Basler Afrika Bibliographien
22-25 May 2019 | Workshop

Luregn Lenggenhager: Ruling Nature, Controlling People. Nature Conservation, Development and War in North-Eastern Namibia since the 1920s

Book launch
22 May 2019 | Public event

Samantha Sithole: "Where did our nature go?" - Understanding the Impact of Militarized Conservation on Communities Neighbouring the Kruger National Park

Research Colloquium Namibian and Southern African Studies
27 Nov 2019 | Colloquium

Emily Mutota: The Impact of Socio-Economic Transformation on Rural People's Values and Relationship With Nature. A Case Study from Kavango West, Namibia

Research Colloquium Namibian and Southern African Studies
04 Dec 2019 | Colloquium

Eduard Gargallo: Community Conservation and Land Use in Namibia: Combinations, Confusions or Contradictions?

Research Colloquium Namibian and Southern African Studies
11 Dec 2019 | Colloquium

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open, public town, while, at the same time, the mining company announced the probable closure of the mine in the near future. In July, we looked at the towns Appenzell and Herisau (Switzerland). From the 19th until the early 20th century, eastern Switzerland was home to a thriving, internationally well-known textile industry, which rapidly declined after it went into crisis around World War I. Appenzell and Herisau had to undergo a radical transformation in order to survive.

The entire group spent four weeks together – two in each country. During this time, the participants observed, collected material and information, and talked to relevant people to find out more about their specific topics in the two countries. These included food production, main economic sector(s), built environment, tourism, as well as future and visions.

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In Appenzell during the summer school in Switzerland, July 2019.
Photo: Luregn Lenggenhager

Executive Office

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The executive office's main task is to coordinate research, teaching and transfer activities within the Africa research network at the University and its partner institutions. In the past few months, the focus has been on organizing the network itself and improving the structure and the administrative processes. The executive office assisted the new Directorate and the Steering Committee in navigating these changes by developing the basis for the reorganization and the definition of processes, competences, and governance structure, including new regulations for the research network. We are confident that ZASB is now well set-up to seize upcoming opportunities for our network.

While the organization of the network itself kept us busy, we were also able to engage with our task to bring scholars together, initiate joint activities, and support projects in teaching, research, and outreach. We supported major research proposals to the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNFS) and the Eu-

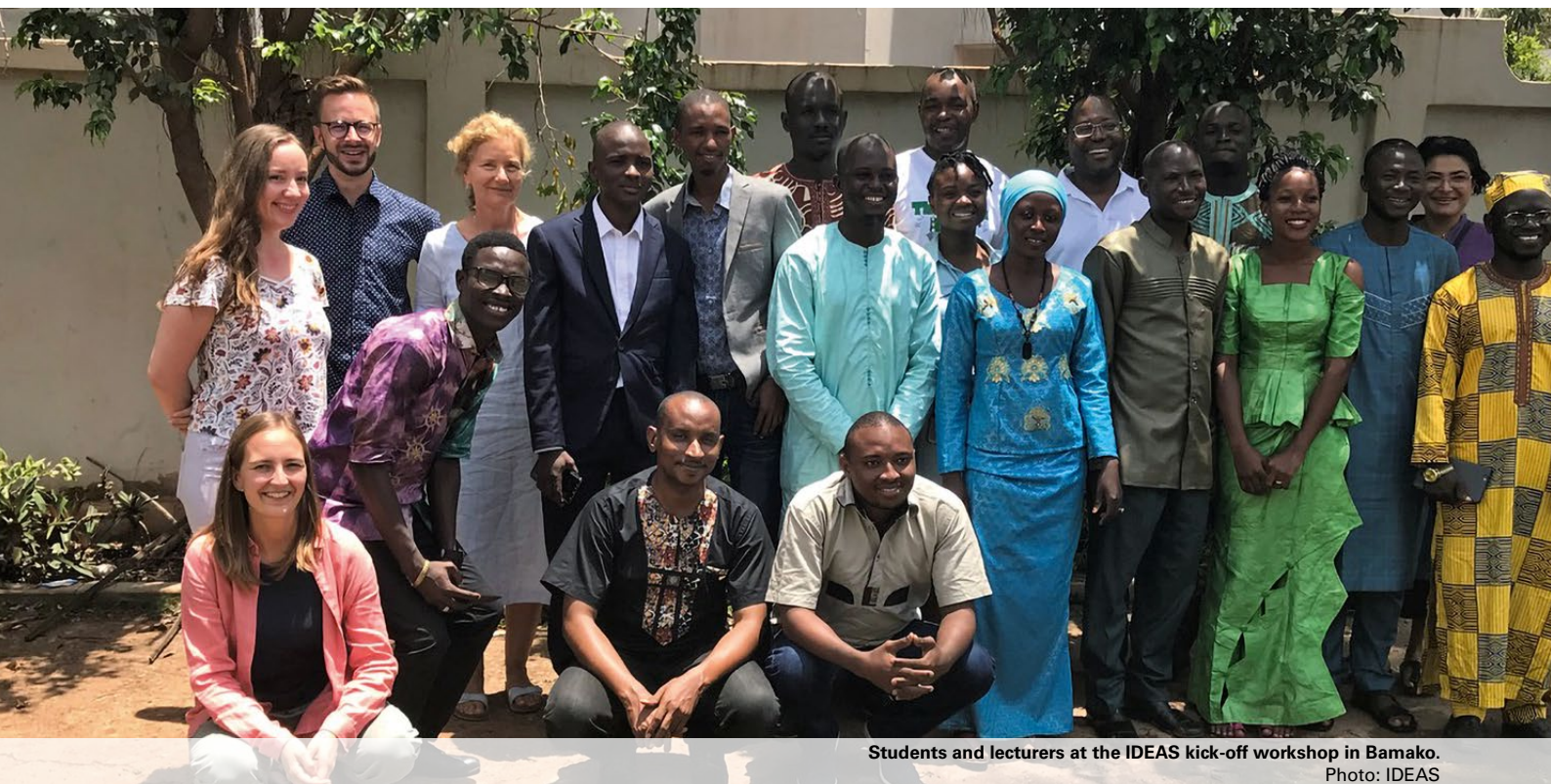
ropean Union's Horizon 2020 programme. In addition, we were able to secure smaller funds for scientific events and research activities.

Africa and the Academy

A key event in the past year was the conference "Africa and the Academy in the 21st Century", which we organized together with the Swiss Society for African Studies. The interactive format allowed some 100 scholars and students to engage in intense exchanges during two full days. The highlight of the event was the Carl Schlettwein Lecture by Francis Nyamnjoh. Refreshing and witty, it stimulated rich debates (see page 2).

Teaching and training

In the area of teaching at MA level, we had the opportunity to accompany two innovative exchange projects, both aiming not only at mobility and exchange, but also at a change of perspective on a theoretical and conceptual level. "International Digital Exchange between Africa and Switzerland" (IDEAS) is a col-



Students and lecturers at the IDEAS kick-off workshop in Bamako.
Photo: IDEAS

laboration between the Universities of Basel, Bamako, and Conakry on social science theories, methods, and concepts. It explores the potential of information and communication technologies for joint learning and teaching (see below). “Learning for (Ex)change” (L4E) practises the idea of reciprocity and reversing the gaze in joint summer/winter schools with the University of Namibia. The first edition brought students from Basel and Windhoek to Oranjemund and to Appenzell in order to study small towns and semi-urban regions in Namibia and Switzerland (see page 26).

In the framework of the Graduate Network African Studies, we organized several graduate events, including the 4th Basel Summer School in African Studies.

Outreach

After introducing a new modular structure for our continuing education programme in 2018, four participants are currently completing their Certificate of Advanced Studies in

African Affairs. In 2019, we organized three courses. In addition, linked to the continuing education programme and as a part of our outreach activities, we hosted an Africa Forum on development cooperation and the Agenda 2030.

Staff

In 2019, we had to say goodbye to our student assistant Danielle Isler. She was a wonderful colleague for more than two years, and we would like to thank her very much for her support and commitment. We would also like to thank Kate Wood, who joined our team from September 2018 to May 2019 in the framework of the National Qualification Programme BNF, for her highly valuable support of our daily work, especially in editing and publications.

Outlook

For 2020, new graduate events are planned. In cooperation with the Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa (CODESRIA) and generously funded by the Fondation Oumou Dilly, we will organize the fourth CODESRIA/ZASB Summer School in Dakar. In 2020 we will also engage in a new cooperation in the area of graduate training. Together with the Journal of Southern African Studies (JSAS) and the University of Namibia, ZASB will organize the writing workshop “Emerging Scholars and New Research in Southern Africa” for early career scholars from southern Africa as well as members of our Graduate Network. Another highlight will be the EUCOR workshop series “The Trouble With the State. Boundaries and Networks in Africa”, scheduled to take place in Strasbourg, Freiburg i.Br., and Basel.

The above-mentioned MA exchange projects will provide further highlights. The second L4E summer/winter school on agriculture, food, conservation, and tourism will bring students to the Naturpark Beverin (Switzerland) and to Karasburg and Noordoewer (Namibia). Participants in IDEAS from Mali, Guinea, and Switzerland will present their work at the Swiss Researching Africa Days scheduled for 23 and 24 October 2020 in Bern.

International Digital Exchange Between Africa and Switzerland (IDEAS)

IDEAS is a multi-sited course on social sciences, knowledge production, and digitalization in theory and practice. The project connects students and lecturers at the universities of Basel, Bamako, and Conakry. Kick-off was a joint face-to-face workshop in Bamako in September 2019. During fall semester 2019, a practical course was held simultaneously at all three universities. Online tools enabled students to collaboratively prepare presentations in transnational teams and exchange thoughts. The project will close with a workshop in Basel and the presentation of results at the Swiss Researching Africa Days in October 2020.

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Meetings 2019

| General Assembly

26 Feb 2019

| Steering Committee meeting

26 Feb 2019

| Steering Committee meeting

23 Apr 2019

| General Assembly

04 Jun 2019

| Steering Committee meeting

17 Sept 2019

| Steering Committee meeting

03 Dec 2019

MA African Studies

Graduates 2019

Samuel Bayuh

Assessment of Psychological Problems and Risky Sexual Behaviours of Ethiopian Youth Migrants in Switzerland

Andrea Graf

James Africanus Beale Horton, Medizinaltopographien und wissenschaftliche Selbstlegitimierung vor der mikrobiologischen Revolution (ca. 1835-1885)

Danielle Audrey Isler

The Politics of the Seen and Unseen - What Inequality Has to Do With Race and (In)visibility in Salvador da Bahia

Tebuho Winnie Kanyimba

Independence on the Horizon - Reading History in Namibian Documentary Films of the 1980s

Kingdom Fungai Karuwo

Political Economy in the Post-Colony. The Role of Tertiary Education on Emigration Decisions in Ghana

Misato Kimura

The Intersubjective Lifeworld of Congolese and Burundian Refugees in the Northwestern Province of Zambia

Johanna Mugabi (Schwarzer)

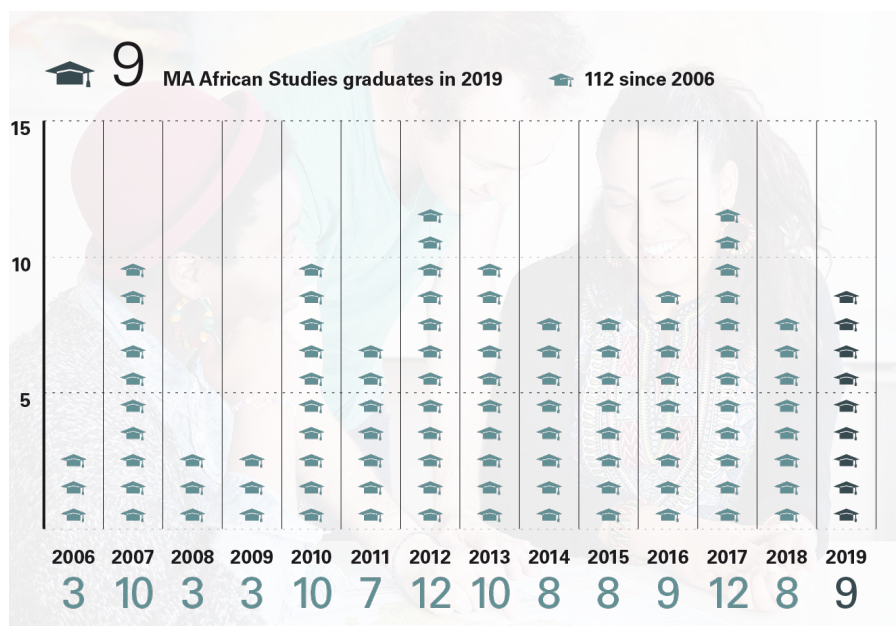
Target Group Perception of Humanitarian Assistance Focusing on Enhanced Food Security Through the Concept of Sustainable Livelihoods. On the Example of Farming Groups by the Welthungerhilfe Deutschland in Rhino Refugee Settlement Arua-Uganda

Aurélie Fanga Yotégé

La gouvernance interne des ONG: entre incertitudes et contraintes, le cas de 3 ONG suisses au Cameroun

Anika Züchner

Der Kruger Nationalpark und seine Besucher im Wandel der Zeit - Ein Nationalpark im Spannungsfeld zwischen Nationalerbe, Naturschutz und der südafrikanischen Bevölkerung



MA African Studies Studies

In 2002, the University of Basel introduced the interdisciplinary MA programme African Studies, the first of its kind in Switzerland. In 2006, our first three students graduated. By 2019, a total of 112 students have graduated in African Studies. In the past ten years we have had an average of more than nine graduates per year.

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Graduates of the MA African Studies in September 2019: Kingdom Fungai Karuwo, Aurélie Fanga Yotégé, Andrea Graf, Samuel Bayuh, and Misato Kimura
Photo: Veit Arlt

Graduate Network African Studies

PhDs awarded 2019

Juliane Krenz (Geography; Klaus Kuhn)
Land Degradation and Carbon Erosion
in Southern Africa

Dennis Massue (Epidemiology; Marcel Tanner)
Long-Lasting Insecticide Treated Bed Net (LLINs) for Malaria Control in Tanzania: Barriers to Physical and Chemical Protection

Grace Mhalu (Epidemiology; Marcel Tanner)
Identifying Community Determinants of Health Seeking Behaviour and the Contribution of Socio-cultural and Gender Aspects to Improve Tuberculosis Case Detection in Tanzania

Langelihle Mlotshwa (Epidemiology; Marcel Tanner)
Exploring Incident HIV in Pregnant Women and Sexual Risk Behaviours and Practices in Soweto, South Africa

Betty Bukenya Nambuusi (Epidemiology; Jürg Utzinger)
Assessing the Effects of Interventions on Child and Maternal Health-related Outcomes in Uganda

Aidas Sanogo (Social Anthropology; Till Förster)
Corruption, Conflict and Cities in West and East Africa

Sandra Staudacher (Social Anthropology; Brigit Obrist)
Cosmopolitan Aging in Urban Zanzibar: Elderhood, Health and Transnational Care Spaces Related to Oman

New members

Samuel Bachmann (African Studies; Julia Tischler)
The Future of African Heritage in Switzerland

Tolulope Esther Fadeyi (History; Julia Tischler)
Engendering the Colony: Maternal Health, Indigenous Knowledge and European Medicine in Southwest Nigeria, 1925-1960

Sindi-Leigh McBride (African Studies; Elísio Macamo)
Political Settlements and Public Spheres: Comparative Analysis of Economic Sophistication in South Africa and Nigeria

Julia Rensing (African Studies; Julia Tischler)
Namibia-Germany: A Post-Colonial Heterotopia? Narratives and Negotiations of Colonial Legacies in Namibia and Germany

Shreya Shrikhande (Epidemiology and Public Health; Martin Rössli)
Effects of Climate Change on Cardiovascular Diseases in South Africa

Graduate events

Editing Primary Sources from Africa (LV 55058-01)
With Michelle Gilbert (Trinity College, Hartford CT), Andreas Heuser (University of Basel), Paul Jenkins (ZASB), Nana Opape Kwakye (University of Ghana, Legon), David Maxwell (University of Cambridge), Adam Mohr (University of Pennsylvania), Emma Wild-Wood (University of Edinburgh)
20-23 Mar 2019 / Workshop

Creative Non-fiction Writing (LV 53722-01)
With Gaiutra Bahadur (New York based writer and journalist)
26 Apr 2019 / Workshop (paralleled by a regular semester-long Exercise Course)

Transdisciplinary Research in Action (LV 53723-01)
With Monica Berger (University del Valle de Guatemala/Swiss TPH), Alexandra Hofmänner, James Merron, Brigit Obrist, Piet van Eeuwijk
02 May 2019 / Workshop

North Africa: New Forms of Social Movements, Social Non-Movements, and Social Non-Actors (LV 54101-01)
With Amal Abdrabo (University of Alexandria/ZASB)
04 May 2019 / Workshop

Inclusive Environment and Bystander Training
With Rebekka Hufendiek (University of Basel), Deborah Mühlebach (University of Basel)
17 May 2019 / Workshop

African Voices in Global Health: Knowledge, Creativity, Accountability (LV 54104-01)
With Mandisa Mbali (University of Cape Town)
03 Jun 2019 / Workshop

| States of Seeing (LV 54102-01)

06-07 Jun 2019 / Workshop in collaboration with eikones

With Hans Ruin (Södertörn University), Olga Shevchenko (Williams College), Lorenza Rizzo (University of Basel), Martina Baleva (University of Innsbruck), Nicole Fleetwood (Rutgers University), Yvette Christianse (Barnard College), Derek Gregory (University of British Columbia), Rebecca Stein (Duke University), Zeynep Gürsel (Rutgers University), Karen Strassler (City University of New York)

| The Value(s) of Science. The Normative Order of African Studies (LV 55722-01)

09-13 Sep 2019 / Summer School

With Elísio Macamo, Ralph Weber, Philipp Lepenies (Freie Universität Berlin), Eva Ulrike Pirker (Heinrich-Heine-Universität Düsseldorf), Stephan Meyer (Language Center of the University of Basel)

| Methodological Challenges in Area Studies (LV 55564-01)

13 Dec 2019 | Workshop

With Elísio Macamo

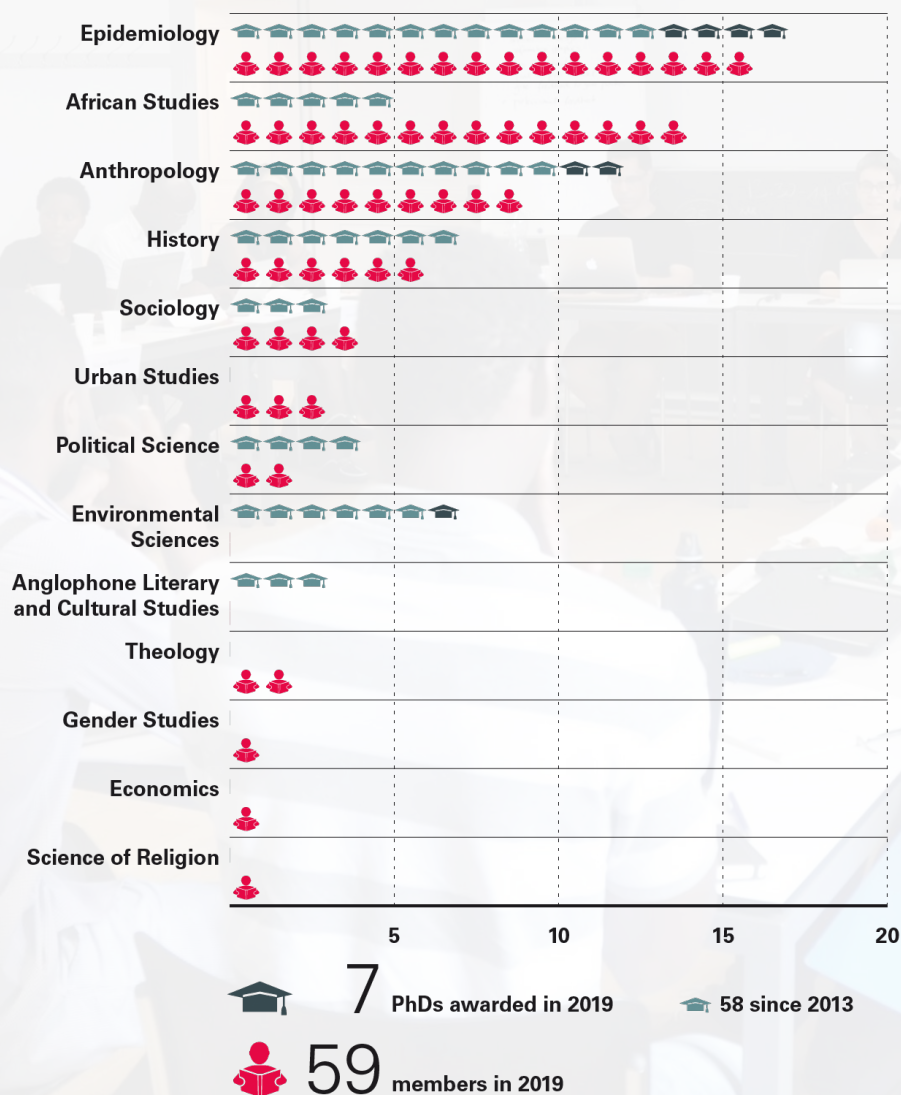
| Africa and the Academy in the 21st Century

01-02 Nov 2019 / Conference with workshops

Graduate Network African Studies

In 2013, ZASB together with the interdisciplinary Centre Asia and Europe at the University of Zürich, was awarded SUK (today swissuniversities) funding for a joint Graduate Module "Challenges in Interdisciplinary Area Studies". In Basel, the graduate module developed into a lively network supporting training activities for and individual research activities of PhD students within the African studies network. This was the basis for a successful application to swissuniversities for a graduate programme. In 2017, the Basel Graduate Network African Studies was implemented. Between 2013 and 2019, a total of 58 young researchers affiliated with the Graduate Module or the Graduate Network, respectively, completed their PhD at the University of Basel. Today, the Graduate Network has 59 members at different faculties of the University of Basel.

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Cooperation

Projects

Learning for (Ex)change

Exchange project for MA students with the University of Namibia
 Coordinators University of Basel: Giorgio Miescher, Luregn Lenggenhager, Lena Bloemertz
 Coordinators University of Namibia: Martha Akawa, Martin Hipondoka, Goodman Gwasira, Jona Heita, Hilma Nghiyalwa
 01.02.2019-31.01.2022, Stiftung Mercator Schweiz

International Digital Exchange between Africa and Switzerland (IDEAS)

Exchange project for MA students with the Universities of Bamako and Conakry
 Coordinators Basel: Elísio Macamo, Joschka Philipps, Noemi Steuer
 Coordinator Bamako: Bréma Ely Dicko
 Coordinators Conakry: Alpha Amadou Bano Barry, Soumahila Bayo
 01.06.2019-30.11.2020; Movetia

Africa-related Research in Switzerland

Project database for the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA)
 Coordinator: Pascal Schmid
 Project assistant: Nicole Bolliger
 01.12.2017-31.01.2019

The Trouble With the State. Boundaries and Networks in Africa

Eucor graduate workshop series (spring term 2020)
 Coordinators Basel: Claudia Baez-Camargo, Jacopo Costa, Joschka Philipps, Pascal Schmid
 Coordinators Freiburg: Andreas Mehler, Franzisca Zanker (Arnold Berstraesser Institute)
 Coordinator Strasbourg: Virginie Roiron (SAGE/Sciences Po Strasbourg)
 01.12.2019-31.04.2020; EUCOR Crossborder Education Grant

Pilot African Postgraduate Academy (PAPA)

Coordinators: Mamadou Diavara (Goethe Universität Frankfurt am Main/Point Sud, Bamako), Elísio Macamo
 01.07.2019-31.12.2022; Gerda Henkel Stiftung

Events

Workshop: Refashioning Collaboration

With Basler Afrika Bibliographien
 22-25 May 2019 / Workshop

Conference: Africa and the Academy in the 21st Century

With the Swiss Society for African Studies SSAS
 01-02 Nov 2019 / Congress / Conference / Symposium

Visiting scholars

Amal Adel Abdrabo

Alexandria University, Egypt
 Oumou Dilly postdoc fellowship (Feb-Jun 2019)

Gaiutra Bahadur, guest lecturer

Writer and journalist in New York, USA
 Guest lecturer and research associate (Mar-May 2019)

Emma Asige Liaga

University of Pretoria, South Africa
 Oumou Dilly visiting PhD student (Feb 2019-Jul 2020)

Calvin Minfegue

l'Université Catholique d'Afrique Centrale, Yaoundé, Cameroon
 Oumou Dilly visiting PhD student (Sep-Dec 2019)

Lerato Posholi

University of Witwatersrand, South Africa
 Oumou Dilly visiting PhD student (Apr 2019-Mar 2020)

Fousseyny Touré

Institut de pédagogie universitaire (IPU), Bamako, Mali
 Oumou Dilly visiting PhD student (Sep-Dec 2019)

Outreach

Continuing education courses

Korruption und Integrität in NGOs und Unternehmen

07 Feb 2019 – 08 Feb 2019
 With Lucy Koechlin, Yvan Maillard (Brot für alle/Evolutio Conseil), Christian Hauser (HTW Chur), Alex Biscaro (Transparency International)

Intercultural Skills: Communication

06 Jun 2019 – 07 Jun 2019
 With Elísio Macamo, Ariane Curdy (Ctrl Culture Relations)

Afrikas Jugend: Motor des Wandels oder tickende Zeitbombe?

28. Nov 2019 – 29. Nov 2019
 With Michelle Engeler, Frederik Unseld, Hafid Derbal (terre des hommes), Busisiwe Diko (Abahlali baseMjondolo)

CAS graduates 2019

Claudia Steiner (CAS 2017/18)

White Sangomas: Mediators Between Worlds?

Egypt/Cameroon. Public Spaces as Resonating Bodies of Politics

The exhibition opened up the question of how public space in Egypt and Cameroon is used for the proclamation of politics. Installations were based on different sound and image sources. On the one hand, on audio documents recorded by Stéphane Montavon during the Arab Spring of 2011 in Cairo, which were complemented by videos recorded with mobile phones at the same time. On the other hand, on the archive of Joachim Oelsner, who digitized around 2,000 music recording tapes (1950-2010) from state radio stations in Cameroon. In addition, historical films from the 1960s Cameroon were shown. In two conversations with Montavon and Oelsner, the audience was directly involved in the discussion.

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Public events**Ägypten/Kamerun. Öffentliche Räume als Resonanzkörper der Politik. Eine Ton-Bild Installation**

22–25 May 2019 / Public event

In cooperation with Swiss Society for African Studies SSAS and African Photography Initiatives

Busisiwe Diko & Mondli Hlatshwayo: Extreme Inequality, Xenophobia, and Struggles for Housing

29 Nov 2019 / Public event

In cooperation with Afrika Komitee and KEESA

Development Cooperation - Africa and the Agenda 2030

18 Oct 2019 / Public event

Africa Forum 2019

Francis Nyamnjoh: Decolonising the Academy - A Case for Convivial Scholarship

01 Nov 2019 / Public event

Carl Schlettwein Lecture 2019

Africa Bulletin**Demokratische Republik Kongo – eine Annäherung**

Afrika-Bulletin Nr. 173, Feb/Mar 2019

Theaterschaffen in Afrika

Afrika-Bulletin No 174, May 2019

Quo vadis Südafrika

Afrika-Bulletin No 175, Sep/Oct 2019

Land Grabbing – unerfüllte Versprechungen

Afrika-Bulletin No 176, Nov/Dec 2019

In the media**Schweiz-Sambia-Connection: Alles andere als bescheiden**Project "Valueworks" on *Infosperber.ch*, 15 Mar 2019**Korrupte Bande?**Lucy Koechlin in *HörPunkt, Radio SRF2*, 02 Apr 2019**Ist die Bevölkerungsentwicklung ein Problem für Afrika?**Till Förster in *maischberger.die woche*, ARD, 14 Aug 2019**Jazz in South Africa. From Cape Town to Switzerland and Back**South Africa special in *Jazz'n'more*, 1 Sep 2019**Bodies of Truth: Law, Memory, and Emancipation in Post-Apartheid South Africa**NBN author-interview podcast with Rita Kesselring on her book *Bodies of Truth*, 17 Oct 2019

Audio-stations and screens: The exhibition "Egypt/Cameroon. Public Spaces as Resonating Bodies of Politics" took place in the Old Synagogue in Hegenheim (France).
Photo: Aphl 2019

Budget and expenditure 2019 (GK4901)

	Budget 2019	Expenditure
Permits	1,000	121
Office	800	801
PhD students	4,000	4,432
Cooperation	1,500	4,791
Membership fees	1,200	1,210
MA course	10,000	8,568
Staff	500	1,674
Publications	4,500	1,676
Student exchange	4,000	-
Events	12,500	16,123
Advertisement and representation	3,000	4,246
Conference participation	2,000	3,236
<i>Operating funds professorship Macamo</i>	<i>5,000</i>	<i>4,633</i>
Total	50,000	51,511

Permits: In most cases, the costs of permits were allocated to the respective budget lines. For 2020, the budget will be modified accordingly.

PhD students: Most support of PhD students is provided by the Graduate Network African Studies (CHF 13,080 in 2019). With its operating funds, ZASB supports those PhD students who are not eligible for funding by the Graduate Network.

Cooperation: In order to reflect the nature of ZASB as a coordinated network, the costs for network events (General Assemblies, Steering Committee meetings, student receptions) are listed here instead of the budget lines "Advertisement and Representation" or "Events". For 2020, the budget will be modified accordingly.

Membership fees: ZASB is a member of the Africa-Europe Group for Interdisciplinary Studies AEGIS, the Swiss Society for African Studies SSAS, and Friends of the Archives (supporting access of students to the archives of Mission 21).

MA course: The main part is support for MA research projects and participation in field courses. Expenses also include a contribution towards the travel costs of our guest lecturer in spring semester 2019, Gaiutra Bahadur.

Staff: The cost was higher due to an elevated number of team meetings in the context of the profound changes of last year.

Publications: The Carl Schlettwein Lecture 2018 will only be published in 2020.

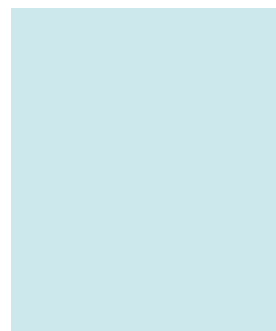
Student exchange: In the past year, there were no applications of incoming or outgoing students.

Events: Expenses include support for the conferences "Africa and the Academy" (October 2019) and "Pentecostal Strategies of Public Engagement" (GloPent Conference, February 2020) as well as the Carl Schlettwein Lecture. Further events mainly include scientific workshops and outreach events for a wider public.

Advertisement and representation: This includes our presence at the European Conference on African Studies (ECAS) in Edinburgh, the contribution to the printing costs of the Afrika-Bulletin, and webhosting fees.

Conference participation: This includes travel costs of members of the network to the African Studies Association (ASA) Annual Meeting, ECAS, and Annual Meeting of the Society for Social Studies of Science.

Operating funds professorship Macamo: The running costs of the professorship are listed separately in line with the structural separation of Centre and professorship. For 2020, CHF 4,000 will be transferred to the Department of Social Sciences. For 2021, the budget will be adjusted accordingly.



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