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Editorial by the Directorate



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This year's editorial is in the hands of a new team: we welcome Sonja Merten who joined the directorate in June, replacing Martin Rössli, her colleague at Swiss TPH.

2020 was overshadowed by the Covid-19 pandemic and its effects on university life. Remote teaching, the cancellation of public events and social gatherings, and the work at home directive put an end to the lively activities and interactions between and among students, faculty, and staff at the ZASB. What we most value dwindled away, and many among us felt increasingly disconnected and isolated. We made every effort to mitigate the detrimental effects of these developments – our executive office was deeply committed to supporting visiting scholars and students, and the faculty ensured teaching and mentoring would continue, although under different

conditions. In fact, many colloquia and public events made use of digital formats to invite guests and speakers from Africa who could not have attended otherwise. The Namibian and Southern African Studies Colloquium, for example, pursued new forms of collaborative teaching and learning in close collaboration with the University of Namibia.

While we appreciate the University of Basel's efforts to ensure that teaching continued, pass rates were stable, and new students enrolled, the downsides should not be overlooked. A recently published open letter signed by 300 South African academics raised important concerns for the quality and substance of higher education and the erosion of campus life as a result of digitization and remote teaching. As members of a Centre for African Studies based in Switzerland, we are oriented towards

| Strategic Outlook for 2021/22

In 2019, we revised the ZASB's regulations, governance structures, and processes. Our aim was to develop its working and networking environment, promote collaboration within the network, and make its achievements visible, internally as well as externally. Last year, with these revisions taking effect, the Steering Committee developed a strategic outlook for the coming two years.

One focus will be on ways to initiate and support collaboration across faculties and institutions, and to turn the ZASB's unique interdisciplinary set-up into innovative research projects. Two Sinergia projects granted over the past two years, both involving ZASB members with different faculty and institutional affiliation, demonstrate our potential in this respect. New collaborative proposals are now being written, and our aim is to provide an environment that facilitates the joint development of more such initiatives.

Another aim for the near future is to develop a common intellectual agenda and sharpen the ZASB's profile. Knowledge production and reflexivity on epistemological issues were identified as a transversal theme that allows contributions from the different perspectives of the network members and feeds back into current scholarly debates, methodological approaches, social issues, as well as institutional affairs.

An important task for 2021 and 2022 will be to consolidate existing and promote new partnerships with institutions and scholars in Africa, not least because sustainable collaboration with African partners is an important aspect of Africa-related research and teaching.

Last but not least, we will pay particular attention to our Graduate Network. It is a central part of the ZASB's work, not only as a framework for specialized training on critical aspects of Africa-specific research, but as a framework for the discussion of specific methodological, conceptual, and thematic issues among ZASB members at all career levels.



these conversations in African academic institutions, and we share our colleagues' preoccupation with the sustainment of meaningful teaching and learning environments.

In the past year, students in African Studies at the University of Basel have demonstrated great sensitivity for pertinent global issues. The Black Lives Matter movement, ongoing demands to decolonize the university system, and critical reflections of the politics and ethics of knowledge production in and about Africa have echoed across our courses and in encounters between students and faculty. We therefore remain committed to placing our conversations about racism, sexism, and global inequality, and the demand for collaborative knowledge production on more solid scholarly and institutional footing. Some of these concerns have also shaped the strate-

gic debates that took place among the ZASB members and leadership. During the retreat of the Steering Committee in early September, we formulated a strategic outlook for the ZASB that strengthens the culture and practice of interdisciplinary and collaborative research within the University of Basel, with other members of the network, and with partners in African academic institutions. These conversations, which also revealed differences and disagreements, were challenging but productive, and they continued during the General Assembly in March 2021. The process is far from being completed, and we are now considering how to anchor critical internal reflections and reviews in learning, teaching, and research as well as the broader network activities at the ZASB. As a start, we approach the appointment of our Scientific Advisory Board in 2021 with these principles in mind.



Kenny Cupers, Sonja Merten, Elisio Macamo, Dag Henriksen, Julia Tischler, Martin Rösli and Veit Arlt at the retreat of the ZASB Steering Committee.
Photo: Pascal Schmid/ZASB

KAA1: Politics and Governance

**Claudia
Baez-Camargo**

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, 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.

The outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic and the restrictions it entailed were certainly a central feature of the year 2020, affecting several planned activities and restricting travel and exchanges for the members of the key area. In spite of that, projects continued to be implemented during the year, with interactions with key partners, collaborators and stakeholders in Africa sustained through the creative and decisive use of virtual tools and platforms.

Addressing bribery and corruption

Due to the Covid crisis, the focus in the project “Addressing Bribery and Favouritism in the Tanzanian Health Sector: A Behavioural Approach” was on intervention design, developing an intervention theory of change, messages, impact measurement approach and data collection instruments. The project on “Harnessing Informality: Designing Anti-corruption Network Interventions and Strategic Use of Legal Instruments” builds on the findings of previous research on informal governance and corruption. During 2020, the team worked with research partners in Tanzania and Uganda, looking at how informal networks can be approached to promoted better anticorruption outcomes.

Religion and sustainable development

Among the key research projects that were active during 2020 is the project “Religious Communities as Actors for Ecological Sustainability (Limpopo Province): The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in South Africa”

which is a collaboration between the University of Basel, spearheaded by Andreas Heuser, and partners from the Universities of Pretoria, Limpopo, and Humboldt-Berlin.

Illegal wildlife trade

As part of the research activities under a PMI Impact-funded project focusing on financial crime in illegal wildlife trade, Jacopo Costa of the Basel Institute on Governance undertook a mapping and analysis of an illegal wildlife trafficking network operating from East Africa. The findings have both academic value in that they shed light on the complex structures and functions that underpin transnational organized crime, as well as practical appeal to law enforcement stakeholders in the region.

Merian Institute for Advanced Studies in Africa

The Merian Institute for Advanced Studies in Africa (MIASA) had its budget for the main phase approved during 2020 by the German Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF), amounting to up to € 12 million between September 2020-August 2026. Andreas Mehler of the University of Freiburg is the president of the Executive Council of MIASA, and Elísio Macamo of the University of Basel is a member of the Academic Advisory Board. MIASA is based on the beautiful campus of the University of Ghana, Legon (Accra) and is the first Institute for Advanced Studies in Sub-Saharan Africa outside of South Africa.

Eucor workshop series

The Covid pandemic adversely affected a main collaborative project of the key area, namely the workshop series entitled “The Trouble with the State: Boundaries and Networks in Africa”. The series will consist of three workshops, which were scheduled to take place during the spring of 2020. Because personal interaction and networking are considered to be a central and promotive element of the series, the organizers decided to postpone the events until the autumn of 2021 in expectation that the workshops will still be hosted by the Arnold-Bergerstraesser-Institute (ABI) in Freiburg, Sciences Po Strasbourg, and the ZASB.

Policy Brief: Curbing Wildlife Trafficking in Uganda: Lessons for Practitioners

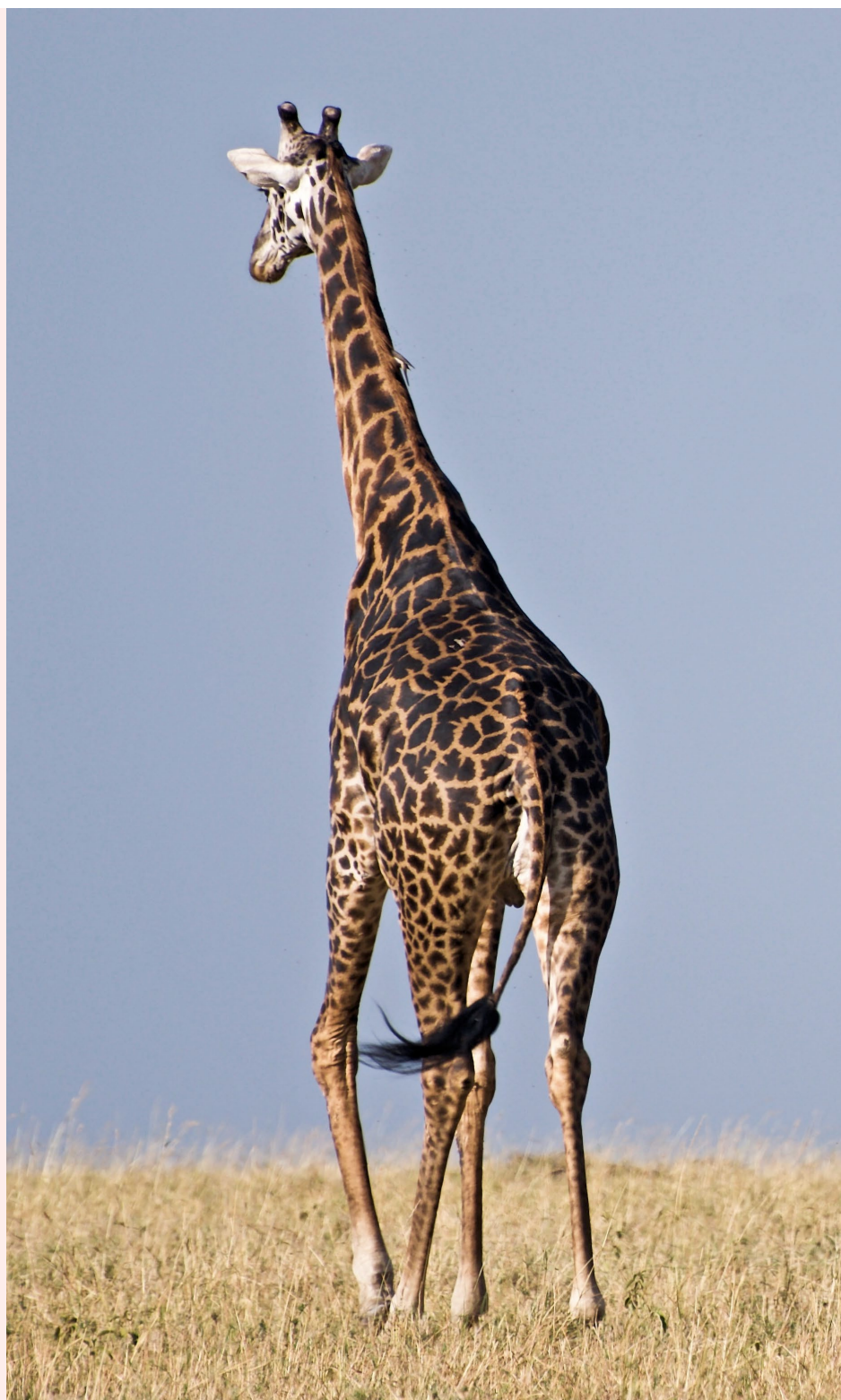
The policy brief by the Public Governance unit of the Basel Institute on Governance is based on field research on the drivers, facilitators, and strategies of illegal wildlife trafficking (IWT) in Uganda.

The research evidences three drivers and facilitators. First, IWT provides a way to satisfy economic needs. The supply chain starts in and around rural areas often afflicted by poverty. Secondly, IWT is facilitated by weak governance. High levels of informality and corruption are characteristic of many public institutions in Uganda, including those tasked with enforcing sanctions for inappropriate behaviour of public officials. Thirdly, IWT is encouraged by stereotypes. Utilitarian perspectives on wildlife, alongside characterizations of wildlife trafficking as an appropriate activity, legitimize and fuel its social acceptability.

The strategic infrastructure of cooperation that facilitates IWT is based on fluid and dynamic networks. Coordination, concealment, and corruption are the three functions of the trafficking networks in Uganda. These networks establish the connection between poachers and local middlemen around wildlife habitats and urban middlemen and buyers in the larger towns and cities.

The recommendations focus on designing context-sensitive interventions. Attempting to curtail IWT should address the underlying foundations of poverty and corruption. Understanding and addressing context-sensitive drivers of IWT can complement traditional approaches to curbing the trade. At the same time, incorporating insights from behavioural theory about how to challenge prevailing stereotypes and bring to light hidden costs associated with IWT can provide more grassroots legitimization for the fight against it.

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In East Africa, giraffes are among the species most threatened by illegal wildlife trafficking.
Photo: Jason Hafso/Unsplash

Selected projects**| RELIEN: Unternehmen und Religion**

Lead (University of Basel): Andreas Heuser

Consortium: Université de Strasbourg, Universität Koblenz-Landau, Université de Haute-Alsace, Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS) - Délégation Alsace, Kanton Basel-Stadt, Universität Basel

01.09.2020-30.06.2023; Interreg 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 and Favouritism 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

| Religious Communities as Actors for Ecological Sustainability in Limpopo

Principal investigator: Andreas Heuser
01.10.2020-30.09.2021, State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation (SERI)/Leading House Africa

| Financial Crime in Illegal Wildlife Trade (research component)

Principal investigator Saba Kassa.

Project members: Jacopo Costa, Robert Lugolobi.

01.04.2019-31.12.2021, PMI Impact

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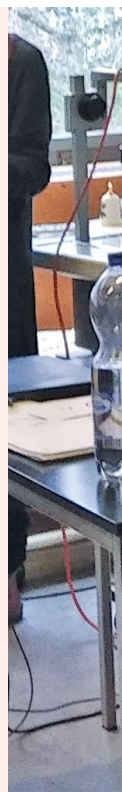
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| Pentecostal Strategies of Public Engagement (11th GloPent Conference, Basel, 14-15 February 2020)

GloPent (Global Pentecostalism) is organized by an established network of researchers from five major European universities; its biannual conference convenes an interdisciplinary forum on Global Pentecostalism and charismatic Christianity. The call for papers for the 11th GloPent in Basel with its focus on "concepts, strategies, and agendas on how Pentecostals shape the public sphere" received a massive response from Africa, Europe, Asia, and Latin America. The Basel conference saw the largest global south participation thus far in GloPent history. It provided networking opportunities for numerous doctoral students and post-doctoral researchers.

Three keynote speakers explored the diversity of Pentecostal public strategies in the Global South: Heinrich Schäfer (University of Bielefeld) discussed "Pentecostal political agendas in Latin America"; Ilana van Wyk (University of Stellenbosch) focused on "Pentecostal public strategies in Southern Africa"; and Nanlai Cao (Renmin University, Beijing) spoke about "Pentecostal patterns of public engagement in China and within the Chinese diaspora." The sub-themes, presented in parallel sessions, included "Pentecostal Republics" be it Ethiopia, Nigeria, Brazil, or Australia; "Print and Visual Media Politics"; "Civil Activism – Social Inequality"; and "Pentecostal Contributions to 'Decolonizing Development'". In sum, by addressing Pentecostal public engagement and political agendas, the Basel GloPent conference filled a lacuna in research discourses on one of the most dynamic religious movements worldwide.



Selected events

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11th GloPent Conference: Pentecostal Strategies of Public Engagement

Conference of the European Research Network on Global Pentecostalism (GloPent)
14 Feb 2020 – 15 Feb 2020 | Congress / Conference / Symposium

Official launch of the Africa Centre for Transregional Research (ACT)

University of Freiburg
4 May 2020 | Public event

Partnerships/major collaborations

University of Dar es Salaam, Department of Sociology and Anthropology
Makerere University, Department of Social Work and Social Administration
University of Ghana/Merian Institute for Advanced Studies in Africa (MIASA)

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Mark Pieth (Basel Institute on Governance)



Afe Adogame (Princeton Theological Seminary), Theresa Mayer (Universität Tübingen), and Mangaliso Matshobane (University of Pretoria) were discussing at the panel "Re-shaping development – African Initiated Christianity's Contribution to Decolonizing Development" at the GloPent conference in Basel. Photo: Philipp Öhlmann

KAA2: Public Health, Ecosystems, and Well-Being

Martin Rössli

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 exposure and resulting adverse health (water, soil and air)
- The role of the social sciences in health research

Pesticide exposure

In the framework of the “Prospective Child health agricultural pesticide study in South Africa” (CapSA), the project team has conducted further interviews with the guardians of the study participants for the first follow-up. In a first cross-sectional analysis of 1001 children participating in CapSA, the study found that children who engage in pesticide-related farm activities are at a higher risk for developing headaches and for having a lower cognitive performance in relation to attention, memory, and processing speed. Strikingly, about half of the study population was engaged in pesticide-related farm activities, which included most often picking fruit, as well as cleaning and storing pesticide equipment.

The results of this study warrant a stricter control on management, storage, packaging, and other processes after sales of pesticides as well as implementation of educational programmes for children and adolescents.

In the same cohort we could also see that moderate e-media use is associated with improved cognitive functions, whereas heavy e-media use was accompanied with lower health-related quality of life. These results call for a vigilant balance in terms of amount of e-media use to profit from beneficial effects, while preventing negative side effects.

In 2020, the project “Development of interventions to reduce pesticide exposure in Africa” started to evaluate and share effective intervention strategies in the agricultural sector of several African countries.

In collaboration with the Uganda National Association of Community and Occupational Health (UNACOH), an intervention study has been launched in 545 smallholder farmworkers to reduce the health risk caused by pesticides. Despite the Covid-19 pandemic, training and baseline survey took place in the autumn of 2020.

Air pollution

In a panel study of 313 schoolchildren from informal settlements of the Western Cape, fungal spores were found to acutely affect lung function performance. In a prospective cohort study from the same area with 590 children, ambient NO₂ levels, an indicator for traffic related air pollution, was associated with an increase of new cases of asthma-associated outcomes after 12-months.

On-going work includes a national particulate matter modelling for South Africa, based on satellite data and a time series analysis of acute effects of air pollution on hospitalization rates.

Climate change, drought, and diarrhoea

Diarrheal diseases are well known as important climate sensitive diseases. To explore the effects of the recent drought in Cape Town

on health, we undertook a study on the incidence of diarrhoea with dehydration in children under five in Cape Town, using monthly case count of dehydration, both moderate and severe cases, diagnosed at primary health care facilities in the Western Cape from 2010 to 2019, together with daily meteorological data.

Further, to understand Western Cape stakeholders' perceptions of climate change related health effects, in-depth interviews with 13 key informants were conducted with a specific focus on diarrhoea with dehydration and drought.

Dehydration incidence was found highest in Khayelitsha and Northern subdistricts. A positive association was seen between incidence of dehydration and increasing temperature and relative humidity in Cape Town. Interestingly, no increase in diarrhoea was seen during the drought, suggesting the implementation of adequate adaptation measures. The drought was perceived by stakeholders as a "wake-up call" and they were concerned about potential increases in waterborne diseases.

Further research includes expanding the scope of diseases in relation to climate variability and drought.

Outlook and planned activities

In South Africa, on-going work in 2021 includes a national particulate matter modelling based on satellite data, and a time series analysis of acute effects of air pollution on hospitalization rates. Planned work in the framework of the CapSA study includes finalization of the follow-up and data analysis, including analysis of biomonitoring data.

In the Ugandan intervention studies, a training intervention based on regular text messages will be carried out during 2021 and the follow-up survey will be conducted towards the end of the year to evaluate the efficiency of various aspects of the training programme, including the SMS intervention.

In the field of pesticide use, we plan a workshop by the end of the year. The aim is to dis-

cuss successful intervention strategies to reduce pesticide related risks to health and the environment with stakeholders from various African countries.

Two PhD projects that examine the effect of climate change on cardiovascular diseases were recently launched and will go on in 2021, one on "The effect of climate change on cardiovascular diseases: What the future could look like for India and South Africa", and one on "Climate change and cardiovascular diseases: state and exploratory analyses of patient data in Limpopo province, South Africa".

| Pesticide Exposure Studies in Africa

A prerequisite for investigating the health effects of pesticides is to understand the distribution of pesticides in the environment and the uptake path of individuals. Several exposure assessment studies conducted within the Joint South Africa and Swiss Chair in Global Environmental Health have addressed this topic.

Curchod et al. (2020) investigated the occurrence of pesticide mixtures in three watersheds in South Africa. (Krom River, Berg River, and Hex River) by means of passive water samples and compared results with pesticide spray records from 38 farms. The spraying scheme was similar to Switzerland. According to the farm spray records, 96 different pesticides were sprayed during the sampling period (July 2017 and January 2018) and 53 compounds were detected in river water, some of them in high concentrations, indicating possible adverse effects on the biota and the quality of the ecosystem. Close temporal correlations of water measurements and spraying records were observed.

Fuhrmann et al. (2020) scrutinized the presence of 27 current-use pesticides (CUPs) in air samples collected across 20 sampling sites from 12 African countries between 2010 and 2018. Overall, 24 CUPs were detected at least once, and in 93% of all samples, at least one CUP was detected. The most often detected substances were atrazine, carbaryl, and chlorpyrifos, compounds which are forbidden in the EU.

Ntsubise Molomo et al. (2021) used urinary samples collected in 2007 and 2008 from 183 boys living in the rural areas of the Western Cape to examine predictors for the sum of three dialkyl phosphate metabolites (DAP). The median DAP concentration was 68.3 ng/ml (Interquartile range = 27.9; 129.5). DAP urine concentrations were inversely associated with age and differed by study area. Other weaker and non-significant associations with increased DAP levels were found with increased household income, members of household working with pesticides, living on a farm, drinking water from an open water source, and eating crops from vineyards and/or gardens.

These studies will enhance our pesticide exposure assessment for CapSA to deepen our understanding of potential reproductive and neurobehavioral health effects from pesticide exposure in children and adolescents.

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Fieldworkers of the CapSA study preparing samples for pesticide measurements in the water.
Photo: Barblin Michelsen

Selected projects**Joint South Africa and Swiss Chair in Global Environmental Health**

Project leaders: Aqiel Dalvie, Martin Röösl, Guéladio Cissé

2015-2024, State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation (SERI), National Research Foundation (NRF) South Africa

Development of interventions to reduce pesticide exposure in Africa

Project leaders: Martin Röösl, Aqiel Dalvie, Aggrey Atuhaire

2020-2021, State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation (SERI)

Climate change and cardiovascular diseases: state and exploratory analyses of patient data in Limpopo province, South Africa

Project leader: Guéladio Cissé

2020-2021, State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation (SERI), Leadig House Africa

Multifaceted impacts of COVID-19 on bottom forty percent income residents in Malaysia: inequities and co-benefits of interventions

Project leader: Guéladio Cissé

(Academic Partner: Universiti Malaya) 2020-201, ETHZ (Leading House Asia) - special COVID-19 call

Prospective Child Health Agricultural Pesticide Study in South Africa (CapSA)

Principal investigator: Aqiel Dalvie

2015-2023, National Research Foundation South Africa (NRF), SARCh Chair Programme, South African Medical Research Council, State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation (SERI)

In-depth pesticide exposure assessment of children living on farms in the Western Cape, South Africa

Principal investigator: Samuel Fuhriemann

2019-2020, Swiss - African Research Cooperation (SARECO), Postdoc Swiss National Science Foundation

Reproductive health effects due to pesticide exposure amongst boys 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

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

A Cross-Sectional Study Examining the Association between Maternal Drinking Problems and Child Neurocognitive Delays within the Western Cape Region

MPH thesis Paolo Viglietti

Cohort study of reproductive and developmental effects in school girls exposed to pesticides in the rural Western Cape

PhD thesis Wicki Majors

Relationship between urinary OP pesticide metabolites and change in anthropometric outcomes over 12 months among children in the Western Cape

MPH thesis H. Wallace

The effect of climate change on cardiovascular diseases: What the future could look like for India and South Africa

PhD thesis: Shreya Shrikhande

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Online Workshop of the Joint South Africa and Swiss Chair in Global Environmental Health

14 - 17 Apr 2020 | Workshop

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 Sandra Staudacher (Faculty of Medicine)
 Natalie Tarr (Swiss TPH)
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 Danelle Van Zyl-Hermann (Department of History)
 Mirko Severin Winkler (Swiss TPH)
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Partnerships/major collaborations

University of Cape Town, School of Public Health and Family Medicine

KAA3: Arts, Culture, and Urbanism

| Till Förster

| Kenny Cupers

Approaches and Challenges

This key area engages in a wide range of themes and approaches on arts, aesthetics, politics, and everyday lifeworlds. We bring together ethnographic, visual, archival, and other research methods in order to develop new perspectives and modes of research in collaboration with partners in Africa and beyond. We maintain a wide academic network throughout Africa and the wider world. We organize workshops and panels at international conferences with eminent scholars. We engage in outreach activities. We publish our work in leading journals as well as in books and edited volumes that appear in renowned publishing houses, and we have several in-house publication series that are accessible online.

The outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic and the restrictions it gave rise to posed unprecedented challenges for many of our associated members and their partners, affecting several planned activities and restricting travel and exchanges. Not only did empirical research become practically impossible in many situa-

tions, the pandemic also forced us to consider difficult questions regarding the ethics of doing research across the highly unequal settings that shape knowledge production in and on African cities.

The bulk of planned conferences and summer schools, such as the AEGIS summer school in Cagliari, were postponed. The closure of museums and universities also made other forms of knowledge exchange and public engagement, such as exhibitions, impossible. In spite of these challenges, however, several projects continued to be implemented and new ones were started during the year, building on our existing partners, collaborators, and stakeholders in Africa who were sustained through the creative and decisive use of virtual tools and platforms. Originally planned in June 2020, the conference “Coloniality of Infrastructure: Eurafrican Legacies” took place online from 12-15 January 2021. As part of the research project “Territorial Design: How Infrastructure Shapes Territory in Africa,” the conference brought together about thirty



As visual documents are a medium of remembrance, photographs will be discussed in some of the locations where they were taken. The first discussions with former and current research partners took place in 2020 but had to be suspended. Photo: Till Förster

speakers from across Africa, Europe, North America, and beyond to consider colonial continuities in Africa's relationship with Europe through the lens of infrastructure. Keynote speakers were Siba N'Zatioula Grovogui, Sarah Nuttall, and Achille Mbembe.

Besides having a negative effect on research, the pandemic also prompted us to work on positively transforming inherited institutional and disciplinary ways of doing things. This includes the incorporation of digital platforms in ethnographic research, as well as the invention of new, more inclusive forms of (digital) exchange beyond conventional formats of conferences and workshops.

Research-led urban pedagogy

A research-led pedagogy that emphasizes immersive learning in African urban settings informs the MA in African Studies, the MA in Social Anthropology, and the MA in Critical Urbanisms. While MA students in Social Anthropology usually spend six weeks in an African urban or rural context, the pandem-

ic prompted us to explore what borders and frontiers mean for the people on both sides of the Mediterranean – comparing and analysing border regimes and their everyday experience across different African and European countries.

The students of the MA in Critical Urbanisms were able to complete the first half of their semester in Cape Town, organized by Sophie Oldfield at the African Centre for Cities of the University of Cape Town. Through participation and engagement with particular Cape Town publics, they experimented with participatory and embodied research practices and writing. Despite having to cut the semester short, they were able to continue their research and complete their semester requirements. Back in Basel, the global Black Lives Matter movement prompted Critical Urbanisms students to establish the Racial Justice Student Collective in June 2020. The initiative has been a success and has rapidly developed beyond the programme.

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

Over the past decades, life in Africa has undergone dramatic changes. While the first two decades after independence were still informed by narratives of hope and the promise of a better future, economic crises and the incisive Structural Adjustment Programmes at the end of the 1970s ushered in a new era of what was later labelled as "the lost decade." Since then, many African countries have lurched from one crisis to the next. Even more robust states like Côte d'Ivoire – once the "African miracle" – experienced severe downturns that led to a series of prolonged crises and eventually to a decade of rebellion and civil war. However, the decades after 1980 were not only a time of decline and muddling through – as some analysts claim – they were also, sometimes even predominantly, a time of social and political reconfiguration, prompting many Africans to remodel their own future. Côte d'Ivoire's northern savannahs are no exception: when the post-colonial state faltered, local communities began to contest its hegemony and their repression and exclusion from political participation. They increasingly pushed for more autonomous forms of social organization.

This project traces these deep and existential transformations over half a century. It builds on four decades of intensive empirical research and bundles three strands of engagement with and reflection on communities in northern Côte d'Ivoire and adjacent regions in Burkina Faso and Mali. The project is a collaboration between the University of Basel, Université Alassane Ouattara Bouaké, Université Catholique de l'Afrique de l'Ouest Bobo Dioulasso, and Université Peleforo Gon Coulibaly Korhogo.

www.zasb.unibas.ch/en/hegemony-and-autonomy

Selected projects

Aesthetics from the Margins. Photography in Africa and the Poetics of Un/Making the World

Principal investigator: Lorena Rizzo
Project members: James Lawrence
Merron, 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

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Selfhood: The Trans-Africa Highway".
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Historians 79 (1): 61-81.

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Herz, Laura Nkula-Wenz, and Emilio
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History in Colonial Southern Africa.
Routledge Studies in the Modern History
of Africa. London: Routledge.

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Whiteness: Late 1930s Settler Visualities
in Namibia Under South African Rule".
In Visualising Fascism. The Twentieth-
Century Rise Of the Global Right, edited
by Julia Adeney Thomas and Geoff Eley,
134-59. Durham: Duke University Press.



The artist and amateur astronomer Rohini Devasher (screen), multi-media performer Legion Seven (left) and curator Kadiatou Diallo took the audience on a journey past celestial bodies and through conjunctions of time, place and events.
Photo: Ilham Moubachir

KIN-SHIP-ING

In this series of performative talks at Kaserne Basel, Kadiatou Diallo and guests inquired through which rituals, values, and movements, the practice of kinshiping becomes manifest, what makes it tangible, and what it says about the (im)possibility of collaboration, also in the context of transnational realities. Kinshiping was explored in view of what it offers in terms of new subjectivities, spaces for action, languages, and forms of expression. The guests in autumn 2020 included Rohini Devasher, Legion Seven, Stacy Hardy, Edwin Ramirez, Anta Helena Recke, and Mario Lopes.

www.zasb.unibas.ch/en/kinshiping

Selected events**Exhibition: Traces of Light – Traces of Time. Studio Portraits from Switzerland and Cameroon**

Exhibition by African Photography Initiatives, Photobastei Zürich
09.01. 09.02.2020 | Exhibition

Workshop: Loose Ends in the Museum depot - On the Status of Colonial Collections

Follow-up on the workshop "Stolen from Africa" held in May 2019
17.01.2020 | Public event

Annäherungen an Namibia: Lesung und Gespräch mit Tshiwa Trudie Amulungu und Ulla Dentlinger, moderiert von Julia Rensing

Tage Südafrikanischer Literatur, Literaturhaus Zürich
23.02.2020 | Public event

KIN-SHIP-ING with Anta Helena Recke & Mario Lopes

Artistic and creative practice as KIN-SHIP-ING
29.09.2020 | Public event

Timba Bema & Henri-Michel Yéré: La nuit était notre seule arme

Poetry reading presented by Isabelle Chariatte
20 Oct 2020 19:00 | Public event

KIN-SHIP-ING with Rohini Devasher & Legion Seven

Artistic and creative practice as KIN-SHIP-ING
20.10.2020 | Public event

Frederik Unseld: Making Art Work: Articulating Art and Urban Marginality in Kisumu, Kenya

Mittwochskolloquium Ethnologie
21.10.2020 | Colloquium

Lotte Nielson: Urban 'Archi-o-logies' – Ideological Tensions in the Making of a Reputable/Community Arts Centre in Johannesburg

Mittwochskolloquium Ethnologie
28.10.2020 | Colloquium

Pius Vögele: The Hauntological Sonic Fictions of Hip Hop from the Black Atlantic

Brainfood for lunch | G3S Noon-Talk
10.11.2020 | Colloquium

KIN-SHIP-ING with Stacy Hardy & Edwin Ramirez

Artistic and creative practice as KIN-SHIP-ING
24.11.2020 | Public event

Book Launch: "Women and Photography in Africa" with Darren Newbury, Lorena Rizzo & Kylie Thomas

In the context of the Namibian and Southern African Studies Research Colloquium
25.11.2020 | Colloquium

Lorena Rizzo: Women, Photography and Orature in 20th-century Namibia/Cédric Courtois: "Remember That Others Have Walked This Path Before You":

Séminaire 3 de la série « Genèse, illustration, traduction et prix littéraires : autour de l'oeuvre de Mohale Mashigo », Laboratoire IDEA, Université de Lorraine
26.11.2020 | Public event

Touring exhibition: Lejos y Cerca. Sobre la normalización de la vida cotidiana. África Central-Asturias

Exhibition by African Photography Initiatives, museums and cultural centres in Oviedo, Colunga, Nava, Porrua, Colombres
Dec 2020-May 2021 | Exhibition

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Till Förster (Department of Social Sciences)
Annika Hampel (Arnold Bergstraesser Institut)
Manuel Herz (Department of Social Sciences)
Ute Holl (Department Arts, Media, Philosophy)
James Merron (Projects ZASB)
Sonja Merten (SwissTPH)
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)
Danelle Van Zyl-Hermann (Department of History)

Partnerships/major collaborations

Catholic University of West Africa (Côte d'Ivoire)
University of Bouaké (Côte d'Ivoire)
University of Cape Town, African Centre for Cities (South Africa)

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 its 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.

Intervention against helminth infections

In 2020, Jennifer Keiser and her research group, together with their partner institutions, the Public Health Laboratory Ivo de Carneri on Pemba, Tanzania, and the Centre Suisse de Recherches Scientifiques in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, conducted clinical trials with participants infected with soil-transmitted helminths. They, for example, evaluated the optimal dose of *albendazole* against *Trichuris trichiura* and hookworm and assessed a new, chewable version of *mebendazole*. In the framework of these trials, improved informed consenting procedures and diagnostic tools were evaluated.

Improvement of diagnosis of malaria

Improvement of sensitivity and specificity of currently available malaria diagnostic tools to be applied in endemic regions is essential to driving malaria elimination forward. Together with their partners in Tanzania and Equatorial Guinea, Claudia Daubenberger's research group has developed a novel, high-throughput method for large-scale molecular based malaria surveillance that enables to quantify and distinguish malaria species and to identify rapid diagnostic test resistant parasites. They demonstrate that this approach provides a powerful tool to analyse thousands of samples at low cost in a standardized manner, supported by automatized data capture and analysis tools.

New project: Novel diagnostics to improve migrant and refugee health

In 2021, Swiss TPH is launching a new project on the development of an integrated infectious disease diagnosis and surveillance system (NIIDS) to improve migrant and refugee health. NIIDS will assess healthcare needs of migrants and refugees, as well as set up a platform to support the diagnosis and management of clinically relevant infectious diseases in these vulnerable populations. This will subsequently serve as a ready-to-use diagnostic system for surveillance and disease severity assessment at the primary healthcare level.

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

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

Etienne A. Guirou, Tobias Schindler, Salome Hosch, Olivier Tresor Donfack, Charlene Aya Yoboue, Silvan Krähenbühl, Anna Deal, Glenda Cosi, Linda Gondwe, Grace Mwangoka, Heavenlight Masuki, Nahya Salim, Maxmillian Mpina, Jongo Said, Salim Abdulla, Stephen L. Hoffman, Bonifacio Manguire Nlavo, Carl Maas, Carlos Cortes Falla, Wonder P. Phiri, Guillermo A. Garcia, Marcel Tanner, Claudia Daubenberger. 2020. "Molecular Malaria Surveillance Using a Novel Protocol for Extraction and Analysis of Nucleic Acids Retained on Used Rapid Diagnostic Tests." *Scientific Reports* 10 (1). Nature Publishing Group: 12305.???

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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)

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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?

Research projects

The new SNSF Sinergia project “Reversing the Gaze: Towards Post-Comparative Area Studies” began in October. It brings together researchers from the Department of Social Sciences and the Institute for European Global Studies at the University of Basel with colleagues at the Universities of Zurich (Department of Geography) and Edinburgh (School of Law). The project “reverses the gaze” by applying concepts developed in the Global South to the North. Against the background of a careful inquiry into the methodological scope of comparison, it tests the analytic relevance of three mid-level concepts – “re-tribalization”, “political society” and “the cunning state” – to political crisis phenomena in Europe.

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) worked on various aspects of collaboration, research, and teaching, including an interdisciplinary Massive Open-Online Course (globalhealthafrica.ch). Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, however, fieldwork has been seriously delayed. In addition, the inaugural conference had to be re-organized.

Given the difficulty of holding conferences physically, the project team has experimented with digital formats, including a “Global Health Africa Discussion Series”. The first event, a discussion on “Inequitable urban development: a global health problem” took place in November. In addition, project mem-

ber Tanja Hammel organized a public film screening and live discussion of the film “Mefloquine: The anti-malarial drug investigation”, which was very well attended.

Mohomodou Houssouba has been active in re-launching the Songhay Dictionary Project (songhay.org), a composite knowledge base dedicated to the Songhay language. In addition to a Songhay-French dictionary, the platform holds a library of Songhay texts and research literature.

Conferences and talks

In February, Andreas Heuser convened the 11th GloPent Conference. This gathering of the Interdisciplinary European Research Network on Global Pentecostalism explores Pentecostal public engagement in the global south and beyond, discussing issues such as megachurches, prosperity theologies, religious broadcasting, and e-churches.

The 2020 Basel History Lecture, a yearly event that marks a highlight in the academic calendar of the History Department, was dedicated to the field of African history. In her talk “Skin Color and Race in African History. A Layered Approach” Lynn Thomas, eminent Africanist historian from the University of Washington, explored the transregional history of skin lightening creams in South Africa.

Outreach

Building on plans made during a previous KAA meeting, several KAA members have engaged in outreach activities. Isabelle Chariatte organized and moderated a public reading with the poets Henri-Michel Yéré and Timba Bema. During the event, translations of these poets’ works were read to make their oeuvre more accessible to a German-speaking audience.

Several outreach activities addressed the lack of Africa-related topics in conventional high school curricula. Tanja Hammel was interviewed by the Basel student magazine Quint, which raised attention to the fact that Switzerland’s colonial ties are barely discussed in school. Julia Tischler was approached by the Verein Schweizerischer Geschichtslehre-

rInnen and contributed a comment on the ongoing debates around colonial statues and memorials in South Africa to the association's magazine. In addition, Tanja Hammel gave an interview in the *Tagesanzeiger* on the legacies of colonialism in Switzerland (*Tages Anzeiger*, 21 Juni 2020).

In connection with her interest in African variants of Spanish, Sandra Schlumpf-Thunherr organized several talks on Western Sahara, including an interview with the Sahrawi writer and intellectual Bahia Mahmud Awah, published online on the blog *Estudiando español en tiempos del coronavirus*.

International researchers and fellowships

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

Outlook/planned activities

In February 2021, Sandra Schlumpf-Thunherr started a new SNSF research project entitled "Improving the visibility of Equatorial Guinea as a Spanish-speaking country". The four-year project investigates the Equatoguinean variety of Spanish, which has played a marginal role in Spanish language studies. Among others, the project will develop the first modern and digital corpus of spoken Equatoguinean Spanish.

The restrictions imposed by the Covid-19 pandemic delayed previous plans. Several collaborative conferences have been shifted to 2021. Having secured funding from the Swiss Academy of Humanities and Social Sciences, Dag Henrichsen, in collaboration with members of the key area, planned an event series on "Wissensorte – Lieux de savoir", which had to be postponed to 2021. Similarly, the collaborative workshop and event series "Decolonizing knowledge? Curating & popularizing Africa collections" organized in collaboration with the Basler Afrika Bibliographien, the Department of History, and the Swiss Society for

African Studies has been rescheduled for the autumn semester 2021.

Further upcoming conferences and workshops include:

- "Covid-19: Learning from Africa – or not?", online round table of the "Global Health Africa Discussion Series" (March)
- Biweekly research colloquium of the "Reversing the gaze" project on "Comparison and beyond" (spring semester 2021)
- "The intersectional ghosts of natural history: gender, class, race, and empire", workshop organized by Tanja Hammel and L. Joanne Green MA (Cambridge), hosted by the University of Basel (20-21 April)
- Official kick-off seminar of the "Reversing the gaze" project (28 April)
- "Photographs as sources for writing histories of medicine, health and healing in colonial and postcolonial Africa", workshop organized by Danelle van Zyl-Hermann and Tanja Hammel, Department of History (10-11 June)

Selected projects**Reversing the Gaze: Towards Post-Comparative Area Studies**

Principal Investigators: Elísio Macamo, Ralph Weber, Deval Desai (University of Edinburgh), Benedikt Korf (University of Zurich)

Project Members: Tebuho Winnie Kanyimba, Matthias Claudio Maurer Rueda, Lerato Posholi, Pascal Schmid, Anna Rita Ceddia (Fondazione Bruno Visentini), Stephan Hochleithner (University of Zurich), Christine Lutringer (Graduate Institute Geneva) 01.09.2020-31.08.2024, SNSF (Sinergia)

African Contributions to Global Health: Circulating Knowledge and Innovations

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

Project members, Basel: Danelle van Zyl-Hermann, Tanja Hammel, Doris Osei-Afriyie, Ipy Eric Nebie, Günther Fink, Christian Burri, Jakob Zinsstag

Project members, Lausanne: Akuto Akpedze Konou, Vitor Pessoa Colombo 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

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Sandra Schlumpf-Thurnherr. 2020. "African Languages and Spanish Among Equatoguineans in Madrid". *Spanish in Context* 17 (1). John Benjamins Publishing Company: 108-30.

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Reversing the Gaze: Towards Post-Comparative Area Studies

This project examines the crisis of liberal democracy in Europe and aims at developing new methodological and theoretical perspectives on comparison and on Area Studies. The project uses a "conceptual laboratory" to test the analytic purchase of mid-level concepts through practices of reciprocal comparison. It does so by "reversing the gaze", i.e. by deploying conceptualizations developed in the Global South to the North against the background of a careful inquiry into the methodological scope of comparison. Three mid-level concepts derived from the Global South are applied to political crises in Europe: "re-tribalization", "political society", and "the cunning state". The European empirical case studies are Austria (right-wing populism), Italy (social welfare spending) and Switzerland (citizenship and migration). The project's approach will offer innovative and conceptually out-of-the-box perspectives of the cases, differing from those derived and developed exclusively within and against a European background. The project's scholarly outcomes include potentially new perspectives on comparison; a critical engagement with "universal" concepts and the politics of conceptual travel; and practical visions on how to imbue the pursuit of knowledge with a concern for ethical and political issues.

www.reversingthegaze.net

Selected events**11th GloPent Conference: Pentecostal Strategies of Public Engagement**

Conference of the European Research Network on Global Pentecostalism (GloPent)
14 Feb 2020 – 15 Feb 2020 | Congress / Conference / Symposium

Tolulope Fadeyi: Engendering the Colony – Maternal Health, Indigenous Knowledge and European Medicine in Southwest Nigeria, 1925 – 1947

Research Seminar African History Spring Semester 2020
19 Feb 2020 12:30 | Colloquium

Andrea Kifyasi: China's Role in Global Health Challenges – The Case of HIV/AIDS TCM Research and Treatment in Tanzania, 1987 – 2010

Research Seminar African History Spring Semester 2020
11 Mar 2020 12:30 | Colloquium

Lynn Thomas: Skin Color and Race in African History – A Layered Approach

Basel History Lecture
15 Oct 2020 18:15 - 20:00 | Guest lecture /Talk, Colloquium

Kundai Manamere: Voices on the Ground – Local Narratives of the Roll Back Malaria Programme in Southeastern Zimbabwe

Research Seminar African History
04 Nov 2020 12:15 - 14:00 | Colloquium

Film: Mefloquine - The Anti-malarial Drug Investigation (2017)

Public Screening and Live Discussion with filmmaker Cailean Watt
04 Nov 2020 18:15 | Events, Public event

Inequitable Urban Development: A Global Health Issue

Discussion Series "Global Health Africa"
10 Dec 2020 16:00 - 17:00 | Guest lecture /Talk, Lecture series

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One of the case studies enquires into the relationship between the liberal citizenship ideal and reactions to migration in Switzerland by asking how discourses and practices of autochthony produce exclusionary forms of identity. It aims at contributing to a better understanding of the factors shaping social cohesion by deploying the concept of "re-tribalisation".

Photo: Choir at the National Council chamber, 1 August 2018 (Parlamentsdienste 3003 Bern)

KAA6: Land, Landscapes, and Ecology

Giorgio
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Nikolaus Kuhn

Aims and approaches

This key area's research agenda is based on three interconnected key themes in Africa-related research and debates in the humanities, social and natural sciences:

Land is a core issue 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”, on the other hand, 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, the KAA “Land, Landscapes, and Ecology” offers a platform for thinking about the past, present, and future of land and land-use across disciplines on the basis of a sustained interdisciplinary conversation that wishes to



Conference participants visiting the former German police station and border post, Hohenfels, on the northern banks of the Orange River. Today the area is part of the Tsau //Kheb (Sperrgebiet) National Park.
Photo: James Merron

synthesize the theoretical and methodological approaches from the natural and social sciences, and the humanities.

Land use and landscape narratives

Since 2017, researchers from the social sciences, humanities, and natural sciences based in South Africa, Namibia, and Switzerland have worked together in the research project “Space in Time: Landscape narratives and land management changes in a Southern African cross-border region”. The project aims to understand the changing landscape along the lower Orange River from different disciplinary angles. The project team includes KAA members from two faculties. Our common research questions seek, 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. The results that are taking shape are framed along the following main threads:

- Naming/Claiming the Lower Orange River (!Garip): Focusing on the importance of how people spoke of the river, and the names they used to claim land and space along the river
- Researching the Lower Orange River: Looking at how the river became a research site and what this means to the river
- Crossing the Lower Orange River: Discussing the role of the river as dividing or connecting a transboundary region and looking at similarities and differences on both sides of the river
- Using the Lower Orange River: Researching the river as a resource and economic backbone of the region
- Imagining the Lower Orange River: Discussion of texts on the role of the Orange River (!Garip) in imagining and constructing narratives of the region and beyond

In January 2020, the project team organized a three-days conference in Oranjemund, Namibia – luckily early in the year, as since March 2020, no physical exchange with colleagues from Southern Africa nor any field research was able to take place due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Land use and environmental impact

Two projects of the Physical Geography and Environmental Change Research Group focus on the environmental impact of land use in the Karoo and in the Free State respectively. While, so far, most research has focused on the regional dimension of causes and impacts of soil erosion, the project in the Karoo expands the scope by focusing on the relevance of rangeland degradation for global biogeochemical cycles. In the Free State, where crop production causes dust emissions with detrimental effects on soils, but also air quality, in particular in the Johannesburg metropolitan area, the group studied the role of surface boundary controlling the dust emissions. After the completion of the major part of the

Conference: Space in Time - Landscape Narratives and Land Management Changes in a Southern African Cross-border Region (21-24 January 2020)

The “Space in Time” project held a conference in Oranjemund, a small diamond-mining town founded in the 1930s. It is situated in the Namib Desert on the Namibian side of the mouth of the Orange River. The conference brought together thirty invited participants from Southern Africa, Europe, and North America.

The conference offered the opportunity to present and share preliminary results of the project. Among the participants were also invited guests from the region, some of which presented papers, too. Having the conference in the research area allowed sharing our research with an interested local audience as, for instance, at a public panel discussion in the town. Furthermore, participants went on an excursion led by the local representative of the Ministry of Nature Conservation and Tourism into the adjoining nature conservation area.

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field work in 2019, the main focus in 2020 was the publication of the results.

The Physical Geography and Environmental Change Research Group also contributes to the “Jijiga One Health Initiative” led by the Swiss TPH. After the disruption caused by the Covid pandemic, work on this project continued with the analysis of the data collected in 2019 during interviews with pastoralists and the use of remote sensing to identify rangeland of different quality as assessed by the pastoralists. Analysis resulted in a report on “Land and cover change analysis in the Adadele Wereda, Ethiopia”.

Teaching and exchange

Due to the Covid pandemic we had to cancel the 2020 edition of the winter/summer school jointly organized with the University of Namibia (UNAM) within the framework of the “Learning for (Ex)Change” project. We hope that the joint comparative fieldwork in Graubünden, Switzerland, and the Karas Region, Southern Namibia can take place in 2021.

The Namibian and Southern African Studies research colloquium is an important platform for interdisciplinary exchange in our KAA. It brings international scholars to Basel and offers students and staff an opportunity for regular exchange. Since the autumn semester 2020, we have organized the colloquium jointly with UNAM as a blended online/on-site event. Hence, in this case, digitization strengthens collaboration with a university from the South.

Among the few occasions of meeting face-to-face – at least partly – was the Visual History Lab, which took place in September in a hybrid format. It was organized in collaboration with the Basel Afrika Bibliographien (BAB) and the Museums Association of Namibia, and made one of the richest and most complex collections at the BAB accessible online.

Outlook and planned activities

We look forward to various activities in research and teaching in 2021:

- The second phase of the Jijiga One Health Initiative from 2021 to 2024 will have a special focus on “Application of remotely sensed data to support pastoralists land use and management decisions”.
- In April, an online conference within the framework of “Space in Time” will serve to discuss draft chapters for an edited volume published by UNAM press.
- The second winter/summer school, originally planned for 2020, will bring Namibian and Swiss students to Switzerland and Namibia, respectively, to explore and compare the ecological, economic, and political challenges of agriculture under environmental conditions in both countries.
- A final workshop including all stakeholders of the “South African Cropland Dust Emission Risks” project is scheduled for late 2021/early 2022
- A joint workshop on exhibition making hosted by the Usakos Museum’s Council in cooperation with the Museums Association of Namibia and UNAM will take place in May 2021.

In addition, several individual research stays and scientific exchange visits are scheduled for 2021, depending on the development of the pandemic.

Main Projects

Space in Time (SNF/SSAJRP 2017-2021): Landscape Narratives and Land Management Changes in a Southern African Cross-border Region (the Lower Orange River)

Principal investigators: Giorgio Miescher, Maano Ramutsindela (UCT)
Coordinator: Luregn Lenggenhager
Co-investigators/partners: Nikolaus Kuhn, Lena Bloemertz, Dag Henrichsen, Juliane Krenz, Martha Akawa (UNAM)
01.06.2017-31.05.2021, SNSF/SSAJRP

South African Cropland Dust Emission Risks (SNF/SSAJRP 2017-2021): Physical Thresholds, Environmental and Socio-economic Impacts

Principal investigator: Nikolaus Kuhn
PhD researcher: Heleen Vos
Postdoc researcher: Juliane Krenz
01.04.2017-31.03.2021, SNSF/SSAJRP

Soil Erosion Monitoring With Unmanned Aerial Vehicles

Principal Investigator: Nikolaus Kuhn
01.01.2016-31.12.2020, University Funds

Land Degradation in the Karoo (ongoing), South Africa

Principal investigator: Nikolaus Kuhn
PhD researcher: Lu Li
01.01.2015-31.12.2021, University Funds

Jijiga One Health Initiative, Subproject on Land Use and Quality

Principal investigator: Nikolaus Kuhn
PhD researcher: Seid Ali
01.01.2015-31.12.2020, SDC

Learning for (Ex)Change (2019-2023): Yearly Joint Summer/Winter Schools in Namibia and Switzerland

Project-team Unibas: Luregn Lenggenhager, Lena Bloemertz, Giorgio Miescher, Silva Lieberherr
Project-team UNAM: Martha Akawa, Martin Hipondoka, Romie Nghitevelekwa, Goodman Gwasira, Nahas Angula
01.02.2019-31.01.2023, 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
01.04.2017-31.12.2020, SNSF

Key publications

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Luregn Lenggenhager and Andrea Rosengarten. 2020. "Flood Levels and Borderlines: Livestock Farming and Evictions Resistance at the !Garib/ Orange River in Southern Africa." *Arcadia Summer* 2020 (34).

Brice Prudat, Lena Bloemertz, Olivier Graefe, and Nikolaus J. Kuhn. 2020. 'Soil Classification. Between Material Facts and Socio-Ecological Narratives'. In *Towards Shared Research. Participatory and Integrative Approaches in Researching African Environments*, edited by Tobias Haller and Claudia Zingerli, 25-43. Bielefeld: Transcript.

Heleen C Vos, Wolfgang Fister, Frank D. Eckardt, Anthony R. Palmer, and Nikolaus J. Kuhn. 2020. 'Physical Crust Formation on Sandy Soils and Their Potential to Reduce Dust Emissions from Croplands'. *Land* 9 (12). MDPI, 503.

Selected events

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

Scientific conference in collaboration with UNAM and UCT, Oranjemund (Namibia)
21 - 24 Jan 2020 | Conference

"Asking for a Continent" – Researching Covid-19 and Previous Epidemics in (Southern) Africa in the Age of Digital/ Social Media (online)

Namibian and Southern African Studies Research Colloquium
15 Apr 2020 18:15 - 20:00 | Colloquium

Katarina Rybarikova: Decision-making in Human-Wildlife Conflicts: Insides from Namibia

Namibian and Southern African Studies Research Colloquium
22 Apr 2020 18:15 - 20:00 | Colloquium

Scott Burnett: Winning the Future for Whiteness: Environmental Ethnoscaping in South Africa

Namibian and Southern African Studies Research Colloquium
13 May 2020 18:15 - 20:00 | Colloquium

The Fishrot Scandal in Namibia

Namibian and Southern African Studies Research Colloquium
27 May 2020 18:15 - 19:45 | Colloquium

Visual History Lab 2020: Sites of Contestation

In collaboration with the Basler Afrika Bibliographien and the Museums Association of Namibia
07 - 12. Sep 2020 | Workshop

Stephanie Gall & Iwan Müller: The Activities of the UNESCO Chair on Physical Activity and Health in Educational Settings – The Kazibantu Project

Namibian and Southern African Studies Research Colloquium
07 Oct 2020 18:15 - 20:00 | Colloquium

Visual History Lab 2020: Sites of Contestation | Opening the Archive (7-11 September 2020)

The Visual History Lab 2020 of the Centre for African Studies convened by Kadiatou Diallo, Giorgio Miescher, and Lorena Rizzo was concerned with the Ernst & Ruth Dammann Collection at the Basler Afrika Bibliographien. During their research in Namibia in the 1950s, the Dammanns made numerous sound recordings of African languages and took many photographs. Given its material richness and its intermediality, the Dammann collection is one of the most interesting and complex collections on Namibia in Basel. In collaboration with colleagues at the archives of the Basler Afrika Bibliographien and the Museums Association of Namibia, students explored ways of making the Dammann collection more accessible to Namibian publics. To this end, they produced a website that includes a list of names of all individuals who appear in the collection. Furthermore, the website allows users to learn about the number of images and sound recordings available for each individual person, as well as the availability of written records. And finally, the website includes a number of profiles that provide a more detailed sense of the materiality and acoustic quality of the archival sources. Students contacted families of those documented in the collection and secured their permission to produce the profiles. These first contacts between students and Namibian publics showed that there was great interest in accessing archival collections and information they contain about relatives, friends, and neighbours. The Museums Association of Namibia therefore agreed to launch the website during Heritage Week in Namibia in late September 2020.

www.Namibia1953-54.com

Members**Learning for (Ex-)change and Space in Time: Insights from a Teaching and a Research Project Between Namibia, South Africa and Switzerland**

Namibian and Southern African Studies
Research Colloquium
21 Oct 2020 18:15 - 20:00 | Events,
Colloquium

Martha Akawa & Romie Nghitevelekwa: "An Account of Women Linked to Migrant Workers in Oranjemund, Namibia"

Namibian and Southern African Studies
Research Colloquium
04 Nov 2020 18:15 - 20:00 | Colloquium

Rita Kesselring: The Extractive Enclave: Whiteness, Social Differentiation and a Global Division of Labour in Zambia's Northwestern Province

Mittwochskolloquium Ethnologie
18 Nov 2020 16:15 - 18:00 | Colloquium

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Social Sciences)
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Partnerships/major collaborations

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Museums Association of Namibia
University of Cape Town, Department
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Science
University of Johannesburg;
Department of Geography,
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Studies
Agricultural Research Council of South
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University of Pretoria, Centre for
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**Swakopmund, 1954**

Photo: Ruth Dammann (Basler Afrika Bibliographien, BPA.39 8 002)

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Needless to say, 2020 was an extraordinary year, also for the team at the ZASB Executive Office. The lockdown in spring with the abrupt shift of teaching to Zoom and the closing of our premises put an end to the social interaction that is so essential for our network and a dear part of our work. Spending most of our time in home office, we missed our daily routine at Rheinsprung 21. By the end of 2020, online meetings, courses, and conferences had become the new normal.

Among the events that had to move to the web were our General Assembly with a workshop on “Ethics in Partnerships and Research” in September, as well as the Swiss Researching Africa Days in October, with a strong presence of our network. Other events had to be postponed since their formats were not suitable for the online mode.

Teaching

For our students, the Covid year was a drastic experience. But despite the unpleasant two semesters, we were glad to see how faculty members within our network made the best of the situation, learned fast, showed exceptional flexibility, and found ways to leverage the potential of online communication and networking. And we are happy that we were able to contribute our share to enabling and enhancing online and hybrid teaching.

A survey among MA African Studies students carried out at the end of the spring semester indicated general challenges and difficulties such as workload, infrastructure, and isolation but also documented positive elements and experiences. Intriguingly, the restrictions on international travel led in a few cases to an increased systematic exchange with faculty and students on the African continent which led the way to a continued practice.

In the first part of the autumn semester, many of the courses were taught in the hybrid classroom. We supported these courses with the help of designated tutors, making sure that those participating online would be heard adequately in the physical classroom and assisting lecturers in terms of technical

support. However, after a few weeks, hybrid classes had to go back to full online teaching. A mid-semester online forum involving our students and members of the Teaching Committee provided a feedback on the online regime, and allowed us to monitor the needs of our students and offer joint counseling.

Collaboration

For most of our collaborative teaching and training projects, the restrictions that came with the pandemic meant a halt. We had to postpone the joint summer/winter school for MA students with the University of Namibia (“Learning for (Ex)Change”) and the final workshop of the project “International Digital Exchanges in African Studies” (IDEAS) with faculty and students from the universities of Bamako and Conakry. The same goes for the joint summer school for PhD students with the Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa (CODESRA) and the EUCOR graduate workshop series “The Trouble With the State” in cooperation with the Universities of Freiburg and Strasbourg.

The writing workshop “Emerging Scholars and New Research in Southern Africa” in cooperation with the Journal of Southern African Studies (JSAS) and the University of Namibia, which was scheduled for July 2020, began with remote coaching of the participating PhD students. While we were hoping that the workshop could take place in the summer of 2021, it is now planned in the form of a series of online sessions from April to July 2021.

All the more, we are happy that the Pilot African Postgraduate Academy (PAPA) could start with an inauguration ceremony and a first workshop that took place in Bamako in March just before the lock-down, and continued with a virtual workshop in September. PAPA is an innovative collaboration with Point Sud in Bamako and the Goethe University Frankfurt which we are particularly proud to support.

In June, we received the great news that a major research project proposal coordinated by the Executive Office was accepted by the Swiss National Science Foundation: “Reversing the

Gaze” is a cooperation with the University of Edinburgh and the University of Zurich. In 2020, we supported new collaborations involving network members from the Environmental Sciences, Swiss TPH, and Social Sciences, one of them in cooperation with colleagues from the University of Teacher Education Lucerne and partners in Cameroon, one with local non-governmental organizations active in development cooperation.

Outreach

Public events were not possible at the University of Basel this year. We therefore cancelled events that rely on the element of physical encounter and provide networking opportunities, such as the Carl Schlettwein Lecture and the Africa Forum. In the context of the continuing education programme, we organized one course online, which was a satisfying experience and was appreciated by participants. Even though, obviously, an online course does not replace an intensive two-day continuing education course on site, including its networking opportunities, we will fall back on this solution as long as on-site courses are not possible. It comes as no surprise that we dedicated the November issue of our *Afrika-Bulletin* to the pandemic, highlighting African perspectives.

Staff

In 2020, our student assistant Pius Vögele completed his MA studies and consequently left the Executive Office. We thank him for his great work and wish him all the best for his PhD, which he will be pursuing as a member of our Graduate Network. Our new student assistant, Elena Allendörfer, began working in October 2020.

Outlook

Although, at this stage, a return to normal is not yet in sight, we hope that 2021 will see at least the beginning of the end of the worldwide pandemic. We look forward to getting back to our pre-Covid daily work routine. We look forward to the regular encounters with students and faculty at the beginning and end of the semester, counseling students and researchers at our premises, seeing courses re-

turn to the seminar rooms at Rheinsprung 21, getting together with colleagues at meetings, lunch, or coffee breaks, and organizing and participating in workshops and events.

As mentioned above, many activities were postponed and we now look forward to resuming them in a normal format, as soon as the situation permits. In addition, our biennial Basel Summer School in African Studies is scheduled to take place in 2021.

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Meetings 2020

General Assembly

17 Feb 2020

Steering Committee meeting

2 Jun 2020 (online)

Steering Committee retreat

4 Sep 2020

General Assembly

21 Sep 2020 (online)

Steering Committee meeting

20 Oct 2020 (online)

Steering Committee meeting

7 Dec 2020 (online)

Obituary: Noemi Steuer (1957-2020)

Last year, we had to bid farewell to our dear colleague Noemi Steuer who died on 14 July 2020. Noemi leaves a big gap in the ZASB community, particularly among the colleagues at Rheinsprung 21 – as a scholar and as a friend. She was a constant source of inspiration, had ready advice, and, in a very pragmatic, sometimes drily humorous way she pointed to glitches in thinking, analyzing, and conceptualizing. We are thankful and honoured that Noemi shared with us a part of her truly full life.

Before embarking on an academic career, Noemi was a successful actor. After her training at the Drama Academy Zurich (1976-1979) she played on various theatre stages – Bonn, Mannheim, Basel – and in numerous films. Her biggest success, which is remembered by the film aficionado community with enthusiasm, was her role as Helga Aufschrey in the highly successful movie series “Die zweite Heimat” of 1993.

She ended her acting career at the height of her success when she was not quite 30 years old, and went back to school. After attaining her Bachelor in African Cultures and Languages at the University of Cologne, she studied Social Anthropology in Basel. In 2011, she received her PhD in Social Anthropology from the University of Basel. Her thesis on HIV and social recognition in Mali was published by Transcript in 2012.

At the ZASB, Noemi co-developed and coordinated the SNSF project “Construire son Avenir: Self-perception and carrier practices of young graduates in Burkina Faso and Mali” (2013-2017), and lead the SNSF Agora project “Longing for the Future – Practices and Imaginations of Young Graduates” (2014-2017). Both projects focused on youth, career practices, and self-conceptions, her main research field after her PhD.

As founding president of the Fondation Oumou Dilly, Noemi supported PhD candidates and young scholars from Africa. Through the foundation she was also involved in co-organizing and supporting the biennial CODESRIA-ZASB Summer School in African Studies and Area Studies in Africa in Dakar. Apart from her academic work, Noemi, together with her husband, the director Clemens Bechtel, realized theatre projects and exhibitions with partners in various African countries.

Her latest academic project International Digital Exchange between Africa and Switzerland IDEAS (2019-2021), which she initiated with Joscha Philipps and Elísio Macamo, links faculty and students in Conakry, Bamako and Basel in a multi-sited course on social sciences, knowledge production, and digitization in theory and practice.

Noemi’s last scholarly publication appeared posthumously in the journal Human Affairs. In “‘Murdered Mozarts.’ Narrative of a Previous Malian Student Generation in the Era of the Crumbling State”, Noemi examines life histories of a generation whose members were involved in protests against the military junta in 1980. As committed patriots who construct their identities with a prominent reference to the State, they narratively repair their damaged identities and political visions and, on a symbolic level, their damaged country.

Noemi’s involvement at the ZASB was marked by enthusiasm, perseverance and innovation combined with joviality, empathy and wit. She is dearly missed by us all.



Noemi Steuer
Photo: ZVG

Selected publications

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MA African Studies



At the graduation ceremony of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences in September 2020: Rahel Stirnimann, Oluwasooto Ajayi, Mickness Eliakunda Aeschlimann, and Tibor Rechsteiner

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Graduates 2020

Oluwasooto Ajayi

African Voices in the Africa Rising Narrative. A qualitative study on scholarly literature and personal perceptions of the Africa Rising Narrative

Mickness Eliakunda Aeschlimann

To What Extent has the Female Participation in Microfinance Programs Led to a Change in Gender Relations at the Household Level? An ethnography of Neema women SACCOS in Igota village, Ulanga district, Tanzania

Lilian Bieber

World War II and the Campaign for Self Rule in Kenya

Enrika Charles

Black Women's Hairstyles in Societies. To what extent do black women adapt their hairstyles as a way to negotiate dominant culture?

Banished From the Class Room: Studying in 2020

The autumn semester of 2020 was challenging for new students as we were confronted with remote teaching. Actually, most classes started physically, so at least some degree of personal interaction was maintained throughout the semester.

Zoom proved a versatile tool that professors used in different ways. Some lectures featuring a dense topic and a lot of detailed information were recorded which allowed students to go back and re-watch the class and so better prepare for exams. This was also useful in case of absence from class due to simultaneous scheduling of different courses, work, or sickness.

The hybrid model with one group of students in the classroom and the other at home was not ideal. There was little to no exchange between those physically present and those at home; questions and comments were directed mostly at the professor. When Zoom meetings became compulsory for all it was easier to engage.

Lectures given through podcasts were not really suitable. Firstly, because there was no direct contact with the professor which resulted in a lack of accessibility. Secondly, because they relied too heavily on self-organization and caused delays. For colloquiums, zoom proved quite helpful in connecting people in different places, which otherwise would not have been so easy.

When students were asked to prepare questions or simply read a short text on some theme, there was more engagement, and it was easier to absorb more from the



The Visual History Lab was carried out in hybrid form.

Anja Orschulko

More Than a Health Insurance? An exploration of health-related and non-health-related uses of the Improved Community Health Fund amongst micro-finance beneficiaries in Igota Village, Ulanga district, Tanzania

Nicole Weydknecht

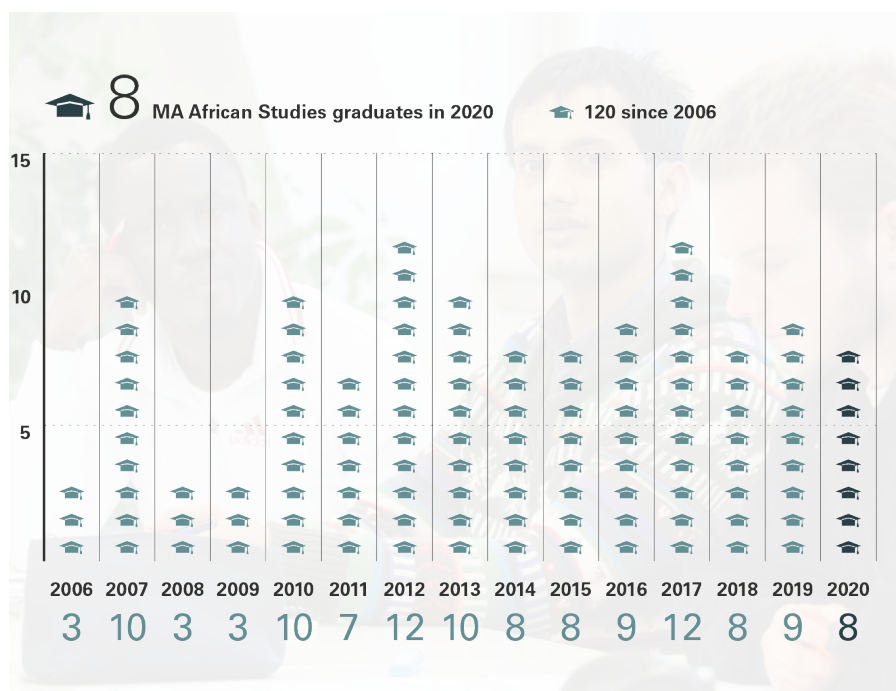
CSR in South Africa: Do Swiss transnational companies address local CSR issues?

Tibor Rechsteiner

In Senegal, Our Problem Is to Master the Water. Drip irrigation from recycled plastic for smallholder farmers as a socio-technical system

Rahel Stirnimann

The Working Experiences of Former Ethiopian Domestic Workers in Saudi Arabia and Their Impact on Future Migrant Choices

**MA African 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 2020, a total of 120 students had graduated in African Studies.

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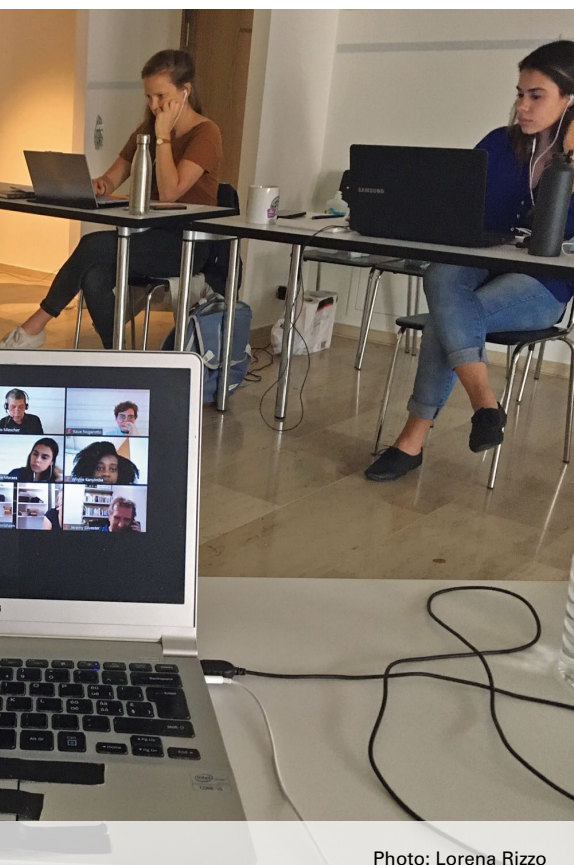


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lectures, especially the ones in the early evening. Classes with a consistent format throughout the semester were easier to follow as opposed to those that constantly tested new modes of instruction. Longer breaks were quite helpful in Zoom, as one loses concentration more easily than in physical lectures.

Break-out groups helped in classes with a high number of students, when the Zoom meetings created a sense of detachment, and made conversation and discussions difficult. However, the “camera issue” was challenging. When cameras were off there was much disengagement from the group. The discussions became impersonal, and it was harder to follow who was actually participating. With a majority of students visible it was easier to concentrate. Still, initially it was rather uncomfortable due to a sense of exposure and the fear of being judged.

Zoom was practical for students who usually commuted or had a part-time job, and for those with family. But the feeling of isolation was even bigger as there was no networking or “chitchat” before or after the class. Zoom classes, in general, reduce the will to participate actively. In face of a second or, for some, a third, online semester some students are considering taking a break and only returning when classroom teaching commences again. For most of us, the experiences with lecturers were very positive as they made an extra effort to be available at all times.

By Kaue Felipe Nogarotto Crima Bellini, Kai Geerk, and Nicole Thurnhofer (all MA students in African Studies)

Graduate Network African Studies

PhDs awarded in 2020

Kpongbo Etienne Angora (Epidemiology; Jürg Utzinger)

Population genetic structure and hybridization of schistosomes in schoolchildren in Côte d'Ivoire

Owusuaa Adwoa Bobie (Sociology; Elisio Macamo)

Rebranding African, Reclothing Africa: The influence of Emerging Designers in the Production of Aesthetic Cosmopolitanism in Nigerian Fashion Industry

Anna Christen (Ethnology; Till Förster)

Walking Together. Perils of Participation in Anthropology and Philosophy of Action. A Case Study in Post-Apartheid South Africa

Dominik Dietler (Epidemiology; Jürg Utzinger)

Impact of mining projects on environmental determinants of health and associated health outcomes in sub-Saharan Africa: insights for guiding impact assessment practice

Jin Ding (African Studies; Max Bergmann)

China in Africa: Perspectives on development and emergence

Jacob Geuder (Sociology; Sophie Oldfield)

Visualizing Urban Struggles: Video Activism as Utopian Practice

Lianne Gonsalves (Epidemiology; Jürg Utzinger)

Understanding the role of pharmacies as contraceptive outlets for young people (ages 18-24) in Coastal Kenya

Stephen Asol Kapinde (Theology; Andreas Heuser)

Political Sermons in Kenyas Quest for Democratic Governance between 1986 and 2010: A case study of the selected sermons from the three Anglican Clergy

Maren Larsen (Urban Studies; Manuel Hertz)

Worlding Home: Peacekeepers, Camp Space, and Urbanity in Goma, DRC

Shakuntala Mhlanga (Epidemiology; Martin Rössli)

An epidemiological cohort study of children and adolescents investigating neurobehavioural effects from pesticide exposure and e-media use in South Africa

Peter Ayoola Oderinde (African Studies; Andreas Heuser)

The role of Internet in migrants' Christianity: A case study of Nigerian Pentecostal churches in Switzerland

Natalie Tarr (African Studies; Elisio Macamo)

Interpreting the Administration: Burkina Faso's Courts in Translation

Frederik Unseld (Anthropology; Till Förster)

Making Art Work: Articulating Art and Urban Marginality in Kisumu, Kenya

New members

Temitope Christina Adebayo-Ojo (Epidemiology; Nino Künzli)

Developing an air quality health index for Cape Town, 2001-2016

Faisal Nooh Ali (Epidemiology; Daniel Paris)

Epidemiological and clinical investigations of chronic oncommunicable diseases in Eritrean refugees living in Ethiopia and Switzerland

Alain Amstutz (Clinical Research; Niklaus Labhardt)

Supporting Lesotho on the way towards the UNAIDS 90-90-90 targets: Operational and clinical research addressing HIV/AIDS care in resource-limited settings

Kpongbo Etienne Angora (Epidemiology; Jürg Utzinger)

Population genetic structure and hybridization of schistosomes in schoolchildren in Côte d'Ivoire

Thomas Betschart (Urban Studies; Kenny Cupers)

How Transport Infrastructure shapes Territory in Contemporary Africa

Maria Esther Leticia Ebuli Losoha (Epidemiology; Sonja Merten)

Improvement of immunization uptake among pregnant women in Equatorial Guinea: Mixed methods approach

Andrea Graf (History; Julia Tischler)

Out of Sight? Bilharzia in Madagascar as a Global History of 'Neglected Tropical Diseases', 1950 to the present

Tebuho Winnie Kanyimba (African Studies; Elisio Macamo)

Immigration and political identity: Ethnographic studies of retribalization among political activists in Switzerland

Katienegnimin Seydou Konate (French Literature; Hugues Marchal)

Bestiaire et biotope végétal dans la littérature de jeunesse de Côte d'Ivoire



Stephen Kapinde
Photo: Veit Artl

Faculty Prize for Stephen Kapinde

At the 560th Dies Academicus, Stephen Kapinde was honoured by the Faculty of Theology for his doctoral thesis. In his research he describes the development of the relationship between the Anglican church and the state, with post-colonial Kenya as a case study.

Herry Mapesi (Epidemiology; Daniel Paris)

Non-communicable diseases in people living with HIV in Rural Africa: tackle the double burden

Matthias Maurer Rueda (Sociology; Elisio Macamo)

Immigration and political identity: Ethnographic studies of retribalization among political activists in Switzerland

Francis Daudi Mlacha (History; Martin Lengwiler)

The history of insurances in East Africa

Kirubel Mussie (Biomedical Ethics; Bernice Simone Elger)



Ethical issues in the care of older people in Ethiopia


Pius Jonas Vögele (African Studies; Lorena Rizzo)

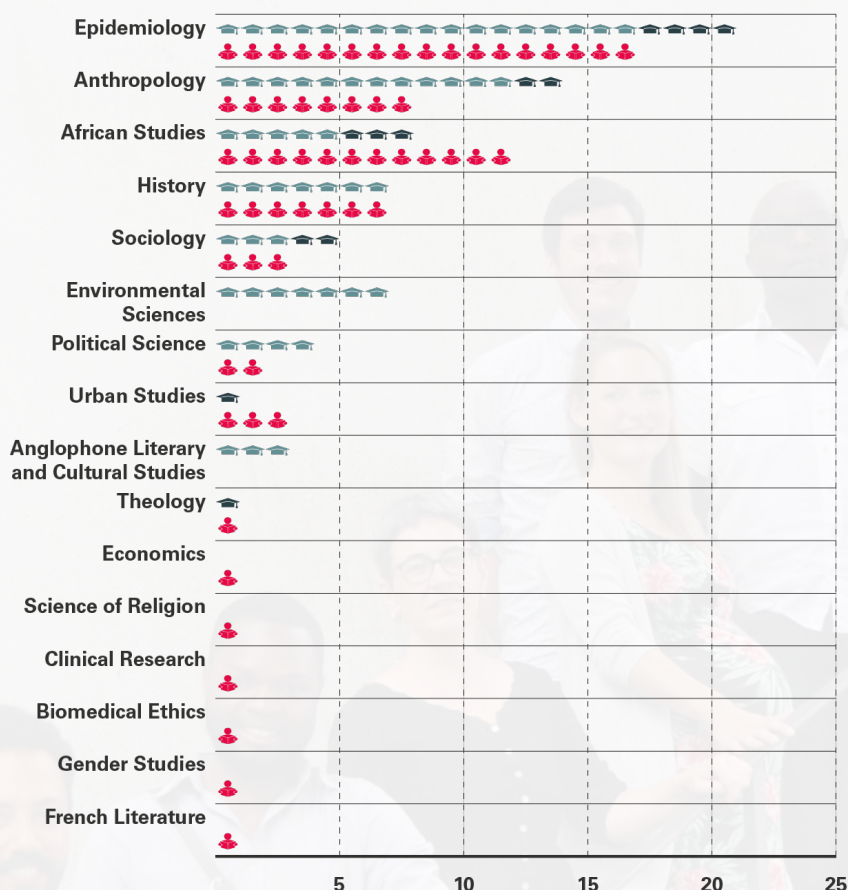
Afrofuturism Echoes Back – Hip Hop's Sonic Fictions from Black Atlantis

Ursula Wüthrich Grossenbacher (African Studies; Elisio Macamo)

Impact of religion/spirituality (R/S) on the outcome of HIV care in different health settings in rural and urban Zimbabwe with a special focus on adolescent patients

 **13** PhDs awarded in 2020  **71** since 2013

 **59** members (31.12.2020)



Graduate events

In progress

Workshop for PhD candidates in African Studies with Elisio Macamo
27 Nov 2020 (online) | Graduate Workshop

Graduate Network African Studies

In 2013, the 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 called "Challenges in Interdisciplinary Area Studies". In Basel, the graduate module developed into a lively community, supporting training activities for and individual research activities of PhD students within the African Studies network. This formed the basis for a successful application to swissuniversities for a graduate programme. The Basel Graduate Network African Studies was implemented in 2017.

Between 2013 and 2020, a total of 71 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

| Pilot African Postgraduate Academy (PAPA)

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

| 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)
 01.12.2019-31.12.2021; EUCOR Crossborder Education Grant

Events

| Loose Ends in the Museum Depot – On the Status of Colonial Collections

Follow-up on the workshop “Stolen from Africa” held in May 2019; with Basler Afrika Bibliographien, supported by the Swiss Academy for Humanities and Social Sciences
 17 Jan 2020 | Workshop

Visiting scholars

| Emma Asige Liaga

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

| Lerato Posholi

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

Outreach

Continuing education courses

| Korruption und Integrität in NGOs und Unternehmen

6-7 Feb 2020
 Alex Biscaro (Transparency International Switzerland), Olivier Bovet (State Secretariat for Economic Affairs SECO), Christian Hauser (University of Applied Sciences Graubünden), Lucy Koechlin (ZASB), Elísio Macamo (ZASB), Yvan Maillard Ardent (evoluto.conseil/Brot für alle)

| Africa's Place in the New World Order

15-17 Oct 2020 (online)
 With Ulf Engel (University of Leipzig), Dominik Langenbacher (formerly Federal Department of Foreign Affairs), Emmaculate Asige Liaga (ZASB)

| Pilot African Postgraduate Academy (PAPA)

The three-year post-doctoral training programme intends to strengthen basic research in the humanities and social sciences in Africa and represent it in a self-confident manner vis-à-vis other research environments. In doing so, the Academy responds to the prevailing trend of neglecting genuine research in favour of an education focusing on application and direct political and economic benefit. The Academy's goal is therefore to place greater focus on Africa's important role in the further development of the humanities and social sciences in consideration of the special historical circumstances and the epistemological questions posed by knowledge production in Africa.

The Academy addresses up-and-coming African researchers from Francophone countries who have recently obtained their PhD. The programme includes two workshops per year for fifteen aspiring researchers and for four established scholars. In addition to a mentoring programme at the participants' home universities, it is, above all, networking among scholars in Africa and the African diaspora that constitutes an important aim of PAPA.

The programme under the supervision of Mamadou Diawara (University of Frankfurt, Germany) and Elísio Macamo (ZASB) is based at Point Sud in Bamako, Mali, and funded by the Gerda Henkel Foundation.

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In the media**Researchers with African interest advised to clarify concepts**Article on *GhanaWeb* about Elisio Macamo's keynote at the University of Ghana, 10 January 2020**Experten der Uni Basel zur Corona-Gefahr in Afrika: «Die Leute glauben gar nicht, dass es dieses Virus gibt»**Till Förster and Silke Oldenburg in *Blick*, 17 March 2020**COVID-19 in Africa – We Need to Rethink Lockdowns**Elisio Macamo in a video interview on *The Elephant*, 31 March 2020**«Koloniales Denken wirkt überall nach»**Tanja Hammel in the *Tagesanzeiger*, 21 June 2020**«Alltagsrassismus ist schwer wegzukriegen»**Elísio Macamo in *Zeit*, 21 June 2020**Wie eine Theorie den Kolonialismus zu rechtfertigen versucht**Elísio Macamo in an article on *treffpunkteuropa.de*, 11 July 2020**Auf der Suche nach Wahrheit**Rita Kesselring featured in "Tandem-Gespräch" on *SRF 2*, 23 July 2020**Victime de la pandémie, la Zambie est en quasi-faillite**Rita Kesselring in *Le Temps*, 30 September 2020**Der Segerhof – Christoph Burckhardt oder 1000 tote Sklav*innen**Veit Arlt in the *Bajour* series «Neue Augen auf die Stadt», 28 September 2020**Wieso lehnt eine Grünliberale die Konzern-Initiative ab?**Rita Kesselring in an article on *Nau.ch*, 10 October 2020**Die Basler Mission – eine ambivalente Rolle**Veit Arlt in the *Bajour* series "Neue Augen auf die Stadt", 14 November 2020**Afrika-Expertin: «Andrea Gmür argumentiert rassistisch»**Lorena Rizzo in an article on *kath.ch*, 21 November 2020

Participants and mentors at the inauguration workshop of the Pilot African Postgraduate Academy in Bamako, March 2021.
Photo: Stefan Schmid

Budget and Expenditure 2020 (GK4901)

	Budget 2020	Expenditure
Office	800	1186.15
PhD students	4000	3075.59
Cooperation	3500	2482.95
Membership fees	1200	1182.80
MA course	10,000	9431.54
Staff	500	348.60
Publications	4500	3754.95
Student exchange	4000	453.85
Events	12,500	4500.00
Advertisement and representation	3000	20,603.05
Conference participation	2000	1492.00
Total	46,000	48,511.48

Office: The expenses were slightly higher due to the Covid-related hygiene measures.

PhD students: Most support of PhD students is provided by the Graduate Network African Studies (CHF 10,513 in 2020). With its operating funds, ZASB supports those PhD students who are not eligible for funding by the Graduate Network.

Cooperation: This budget line includes costs for network events (General Assemblies, Steering Committee meetings, student receptions), but also expenses related to visiting researchers.

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: Usually, the main part arises from the support of MA research projects and participation in field courses. Due to the travel restrictions, these expenses were very low. Instead, we allocated funds to four tutors who supported teaching in the hybrid classroom in the autumn semester of 2020.

Staff: The costs were lower – again, this is due to the restrictions on gatherings.

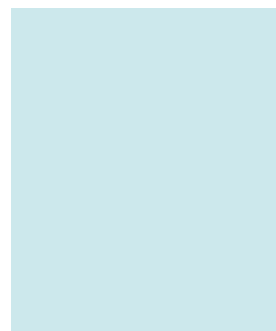
Publications: These include the Carl Schlettwein Lecture 2019, a contribution to the edited volume *New Lines of Sight*, the Festschrift for Andreas Heuser, and the 2019 annual report of the ZASB.

Student exchange: In the past year, there were no applications of incoming or outgoing students. We supported one graduate returning home upon completion of the MA.

Events: We supported the organization of the “Usakos Virtual Workshop on Community-based Exhibition Development” and the international workshop “Photographs as Sources for Writing Histories of Medicine, Health and Healing in Colonial and Postcolonial Africa”. Both events are scheduled to take place in 2021.

Conference participation: This includes travel costs of members of the network. The only contribution was awarded to the team of the Afrika-Portal for a conference in Namibia.

Advertisement and representation: This includes the contribution to the printing costs of the Afrika-Bulletin, webhosting fees, as well as a special reallocation of funds to the creation of a video series.



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