

12th Namibia Research Day in Windhoek & Basel

Special Edition: Cinematic Justice - Film meets Histories of the Present

16th & 17th October 2026

We warmly invite students, researchers, and cultural practitioners working in and on Namibia to join us for the 12th Namibia Research Day, held simultaneously in Windhoek and Basel.

This year's Research Day will be curated around 4 to 5 movies and documentaries which deploy cinematic aesthetics to address historical themes and contemporary issues, followed by discussions with film makers, critics and scholars. Screenings on Friday evening 16 October and on Saturday 17 October will take place at venues in both cities, followed by hybrid discussions.

We invite filmmakers and scholars of film to suggest 1 or 2 films they wish to present and discuss.

Additionally, we seek brief contributions from diverse disciplines and practices which engage critically with Namibian film productions over time.

To participate, kindly send your film suggestions and/or a short abstract or project summary (max. half a page) by 31st August.

While we regret that no funding for travel or accommodation is available, we hope to bring together a diverse group of participants to foster long-term connections and conversations. We look forward to seeing you in Windhoek and Basel!

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