

Namibian and Southern African Studies

RESEARCH COLLOQUIUM, SPRING 2026

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March

- 04.03. Introduction to the Colloquium & Southern African Archives
with Antonio Uribe (BAB)
- 11.03. Jeremy Tiboth (poet and writer, NUST)
Poetic Reading and Conversation with
Nashilongweshipwe Mushaandja and Julia Rensing
- 18.03. Olivier van Beemen (journalist and author)
“Hey, Weren’t They the Good Guys?”
– A Critical Look into Conservation in Africa
- 25.03. Mark Mushiva (creative technologist, Forensis/Forensic Architecture)
Decolonial Futurities and African Accelerationism

April

- 08.04. Book launch: Histories and Legacies of Migrant Labour in Namibia
and Switzerland
With the volume’s editors and contributors. Followed by an Apéro
- 15.04. Rufino Siteo (Unibas)
Spiteful Emancipation:
Youth Engagement in Violent Extremism in Northern Mozambique
- 22.04. Film Screening & Discussion “Kapana: A Namibian Gay Love Story”
By and in conversation with Philippe Talavera (director)
- 29.04. Hildegard Titus (journalist, artist and activist) & Dag Henrichsen (BAB)
Decolonising Namibia’s Queer History

May

- 06.05. Bongani Kona (writer and editor) &
Catherine Boulle (audio producer and journalist)
‘Arrested Time:’ Field Notes from the Making of ‘Time, Paper, Bone’
- 20.05. Dirk Moses (City College of New York)
Title tbc.
*collaboration
with Middle
Eastern Studies*
- 27.05. Closing Session

Note: Physical location in Switzerland: BAB, Klosterberg 23, Basel. Some speakers and visitors join via zoom. Please note: Until the end of March, the event is at 18:15 Basel time and 19:15 Namibian time. From April, it will be at 18:15 for both countries, ending at 20:15, with an apéro afterwards.

The colloquium addresses current debates in Namibian and Southern African Studies and provides a forum for conversations between students and local and international scholars, artists and activists. The regional focus is programmatic, but we offer multiple opportunities to reflect on the sessions, and situate them in broader discourses. We nurture an intellectual milieu and knowledge practice that transcend rigid institutional and symbolic boundaries between the university and society, the Global South and North, and disciplines, fields, and practices. The colloquium is open to students from all levels and guests from within and beyond the university.

Jointly organised by the University of Namibia, the University of Basel & the Basler Afrika Bibliographien

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