

Call for contributions for the supporting program of the upcoming exhibition «Deal with it»

We cordially invite you to participate in the programme of our exhibition "*Deal with it*" with your events and activities. The exhibition will take place from 25 August to mid-November 2023 in the exhibition room of the University Library Basel. The vernissage will be on 24 August, 2023. The supporting programme will cover the entire Basel area.

Why is this exhibition important? What does it deal with in terms of content?

With the university's clear commitment to research about, in, with and for Africa, Basel has developed into a national and international centre for interdisciplinary African research. This development is based on a longer tradition of academic engagement with Africa in the Basel region. Basel, for example, is home to a unique concentration of Africa-related institutions, including *the Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute*, *the Museum der Kulturen Basel*, *Mission 21* and the *Basler Afrika Bibliographien*, all of which have decades of experience.

Why is it in Basel, in Switzerland, of all places, that there is such an accumulation of institutions related to the African continent with an international appeal? Which people acted between the institutions and formed the research and relationship network between the houses?

The exhibition addresses these and similar questions. It presents the individual as well as the common history of these Basel institutions and focuses on the network and the connections between the individual institutions and the central persons who (did) act within this network. The content of the exhibition takes into account the discourse on the decolonisation of collections and knowledge.

The exhibition aims to realise a long overdue critical and differentiated examination of the history of Basel's institutional African landscape.

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How can you get involved in "Deal with it"?

We would like to invite you as an institution, company, collective or individual to contribute your events and activities. Optionally, your input can also be made in cooperation with one of the Basel institutions mentioned above. The following should be considered for submission:

- 1-2 A4 pages short description of the event, activity or offer.
- Relation to the following key topics: African studies, collections and archival work, Basel and colonialism, (anti-)racism, Afro-diaspora, imperialism, decolonisation, missionary work, inter/transcultural work and research, equality and diversity, African historiography, development cooperation, provenance research, restitution and reparation, knowledge production and transfer, Agenda 2063, African art and culture, African images, representation and visibility.
- State date, time and place, if already defined. If input on this is desired, please actively communicate! (Attention: The date must be between 25.08 and 30.11.23. The venue should be in Basel and the surrounding area).
- Please identify involved persons, partners and supporters directly.

If you have questions about the Open Call, please contact the co-curator Elisa da Costa (e.dacostapolicarpo@stud.unibas.ch) or the project manager Reto Ulrich (ru@baslerafrika.ch).

We will gladly accept submissions for the framework programme via the above-mentioned e-mail **until the 28th of April 2023**.

We look forward to receiving your submissions.

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