



Swahili Colloquium
Bayreuth



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24th SWAHILI COLLOQUIUM

Bayreuth, from 03 June to 05 June 2011

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Dear Colleagues,

We would like to cordially invite you to the 24th Swahili-Colloquium in Bayreuth: *karibuni sana*.

The Swahili Colloquium

The Swahili Colloquium has become a well-established forum in Bayreuth. Every year, we invite scholars and researchers from different disciplines, who work on various aspects of the language and the respective culture(s) to this unique colloquium. The multidisciplinary approach and the wide range of contributions from linguistics, literary studies to anthropology and history particularly account for the appeal of the colloquium. We are always looking forward to welcoming you all including new participants at the Swahili Colloquium.

This year's thematic focus

The 24th Swahili Colloquium will have a special thematic focus on **'Swahili and Modernity'**. This thematic focus suggests a concentration on modernising processes rooted in the 20th century, and essentially implies a perspective of change. It is an approach that promises interesting interdisciplinary discussions, as it can be fruitfully applied to linguistic change(s), in considerations of innovations in the literary field mirroring fundamental social changes as well as in studies of social and cultural transformations. Although we would like to suggest 'Swahili and Modernity' as a common point of discussion, this does not mean that we will not consider papers dealing with other topics, as the Swahili Colloquium tries not only to stimulate thematically-oriented interdisciplinary discussions, but also intends to provide a forum open to various contributions related to Swahili.

Registration

We would like to ask you to give your paper either in Swahili or English. Each contribution will be granted 30 minutes (including ten minutes of discussion). Please register via email (to swahili@uni-bayreuth.de) and send us the title as well as a short abstract of your presentation till **30 March 2011**. If your presentation is going to be in Swahili, we kindly ask you for a short English summary. Please also register if you merely intend to participate without giving a paper.

Location/time

The conference will take place in Iwalewa-House, the centre of African studies of Bayreuth University (Münzgasse 9). It will start on Friday, 03 June 2011, at 9 a.m.. The conference will end on Sunday, 05 June 2011. Its precise ending is going to depend on the number of contributions.

Soon you will be able to also access this letter as well as the program and other information via the following website:

http://www.afrikanistik.uni-bayreuth.de/de/colloq/swahili_colloq1/index.html

Accommodation

On the website, you will also find a list of hotels and guest houses to make your search for accommodation easier. Some of our students are also willing to host students from other universities. Students, who are interested in private accommodation, should send us an email. Furthermore, students who are under the age of 25 also have the possibility to stay at the Bayreuth Youth Hostel “(<http://www.jugendherberge.de/jh/bayern/bayreuth/>).

At the end of April, we will send a second letter (including the preliminary program).

If you have any questions, please, do not hesitate to contact us. You can reach us via the following email address: **swahili@uni-bayreuth.de**

We are looking forward to welcoming you at the 24th Swahili Colloquium in Bayreuth.

Kind regards,

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