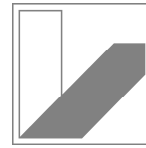




Swahili Colloquium
Bayreuth



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25th SWAHILI COLLOQUIUM

Bayreuth, from 18 May to 20 May 2012

20 January 2012

Dear Colleagues,

We would like to cordially invite you to the 25th Swahili-Colloquium in Bayreuth: *karibuni sana*.

The Swahili Colloquium

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

This Year's Thematic Focus

Bayreuth Swahili Colloquium will be 25 years old this year. Therefore, we would like to commemorate the importance of this event of Swahili Colloquium in Bayreuth by inviting participants to write on problems and achievements of the Colloquium in all these years. Also, we are inviting participants to write and present any topic on Swahili language, its linguistics, its literature, its culture and its history based on one of the three concepts we are suggesting, namely *globalization* (utandawazi), *postcoloniality/postcolonialism* (baadaye-(ya)-ukoloni) and *postmodernism* (usasabaadaye). Playing a role of provider and mediator for theoretical models, probes in different research endeavour, and practical situations, these concepts which emerged within these 25 years, have enriched Swahili studies in many ways. Lastly, as usual, we will accept papers based on any theme provided it is based on the analysis of Swahili language, its linguistics, its literature, its culture (this includes ethnographic themes) and history without any reference to the three concepts mentioned above.

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 an abstract of your presentation till **30 March 2012**. If your presentation is going to be in Swahili, we kindly ask you for an abstract in English. 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, 18 May 2012, at 9 a.m. The conference will end on Sunday, 20 May 2012. 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. If you want to be hosted please give us prior information at least in two month before the colloquium. Some of our students are also willing to host students from other universities. Students, who are interested in private accommodation, should send us an e-mail in time. 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/ tentative 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 25th Swahili Colloquium in Bayreuth.

Kind regards,

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