



Swahili Colloquium
Bayreuth



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Iwalewahaus, 31st May to 2nd June 2015

21st April 2015

Dear Colleagues,

Thank you very much for your abstracts and papers! We are very much looking forward to this year's colloquium.

Attached to this second letter, you find the preliminary programme of this year's **Swahili Colloquium**. This year the Swahili Colloquium will take place in the newly renovated Iwalewahaus, the centre of African arts and African contemporary culture located now in Wölfelstr. 2. The Colloquium will start on **Sunday, 31st June**, at 8.30 am. The admission fee will be 15 Euro – visiting students will have a reduced fee of 10 Euro.

This time round, we will not meet in a restaurant in the evening before the colloquium starts as usual. But you are cordially invited to attend two events. Firstly, the official re-opening of the new and newly refurbished Iwalewahaus will take place on **Saturday 30th May** from 7 pm. Iwalewahaus will be re-opening after a year and a half of refurbishment. This year's Swahili Colloquium will be its debut conference. You are invited to view the exhibition *Mashup* involving various artworks by African contemporary artists from 4 pm, then the official re-opening ceremony will start at 7 pm and at 10 pm there will be party (for more information see the attached press release).

Secondly, before attending the opening ceremony of Iwalewahaus, you are warmly invited to also attend a special concert at 5 pm. The Swahili choir of Bayreuth, will celebrate its 10th anniversary on 30th May as well. You are highly welcome to go *Theaterraum* Audimax on the University Campus and listen to the choir's repertoire. The concert will start at 5 pm. Here also see the attached letter of invitation and announcement.

There will be further additional events during the conference: On **Sunday** in the evening, Sam Hopkins, the Kenyan curator of the exhibition *mashup* as well as Nadine Siegert, the deputy director of Iwalewahaus, offer us an informative guided tour. On **Monday** evening, there will be a small reception for all participants of the Swahili Colloquium followed by a reading session. Given the proximity to the conference of the African Literature Association (ALA),

we would like to dedicate this evening to translation. More particularly, the focus will be on Kezilahabi's prose and poetry, since a number of his prolific translators will be around. On Sunday in the evening, Sam Hopkins, the Kenyan curator of the exhibition *mashup* as well as Nadine Siegert, the deputy director of Iwalewahaush, offer us an informative guided tour.

For further information on the conference of the African Literature Association, which will start immediately after the Swahili Colloquium on 3rd June, see <http://www.ala2015.com/#/home/>

We will soon come back to the students who asked for private accommodation. If you have further questions or requests, please don't hesitate to contact us: swahili@uni-bayreuth.de

We are looking forward to welcoming you here in Bayreuth!

Kind regards,

Your hosts,

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