

Symposium: New Dynamics in Swahili Studies

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Tuesday, 10th of June 2014 (Venue: AI, H33, Bayreuth University Campus)

09:00-10.00	See Keynote of the 21 st Afrikanistentag
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Introduction	
10:00-10:30	Rose Marie Beck: Conceptualizing the Epistemic Object of Swahili Studies
10.30-11.00	<i>Tea Break</i>

PANEL I: Swahili Studies: reflections on its history	
11.00-11.15	Aldin Mutembei: Forty Years of Kiswahili at <i>Milimani</i> : Challenges, Prospects and New Perspectives (discussant: M. Wafula)
11.15-11.30	Mark Kandagor: The Role of Missionaries in the Spread and Development of Kiswahili in Kenya: a Historical Perspective (discussant: M. Wafula)
11.30-11.45	Alena Rettová: Swahili Studies in/from Prague: a Study of the Lifework of Elena Bertoncini and Magdalena Hauner (discussant: D. Sanga)
11.45-12.00	Nathan Ogechi: The Role of Kiswahili in the African Union (discussant: D. Sanga)
12.00-12.40	Intervention by discussants + discussion
12.40-14.00	<i>Lunch Break</i>

PANEL II: Swahili Studies as Area Studies	
14.00-14.15	Daniela Waldburger: Swahili – Periphery, Variation and Diaspora (discussant: S. Nganga)
14:15-14:30	Birgit Englert: <i>Swahilité</i> and the Comorian Diaspora in France (discussant: S. Nganga)
14.30-14.45	Geert Castryck: Swahili as Localized Transregionalism: Histories of Meeting, Moving and Staying across East and Central Africa (discussant: J. Sarre)

14.45-15.00	Julia Verne: "Swahili Studies and the Translocalisation of 'Areas'" (discussant: J. Sarre)
15.00-15.40	Intervention by discussants + discussion
15.40-16.10	<i>Tea Break</i>
16.10-16.25	Mark Horton – The Wider aspects of Swahili Origins and their Connectivity into a Globalising World (discussant: B. Otundo)
16.25-16.40	John Njenga Karugia: China-Africa: Sinokiswahili in Kariakoo Chinatown (discussant: B. Otundo)
16.40-16.55	Georges Mulumbwa: Deconstructing Swahili Identity in DRC (discussant: B. Otundo)
16.55-17.25	Intervention by discussant + discussion
from 19.00	Reception in the Botanical Garden (together with the participants of the 21 st Afrikanistentag)

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PANEL III: Swahili Studies as the Study of Communities of Practice	
09.00-09.15	Pat Caplan: Speaking Swahili, being Swahili? Some Reflections on and Observations of a Shifting Field over the Past Half Century (discussant: K. Greven)
09.15-09.30	Ulf Vierke: Cultural Layers/Swahili Layers. On Kenyan Contemporary Art Projects (discussant: K. Greven)
09.30-09.45	Kjersti Larsen: To what Extent are Historical and Social Processes Constitutive of Shared Values and Practices: Reflections on "Swahili Studies" from Anthropological Research in Zanzibar (discussant: K. Greven)
09.45-10.15	Intervention by discussant + discussion
10.15-10.45	<i>Tea Break</i>
10.45-11.00	Andrew J. Eisenberg: <i>Uswahili</i> Resounding: Space, Place, and Swahili Studies (discussant: S. Talento)
11.00-11.15	Kimani Njogu: Creative Non-Fiction in Kiswahili Writing: Reading "Mbali na Nyumbani" by Shafi Adam Shafi as 'Memoir' (discussant: S. Talento)

11.15-11.30	Alain Ricard: Towards a New Swahili 'Archive' (discussant: S. Talento)
11.30-11.45	Tom Odhiambo: Some Reflections on the 'Troubled State' of Kiswahili in Kenya Today
11.45-12.25	Intervention by discussant and discussion
12.25-13.30	<i>Lunch Break</i>

PANEL IV: Conceptualising Swahili Studies	
13.30-13.45	Clarissa Vierke: Some Remarks on Present, Historical and Future Challenges of Swahili Literary Studies (discussant: P. Chepngetich)
13.45-14.00	Colman Msoka: Teaching Swahili Studies as Development Studies: a Proposition (discussant: P. Chepngetich)
14.00-14.15	Kai Kresse: Swahili Studies: Interdisciplinary Research Perspectives on a Trans-regional Region (discussant: K. Zöllner)
14.15-14.30	Farouk Topan: East Africa and Beyond: The Role of Swahili Studies as a Global Discipline/Field (discussant: K. Zöllner)
14.30-15.10	Intervention by discussants + discussion
15.10-15.40	<i>Tea Break</i>
15.40-16.30	Plenary Discussion on the "New Dynamics in Swahili Studies" (with R. Kimani, R. Tchokothe, C. Vierke)
16.30-17.10	Irene Brunotti: Conclusion
20:00	VAD: Science Slam (Venue: Glashaus)