"Future Africa - Beyond the nation?"

Workshop in honour of Prof. Dr. Achim von Oppen

Bayreuth, 21 June 2018
Iwalewahaus
Seminarraum
Morning Programme

09:00 a.m. Intro Susanne Lachenicht (Bayreuth)

Chair: Annalisa Urbano (Geneva)

09:15 a.m. Joël Glasman (Bayreuth): Counting the Nation. Some thoughts on the social history of governmentality in postcolonial Africa

09:45 a.m. Dieter Neubert (Bayreuth): The state, party democracy and the multiple „we‘s“

10:15-10:45 a.m. discussions

Chair: Kate Crehan (New York)

11:00 a.m. Florens Eckert (Bayreuth): Transatlantic Legacies, Postcolonial Visions: Sylvanus Olympio Negotiating the Future of Togo and Beyond

11:30 a.m. Annalisa Urbano (Geneva): 'We defend nations not tribes': petitioning the UN in emergent Somalia

12:00 noon discussions
Afternoon Programme

Chair: Volker Depkat (Regensburg)

2:00 p.m. Erdmute Alber (Bayreuth): "La famille" and the making of indigenous people in colonial Dahomey/Benin

2:30 p.m. Geert Castryck (Leipzig): Beating Belgian hooligans: The power of leisure in the Swahili community of late colonial Burundi

3:00 p.m. discussions

Chair: Achim von Oppen (Bayreuth)

3:45 p.m. Peter Geschiere (Amsterdam): Freemasonry in Postcolonial Africa: Support or Alternative to the Nation-State? Examples from Cameroon and Gabon

4:15 p.m. Konstantin Katsakioris (Leipzig/Bayreuth): Nigerian Students in the Socialist "Bloc": from the 1950s to the Biafran War (1967-70)

4:45 p.m. Axel Harneit-Sievers (Yangon): On past and future Africas in new African science fiction

5:15 p.m. discussions

Chair: Susanne Lachenicht (Bayreuth)

5:45 p.m. Volker Depkat (Regensburg): Beyond Africa: integrating Africa into the history of nationalism (=comments)

6:30 p.m. Concluding remarks: Achim von Oppen (Bayreuth)