

Africa in Global Intellectual History

Workshop organized by Vikram Visana (University of Huddersfield)

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Freie Universität Berlin
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Room A 336
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PROGRAM

8:30 to 9:00 – REGISTRATION

9:00 to 9:30 – WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

9:35 to 11:25 – PANEL 1: VERNACULAR INTELLECTUAL HISTORIES FROM BELOW

Henry Mitchell (University of Edinburgh): *'Intellectuals do not matter, they are traitors like Judas': Race, Labour and Radical Black Autodidacts in Interwar Southern Africa*

Nicki Kindersley (University of Cambridge): *Cieng, Kafka, and Malcolm X: Southern Sudanese Intellectual Community on Khartoum's Fringes (1992-2005)*

Sara Marzagora (SOAS University of London): *Ethiopian Visions of the "Global": Worldmaking in Amharic Political Thought (1901-1919)*

Stephanie Lämmert (Max Planck Institute for Human Development): *Intellectual Histories 'from below': Languages of Litigation in Tanganyika's Colonial Courts (c.1920-61)*

11:30 to 13:20 – PANEL 2: AFRICAN LITERATURE, POPULAR CULTURE AND THE PRODUCTION OF KNOWLEDGE

Thandeka Cochrane (University of Cambridge): *Oral Literature as Intellectual History: A Case Study from the Tonga Speakers of Northern Malawi*

Alexandra Reza (University of Oxford): *The Literary Journal as a Form of Thought: The Case of Mensagem*

Kate Wallis (University of Exeter): *Brokering Popular Memory: Kwani Trust, Chimurenga and the Location of Knowledge Production*

Brenda Garvey (University of Chester): *Felwine Sarr's 'Ateliers de la Pensée' and New Directions towards an Afrotopia*

13:20 to 14:20 – LUNCH BREAK

14:25 to 16:15 – PANEL 3: WEST AFRICAN INTELLECTUAL HISTORIES

Oliver Coates (University of Cambridge): *Soldier Intellectuals in Anglophone West Africa (c.1940 -1950)*

Jeremy Dell (Dartmouth College): *The great beyond: Islamic Histories in Greater Senegambia*

Steffi Marung (University Leipzig): *From Moscow with Love: African Narratives of Socialist Modernity*

Robert Burroughs (Leeds Beckett University): *African Contributions to Nineteenth-century Humanitarian Debate: The Congo Reform Campaign*

16:20 to 18:10 – PANEL 4: GLOBAL AFRICA, DIASPORA AND EXILE

Arun Rasiah (Holy Names University, Oakland): *'Global Black Thinking': Malcolm X, History and Epistemic Decolonization*

Merve Fejzula (University of Cambridge): *When Negritude Was in Vogue: Black Cultural Citizenship between 1956-66*

Harriet Aldrich (University of Oxford): *Ghanaian Exiles 1957-1993: Opposition Externalised*

Lena Dallywater (Leibniz Institut für Länderkunde, Leipzig): *'But we cannot start from being human...' – Locating Black and African aesthetics in global intellectual histories*

18:30 to 20:10 – KEYNOTE SPEECH:

Emma Hunter (University of Edinburgh): *Writing "Vernacular" Histories of Political Thought in Africa*

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