

International Conference
Frontiers in African Digital Research
Africa Multiple Cluster of Excellence, Section "Digital Solutions"
30 January – 1 February 2020
Iwalewahaus, University of Bayreuth

PROGRAMME

Thursday, 30 January 2020

17:00 – 18:15: Registration

18:15 – 18:45: Welcome Address by the Dean of the Cluster of Excellence, Rüdiger Seesemann and the Vice Dean of Digital Solutions, Cyrus Samimi

18:45 – 19:45: **Keynote**

Tunde Ope-Davies [Opeibi], University of Lagos, Nigeria

The Digitalization of the Academia in Africa: Interrogating the Role of Technology in Reconfiguring African Studies

19:45 – c. 22:00: Get together / Buffet

Friday, 31 January 2020

8:30: Registration Desk open

Panel I: Big Data / Smart Data

Chair: **David Stadelmann**, University of Bayreuth, Germany

9:00 – 9:30: **Stefan Ouma**, University of Bayreuth, Germany: *Digital Knowledge Infrastructures between Commoning and Re-Enclosure*

9:30 – 10:00: **Yunusa Zakari Ya'u**, Centre for Information Technology and Development, Nigeria: *Engendering a Handshake between Digital Patriarchy and Digital Feminism: Addressing Challenges of Gender Digital Marginalization and Lesson Learnt from Northern Nigeria*

10:00 – 10:30: **Mirjam de Bruijn**, Leiden University, Netherlands: *The Digital and the De-Hierarchization of Teaching Practices at the University*

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee / Tea Break

Panel II: Data Management: Legal and Ethical issues

Chair: **Thoko Kaime**, University of Bayreuth, Germany

11:00 - 11:30: **Alex Makulilo** African Law and Technology Institute AfriLTI, Tanzania: *African Data Privacy Laws: The Challenge of Big Data and Research*

11:30 - 12:00: **Oliver Watteler**, GESIS Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences, Germany: *General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and Research Data in the European Union – An Overview*

12:00 - 12:30: **Michael Kwet**, Yale University, USA: *Digital Colonialism – A Crisis Ignored*

12:30 – 13:00: **Markus Coester**, University of Bayreuth, Germany: *Impediments in African Music Re-Circulation - Copyright and IPR Issues*

13:00-14:00: Lunch break

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Panel III – Semantic Web Technologies / Ontological Digital Solutions

Chair: **Cyrus Samimi**, University of Bayreuth, Germany

- 14:00 – 14:30: **Matthias Fuchs**, Saxon State and University Library Dresden (SLUB), Germany:
Connecting Knowledge: Exploration of Interdisciplinary Research Networks with VIVO
- 14:30 – 15:00: **Gábor Bella**, University of Trento, Italy: *Diversity-Aware Resources and Tools for Under-Resourced Languages*
- 15:00 – 15:30: **Øyvind Eide**, University of Cologne, Germany: *Modelling in the Humanities: Productive Tension between Disciplines, Languages, and Media*
- 15:30 – 16:00: **Peter Ochieng**, Taita Taveta University College, Kenya: *Exploiting Ontology Based Knowledge Bases to mitigate Shortage of Agricultural Experts in Rural Parts of Africa*

16:00-16:30 Coffee / Tea Break

16:30-17:30 Final Discussion

19:00: Conference Dinner with Speakers and Chairs, Bayreuth

Saturday, 1 February 2020

Panel IV – Digitisation and Digital Repositories in Africa and African Studies

Chair: **Ulf Vierke**, University of Bayreuth, Germany

- 9:30 – 10:00: **Lee Watkins**, Rhodes University, South Africa: *Digital Return and the Question of Research Ethics at the International Library of African Music in South Africa*
- 10:00 – 10:30: **Jody Butterworth**, British Library, UK: *Preserving Heritage Through Digitisation: An Overview of Endangered Archive Programme Projects in Africa*
- 10:30 – 11:00: **Mireille Djenno**, Indiana University, USA: *Portals and Platforms: Making the Indiana University sub-Saharan African Archival Collections Digitally Accessible*
- 11:00 – 11:30: **Wolfgang Kraus**, University of Vienna, Austria: *Setting up a Digital Archive for Ethnographic Data: Challenges, Strategies, Experiences*

11:30 – 12:00 Coffee / Tea Break

12:00 -13:00 Final Conference Discussion