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*Celebrating
African
Poetry*

15.03.–21.03.2021



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International Conference
**AFRICA * N RELATIONS:
MODALITIES REFLECTED**

[“Africa*n Relations: Modalities Reflected” – Cluster conference to take place in July – 20.03.2021](#)

The second Cluster conference is scheduled for mid-July 2021. It will provide a platform for the global African Studies community to present and debate the latest developments in the field. Focusing on the topic of “Modalities” and taking place in a hybrid format, this will be the first in a series of conferences devoted to the Cluster’s annual themes [... more](#)



[Junior Research Group on post-truth politics in Africa led by Joschka Philipps – 26.03.2021](#)

Dr. Joschka Philipps has been appointed the leader of a newly established Junior Research Group examining “post-truth” politics in Africa. The group is currently recruiting new members and is supposed to start its work in July 2021. [... more](#)



Cluster receives “Gratitude” sculpture from Dr. Faraj Remmo – 29.03.2021

In recognition of the Cluster’s achievements for the general public Dr. Faraj Remmo awarded the Cluster of Excellence with the “Gratitude” sculpture – making the Cluster part of a group of renowned recipients [... more](#)



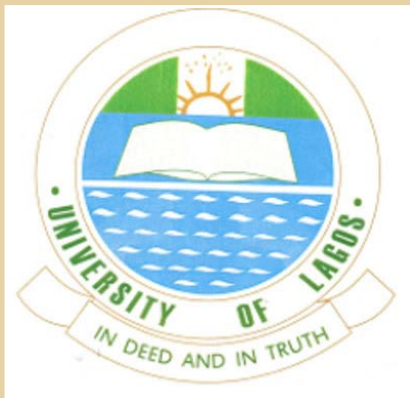
Remembering the victims of the transatlantic slave trade – 22.03.2021

Every year on 25 March, the “International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade” offers an opportunity to honour and remember those who suffered and died at the hands of the brutal slavery system. [... more](#)



La F/francophonie in Africa: history and current challenges – 20.03.2021

In her contribution on the topic of “Francophonie” Cluster member Dr. Aminata Cécile Mbaye shares her thoughts on the subject that differ from the commonly used narrative used by the Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie. [... more](#)



Lagos ACC invites four scholars as visiting fellows – 11.03.2021

In order to enhance the discussions and work on the topics close to the Cluster of Excellence’s agenda, the University of Lagos African Cluster Centre (Lagos ACC) has invited four renowned scholars to visit the centre as part of its fellowship programme. [... more](#)



Prof. Dr. Grace Musila joins the Cluster as new Advisory Board member – 03.03.2021

In 2012, The Cluster’s Advisory Board is complete again. Prof. Dr. Grace Musila, renowned scholar from Witwatersrand University, South Africa, joins the panel of reputed researchers to support the Cluster of Excellence in its endeavors. She replaces Prof. Dr. Arjun Appadurai (New York University, USA). [... more](#)



African Legal Studies take part in International Doctorate Programme – 22.03.2021

The chair African Legal Studies with its director and Cluster member Prof. Dr. Thoko Kaime will be part of an International Doctoral Programme. The programme called “Business and Human Rights: Governance Challenges in a Complex World” will start in 2021. [... more](#)



Celebrating African Poetry – 11.03.2021

In the week leading up to World Poetry Day on 21 March, the Cluster of Excellence celebrated the richness of poetry the African continent has to offer. Every day, a Cluster member or affiliate presented their favorite African poet giving a miniscule glimpse into the abundant wealth of African wordsmiths. [... more](#)



Last episode of the mobilities podcast online – 05.03.2021

The last episode of the podcast series published by the research section “Mobilities” is online! Hosted by Prof. Dr. Cyrus Samimi the episode features Larissa Schindler who talks about “Im/mobilities and their research methods”. More episodes may follow soon.

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DjumbaiALA team obtains BMBF grant for early-career researchers – 25.02.2021

Six years ago, the founders of DjumbaiALA created a network committed to enhancing intercultural conversations and a non-hierarchical co-production of knowledge in the Global South. Now, the project has been awarded a grant by the BMBF.

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Dr. Hassan Juma Ndzovu: “Islam and Sexuality in Kenya” – 01.03.2021

Due to the diverse nature of the country, Kenya’s Muslim population is characterized by clear racial, ethnic, linguistic and sectarian fragmentation. In addition to the Arab and Indian Muslims who settled on the East African coast from around the fourteenth century, there are several indigenous Muslim groups [... more](#)



Africa Knows! – Blog: “Exploring the wealth of African knowledges through the power of language” – 01.03.2021

In this paper published by participants of the panel D27a “Language issues: Reconfiguring language use in African Studies” during the Africa Knows! Conference the authors examines how the depth and wealth of African knowledges could be explored through the power of language. [... more](#)



Sabelo J Ndlovu-Gatsheni: “Moral evil, economic good’: Whitewashing the sins of colonialism” – 01.03.2021

In this article on the Aljazeera website, Prof. Dr. Ndlovu-Gatsheni explains how war, violence and extractivism defined the legacy of the empire in Africa, and why recent attempts to explore the “ethical” contributions of colonialism risk rewriting history and undermining progress. [... more](#)



Alexander Stroh-Steckelberg:
[“In Deutschland hat es auch lange gedauert” – 25.03.2021](#)
 Our Principal Investigator Prof. Dr. Alexander Stroh-Steckelberg talked with German newspaper Süddeutsche Zeitung about the first female president in Africa: Tanzanian leader Samia Suluhu Hassan (in German). [... more](#)



BIGSAS World: Ein Streifzug durch Kenias Hauptstadt in der Dunkelheit – Hanna Lena Reich berichtet von ihrer Forschung – 28.02.2021
 In its latest blog post “The BIGSAS World” follows Hanna Lena Reich doing a nightly stroll through the Kenyan capital Nairobi. Reich scrutinizes the phenomenon “Night” for her doctoral thesis (in German) [... more](#)



African Legal Studies Blog: Delivering Energy and Climate Justice in Africa: Implications for Realizing the United Nations SDGs 7 and 13 – 26.03.2021
 In his comment published on the African Legal Studies Blog Godswill Agbaitoro examines the question “What do energy and climate justice mean and why do they matter for Africa?” [... more](#)

IMPORTANT DATES



[More Dates and Events](#)

04.05.-17.06.2021: XXI Factory of Ideas - Advanced Doctoral School of Ethnic and African Studies: “PANDEMICS AND UTOPIAS”
 The 21st edition of the “Factory of Ideas reflects on the impacts of the pandemic from the point of view of social reconfigurations imposed by social isolation, as well as the effective participation of the State in the conduct of this global crisis and in the manufacture of new political agendas in transccontinental contexts. [...more](#)

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