



Ways of Knowing Africa – the Cluster’s third New Year Lecture

For the third time, the Africa Multiple Cluster of Excellence staged a New Year Lecture as the official kick-off for the Cluster’s events of the new year. On 13 January 2022, Peter Simatei Tirop, Professor of Comparative Literature and Director of the African Cluster Centre at Moi University in Eldoret, Kenya, delivered the lecture entitled “Ways of Knowing Africa: African Literature and Shifting Imaginaries”.

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Public online panel discussion: “With the Help of God(s)? Religious Actors and Sustainable Development in Africa”

On 19 January 2022, the Cluster of Excellence in corporation with the German Institute for Global and Area Studies (GIGA) held a public online discussion on the impact that faith-based organisations have on the sustainable development in Africa. Three researchers presented their studies that were subsequently discussed by developmental practitioners [... more](#)



An Atlantic Adventure: Brazilian Film Series in Perspective

In 2020, the Cluster created the event series "AfriKaleidoskop" showing films on topics of the African diaspora. Last year, the series was enriched by screening a number of movies originating in Brazil. Organised by Jonas do Nascimento the subseries invited five filmmakers to show and discuss their work. [... more](#)



Research Project and seminar series "The Changing African Idea of Africa and the Future of African Studies"

The Chair of Epistemologies of the Global South has put together a seminar series entitled "The Changing African Idea of Africa and the Future of African Studies". The series will start on April 24th and present a new renowned speaker each month. [... more](#)



The podcasts of the Cluster of Excellence are now available on Spotify

The first season of the Africa Multiple Cluster podcast is now featured on Spotify. It contains the first four sprint lectures on planetary mobility struggles brought to you by the Research Section "Mobilities". The podcast in general aims to give voice to its affiliated scholars and artists discussing aspects and questions of research in the field of African Studies. [... more](#)

COMMENTARIES & VIEWS



Migration controls at the Burkina Faso-Niger borderland reveal European attitudes to African livelihoods

In this article, Martin Doeven-speck, Uli Beisel and Kamal Donko talk about the technological modernisation and militarisation of border posts in West Africa that interrupt long-term patterns of mobility in the region. An armed attack on a border post between Burkina Faso and Niger highlights the tensions these posts have caused. [... more](#)



Human Rights are Inherent to Every Human, or are They?

This analysis by Gift Mauluka, PhD candidate at the chair of African Legal Studies at UBT, discusses the impact that climate change has on children's fundamental rights. Mauluka argues that children are doubly affected as they are not yet physically developed and dependent on adults. The situation is even worse for children living on the edge of poverty, girls and children with disabilities. [... more](#)



BIGSAS Junior Fellow Thierry Boudjekeu soon to be seen in television programme on Bayerischer Rundfunk (BR)

The name is probably well known among Bayreuth students: Thierry Boudjekeu. Born in Cameroon, he came to Bayreuth in spring 2015 for his master's degree and has been a BIGSAS Junior Fellow since 2019. Recently, he met with German television to talk about his life in Germany and at the University of Bayreuth. [... more](#)

IMPORTANT DATES



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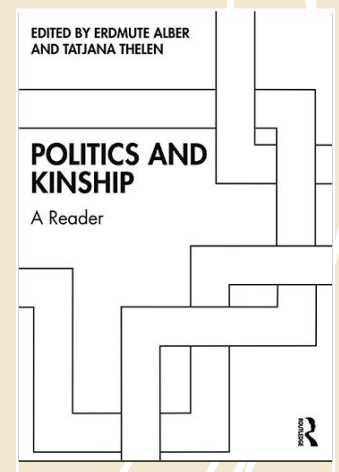
24.02.2022: Value Chains and Security Apparatuses - On the relationship between security and economic policy in the international order (in German)

This workshop intends to bring together existing research on the relationship between security and economic policy in the international order and develop new theoretical approaches aimed at understanding the use of force and economic processes as interdependent. In doing so, the connection of (non-)state security apparatuses such as military, (border) police, intelligence services, armed groups, security companies with economic infrastructures, their production and maintenance will become visible. [...more](#)

PUBLICATION OF THE MONTH

Alber, Erdmute, Thelen, Tatjana (Eds.), 2022. Politics and kinship: a reader. Routledge, Abingdon, Oxon; New York, NY.

Politics and Kinship: A Reader offers a unique overview of the entanglement of these two categories in both theoretical debates and everyday practices. The two, despite many challenges, are often thought to have become separated during the process of modernisation. Tracing how this notion of separation becomes idealised and translated into various contexts, this book sheds light on its epistemological limitations. Combining otherwise-distinct lines of discussion within political anthropology and kinship studies, the selection of texts covers a broad range of intersecting topics that range from military strategy, DNA testing, and child fostering, to practices of kinning the states. [... more.](#)



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