



The Chair in Epistemologies of the Global South with Emphasis on Africa at the University of Bayreuth, Germany in collaboration with the Johannesburg Institute for Advanced Study (JIAS) at the University of Johannesburg, South Africa, and the Council for the Development of Social Science in Africa (CODESRIA) based in Dakar, Senegal, launched a **COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH PROJECT** and **SEMINAR SERIES** on the theme:

## The Changing African Idea of Africa and the Future of African Studies Seminar Series 2023

This collaborative research kick-started with a series of seminars in April 2022 consisting of invited speakers to address various aspects of the idea of Africa and the future of African Studies, and indeed expanding to the broader issues of epistemologies of the Global South. Held every month, these seminars are also part of keynote events of the Africa Multiple Cluster of Excellence at the University of Bayreuth.





25 May 2023

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Robtel Neajai Pailey

## Development, (Dual) Citizenship and Its Discontents in Africa

Does dual citizenship reproduce inequalities? Robtel Neajai Pailey grapples with this question and more in her engaging monograph *Development, (Dual) Citizenship and Its Discontents in Africa: The Political Economy of Belonging to Liberia* (Cambridge University Press, 2021), which won the 2022 African Politics Conference Group Best Book Award. Hers is the first book to evaluate domestic and diasporic constructions and practices of Liberian citizenship across space and time and their myriad implications for development. In this presentation drawing on rich life histories from over two hundred in-depth interviews in West Africa, Europe, and North America, Pailey uses a contested dual citizenship bill, introduced in Liberia in 2008 but never passed, as an entry point to ask broader questions about how citizenship is differentiated by class, gender, race, ethnicity, etc, and whether dual citizenship actually reproduces inequalities. She develops a new model for conceptualising citizenship within the context of 'crisis'-affected states while offering a compelling critique of the neoliberal framing of diasporas and donors as the panacea to post-war reconstruction.

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25 May 2023, 4-6 pm CEST

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