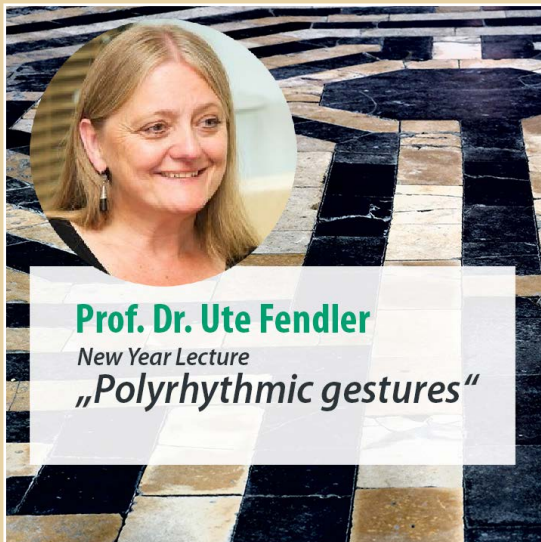




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Prof. Dr. Ute Fendler

New Year Lecture

„Polyrhythmic gestures“

New Year Lecture 2021 held by Cluster's Co-Spokesperson Prof. Dr. Ute Fendler – 14.01.2021

On 14 January 2021, the annual New Year Lecture of the Africa Multiple Cluster of Excellence was delivered by Cluster Deputy spokesperson Prof. Dr. Ute Fendler. Her lecture focused on the topic of Polyrhythmic gestures in African arts and featured examples of polyrhythm in African poetry, dance and calligraphy. The lecture may still be viewed online.

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Sprint Lectures on African mobilities

Cluster publishes a new podcast series on African mobility strug- gles – 18.01.2021

The research section „Mobilities“ of the Cluster of Excellence has launched a new podcast based on their series of Sprint Lectures. Cluster scholars as well as invited guests will examine interesting aspects of the vast topic of African mobilities. So far, two episodes have been published, others will follow soon.

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[“The chair aims to cross-fertilize and inform epistemic changes across disciplines” – Interview with Prof. Dr. Sabelo Ndlovu-Gatsheni – 01.02.2012](#)

In this interview, the renowned scholar Prof. Dr. Sabelo Ndlovu Gatsheni talks about his first weeks in Germany as well as his goals and foci for the new position as head of “Epistemologies of the Global South with Emphasis on Africa”. [... more](#)



[MuDAIMA project: Understanding the entanglements of the African integration processes – 28.01.2021](#)

The Cluster’s research project “Multiplicity in Decision-Making of Africa’s Interacting Markets: The Functioning of Community Law, the Role of Market Participants and the Power of Regional Judges (MuDAIMA)” aims to contribute to the understanding of the various aspects of integration processes [... more](#)



[Interview with Cluster Fellow Dr. R. Benedito Ferrão – 31.01.2021](#)

Just before leaving Bayreuth to go back to teaching in the U.S., Cluster Fellow Dr. R. Benedito Ferrão talked with us about his time in Bayreuth, his interesting research foci and why Shakespeare and Cosima Wagner were somewhat responsible for his application. [... more](#)

COMMENTARIES & VIEWS

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[COVID-19: Implications on the EAC Regional Economic Community - 18.12.2020](#)

Like in many areas, the effects of the pandemic have also been felt in the area of regional economic integration. In particular, it may be observed that COVID-19 pandemic, brought two notable challenges to Regional Economic Communities (RECs) in general. [... more](#)



[Birgit Meyer: „Studying Religion in and from Africa” - 13.01.2021](#)

Humanitarians say that they will base their interventions on needs. But how do you define needs? And how do standards and methodologies influence the way we think about humanitarian action? These are some of the issues Joël Glasman and Lars Peter Nissen unpack in this episode of the „Trumanitarian” podcast. [... more](#)



[Jochen Lingelbach: „From war-torn Europe to peaceful Africa” - 26.01.2021](#)

Less than eighty years ago, the Middle East and, particularly, Africa provided a safe haven for refugees from the misery in Europe. Thousands of Greeks and Yugoslavs fled from the fighting, famine and oppression to Syria, Palestine, Egypt, Ethiopia, Tanganyika (part of modern-day Tanzania), or the Congo.. [... more](#)



Jean Allman: „Academic reparation and stepping aside“ - 02.02.2021

Reflections from a former President of the African Studies Association (ASA), the largest African Studies association globally, on the future of the discipline.

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Mukoma wa Ngũgĩ: „White Privilege in African Studies: When You Are Done, Please Call Us“ - 28.01.2021

It's a spectator sport now, only to reveal whiteness centering itself. It is a comedy of errors – white Africanists still trying to resolve white privilege and racism in the study of a continent that has been moving on. [... more](#)



Tilman Musch: „Oasen des Friedens für den Tschad“ - 26.01.2021

Cluster member Tilman Musch writes in his article about conflict resolution processes in the North of Chad. The people of Teda mediate using a century old codex that among other things is based on traditional sayings (article in German). [... more](#)

IMPORTANT DATES



Africa Knows!

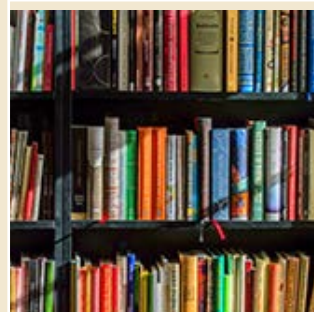
2 December 2020 - 28 February 2021

[More Dates and Events](#)

02.12.20-28.02.2021: Africa Knows!

This conference, the final activity in 2020 of the Leiden African Studies Assembly, is organized with many partners from Africa and Europe and addresses key issues in African Studies. The registration fee has been lifted for the last weeks of the conference. [... more](#)

PUBLICATIONS



[Selected Publications](#)

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