

# CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS

Dear colleagues, researchers and Cluster members,

we would like to warmly invite you to contribute to the Knowledge Slam of the Cluster of Excellence's annual Conference by using a particular form of presenting and sharing knowledge, questions and thoughts regarding challenges in the digital space.

This Slam should entail presentations in Pecha Kucha-Style\*. Therefore we look forward to your contribution and presentations **of about seven minutes**, followed by a **short discussion afterwards** with regard to research questions or any topics that may have arisen.

We welcome a variety of inputs from the various groups, projects and partners of the Cluster, especially from the African Cluster Centres, for example on:

- Databases and digitisation <-> research
- Digital art exhibitions online
- Fluid ontologies
- Disciplines and their needs
- Networks
- Practicalities of creating an archive or database

The mediality of projects that are initiated within the Africa Multiple Cluster of Excellence reflect the multiplicity of practices and phenomena of culture that occur in vast forms of cultural, social and economic production. These facets are a challenge and an opportunity for Digital Solutions to jointly develop database strategies with researchers to reconfigure African Studies on a data level.

*In Bafut, Cameroon, the nggam or anga (earth spider) is the mediator between the past and the future. The nggam is the embodiment of accumulated knowledge and endowed with the ability to communicate with the ancestors and is commissioned by the ngambeman to impart concerns to the king of the ancestors and bring their wisdom back up.*

- 1. In other terms, the act of "consignation", as Jacques Derrida coined it, or the assemblage of signs and its potential, lies at the core of our approach to how we store, visualise and disseminate knowledge.*
- 2. This occurs in manifold ways across various mediums and includes databases and archives as particular forms of cultural techniques, or the spider silk as we see it.*

*As methods of translation deviate and the mediality of our consultations are as varied as the wisdom conveyed by the nggam, we seek to expand our knowledge by inviting questions and comments, thoughts and ideas.*

Please hand in your application to:

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**\*PECHA KUCHA**  
Present your topic in 7 minutes by showing 20 images, sketches or facts and make your knowledge, questions, challenges, projects and solutions accessible. - [www.pechakucha.com](http://www.pechakucha.com)

