

## Conference Programme

### Migrations of Knowledge: Potentials and Limits of Knowledge Production and Critique in Europe and Africa

Wednesday, 3 to Saturday, 6 December 2014  
Carl von Ossietzky University Oldenburg, Germany

Wednesday, 3 December

Kulturzentrum PFL, Peterstraße 3, 26121 Oldenburg

17.00 Registration

18.30 Public Opening Lecture

Welcome Speech

Gunilla Budde (Carl von Ossietzky University Oldenburg, Germany)

Harald Fischer-Tiné (Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule Zürich, Switzerland)

**Pidgin Knowledge - Kolonialismus und Wissenszirkulation**

**[Pidgin Knowledge – Colonialism and the Circulation of Knowledge]**

(in German, informal translation will be available)

followed by Reception (until 21.00h)

Thursday, 4 December

BIS-Saal, Library Auditorium, Uhlhornsweg 49-55, 26129 Oldenburg

8.00 Registration

**SECTION 1: SHIFTING LOCATIONS OF KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTION**

**9.00-11.00 Panel 1: Knowledge Transfers in South-North and South-South Perspectives I**

Raewyn Connell (University of Sydney, Australia)

**Changing the Structure: The Global Economy of Knowledge and How We Can Reform It**

Nana Akua Anyidoho (University of Ghana, Ghana)

**In Defence of Insider Scholarship: Variations on a Theme**

Loren B. Landau (University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa)

**Fair Trade or Trading Bad?: Reflecting on North–South Research Networks and the Dual Imperative**

11.00 Coffee Break

## **11.30-13.00 Panel 2: Knowledge Transfers in South-North and South-South Perspectives II**

Paulina Aroch-Fugellie (Universidad Autónoma & Monterrey Institute of Technology and Higher Education, Mexico)

**After Absolute Absence – African Dialectics and the New International Division of Theoretical Labour**

Robbie Shilliam (Queen Mary University of London, UK)

**Africa in Oceania: Thinking Besides the Subaltern**

## **13.00 Lunch**

## **14.00-16.00 PARALLEL PANELS**

### **Panel 3: (Post)Colonial or Neocolonial Epistemologies?**

Peo Hansen (Linköping University, Sweden)

**'Afrika: Europas Gemeinschaftsaufgabe Nr. 1'. Colonial Epistemology and the Erasure of Colonialism in European Integration Historiography**

Peggy Piesche (University of Bayreuth, Germany)

**The Destillates of 'Migration': Anton Wilhelm Amo's dissolved Presence in the European Archive of Knowledge**

Bojana Babic (University of Banja Luka, Bosnia and Herzegovina) & Samaila

Suleiman (University of Cape Town, South Africa)

**Tracking Epistemic Continuities: The Coloniality of Post-Colonial Historical Production in Nigeria**

Sarah H. Chiumbu (University of Witwatersrand, South Africa)

**Media and Democracy in Southern Africa: Decolonial Perspectives**

### **Panel 4: Indigenous Knowledge?**

Geoffrey I. Nwaka (Abia State University Uturu, Nigeria)

**Using Indigenous Knowledge to Counter Western Knowledge Dominance in Africa**

Olyinka Akanle and Fakolujo Oluwatosin Emmanuel (University of Ibadan, Nigeria)

**Jedejedi: Indigenous versus Western Knowledge of Rectal Hemorrhoid in Ibadan, Southwestern Nigeria**

Asasira Simon Rwabyoma (University of Rwanda, Rwanda)

**Endogenous and Reflexive Control of Knowledge Production: Challenges and Opportunities for African Research**

Phillip Altmann (Free University of Berlin, Germany)

**Discursive Interchanges and Power of Social Movements – The Political Concepts of the Ecuadorean Indigenous Movement and their Migration History**

## **Panel 5: Hybrid Positionalities**

Peter Schumacher (Utrecht University, Netherlands)

**Second Choices Becoming Life Altering Decisions – A first Account of  
Zambian-Chinese Academic Exchange**

Amarildo Ajasse (Ca' Foscari University, Italy)

**Studying for myself or for my Country of Origin? Exploring the Decision-  
Making Process of University Students from Sub-Saharan Africa in Italy**

Onah-Emmanuel Comfort Erima (Benue State University, Nigeria)

**The Political Economy of Knowledge Dissemination among Academics in  
Benue State University, Nigeria**

Azizan Had (King's College London, UK)

**Islamizing Knowledge in Malaysia: A Critical Study of Muslim Scholars  
Using a Sociology of Knowledge**

## **Panel 6: Encounters of Knowledge Systems**

Amy Stambach (Universities of Oxford, UK, & University of Wisconsin, USA)

**Confucius Institutes in Africa, or How the Educational Spirit in Africa Re-  
Rationalized Toward the East**

Jenna Marshall (University of London, UK)

**Epistemic Divergence in the Construction of Anti-Colonial (Independent)  
Thought: Caribbean Radical Intellectual Traditions since Independence**

Amber Murrey (University of Oxford, UK),

**Collaboration, Co-Creation and Decolonisation in Knowledge Projects  
between Africa and Europe: What Way for PhD Students?**

Rebecca Glade (EMMIR)

**The Ambiguity of Text: the Challenges of Historical Analysis in Post-  
Independence Sudan**

## **16.00 Coffee Break**

## **SECTION 2: POSTCOLONIAL AND DECOLONIAL PERSPECTIVES ON KNOWLEDGE, AND MIGRATION**

### **16.30-18.30 Panel 7: Postcolonial Interventions**

Ranabir Samaddar (Mahanirban Calcutta Research Group, India)

**Knowledge Interface and the Post-Colonial Predicament**

Maria Lugones (Binghamton University, USA)

**Approaches to Knowledge at the Intersection of Race and Gender**

Fewzi Borsali (University of Adrar, Algeria)

**British Expert Colonial Institutions and Migration of Knowledge in the Decolonisation Process**

**19.00-21.00 Conference Dinner**

**Friday, 5 December**

**BIS-Saal, Library Auditorium, Uhlhornsweg 49-55, 26129 Oldenburg**

**8.30-10.30 PARALLEL PANELS**

**Panel 8: Perspectives on Migration, Aesthetics and Diversity**

Sarah Kunz (National Centre for Social Research in London, UK)

**Postcolonial Approaches to the Study of Privileged Migration: The Case of Cairo's Expat Community**

Oluwole Coker (Obafemi Awolowo University, Nigeria)

**Aesthetics of Migration/Migration of Aesthetics in Postcolonial African Fiction**

Sylvia Pritsch (Carl von Ossietzky University Oldenburg, Germany)

**'Mastering' the Difference? Some Observations on Concepts of Intersectionality and Representations of Difference(s)**

Ingrid Palmary & Joanna Vearey (University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa)

**Ways of Knowing, Ways of Seeing: Experiences of Visual Methodologies in Johannesburg, South Africa**

**Panel 9: Critical Knowledge Production in the Struggles for the Rights of Migrants and Refugees**

Chaired by Katrin Hunsicker (Carl von Ossietzky University Oldenburg, Germany)

Katherine Braun (University of Hamburg/ kritnet - Netzwerk Kritische Migrations- und Grenzregimeforschung, Germany)

**Doing and Un-Doing Knowledge Production in Migration Studies - Decolonizing Methods and Approaches through Participatory Processes?**

Laura Tommila (EMMIR, Carl von Ossietzky University of Oldenburg, Germany)

**Academic Knowledge Transfer and Social Responsibility. Representation of Asylum Seekers in Swiss Media**

Ibrahim Kanalan (University of Bremen/ Netzwerk Jugendliche ohne Grenzen, Germany)

**Access to the Institutions of Knowledge and the Struggles of Young Refugees for the Right to Education**

Napuli Paul Langa (Development Studies B.A./M.A. / Refugee Activist, Berlin, Germany)

**The Relationship of Knowledge Production and Current Struggles of Refugees in Germany and Europe**

Lorenzo Pezzani (Goldsmiths, University of London / Forensic Oceanography, UK)

**A Disobedient Gaze: Strategic Interventions in the Knowledge(s) of Maritime Borders**

#### **Panel 10: Transnational Gender and Queer Approaches**

Heike Kahlert (University of Bochum, Germany)

**The Epistemological Politics of Gender Studies in the Neoliberal University: Still “in line with Contemporary Visions and Standards of Justice”?**

Josch Hoenes (Carl von Ossietzky University Oldenburg, Germany)

**Humans, Monsters and the Undead. About the Possibilities and Limits how Trans\*\_Queer Visual Activism can Decolonize Academic Knowledge Production**

Monica N. Otu (University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa)

**Gender as an Epistemological Category Within the Discourse of African Scholarship**

Lüder Tietz (Carl von Ossietzky University Oldenburg, Germany)

**The Transformation of Local Concepts of Sex, Gender, and Sexuality by the Globalization of LGBTI Concepts– examples from Africa**

#### **10.30 Coffee Break**

### **SECTION 3: GENDER, QUEER AND TRANSDISCIPLINARY APPROACHES IN THE GLOBAL KNOWLEDGE TRANSFERS**

#### **11.00-13.00 Panel 11: Feminist, Gender Studies and Queer Perspectives on Global Knowledge Transfers**

Desiree Lewis (University of the Western Cape, South Africa)

**Neo-Imperialism and Rescue Narratives that Travel**

Sabine Hark (Technische Universität Berlin, Germany)

**Transreflections. Transformation of Academia – Intersectionality Feminism – Transdisciplinarity**

Teresa Cunha (University of Coimbra, Portugal)

**Women InPower Women. Searching for Non-Capitalist Modes of Good-Living in Mozambique, South Africa and Brazil**

#### **13.00 Lunch**

## 14.00-16.00 PARALLEL PANELS

### Panel 12: Question and Answer Session for B.A. Students Gender Studies

Chaired by Sylvia Pritsch (Carl von Ossietzky University Oldenburg, Germany)

Invited Scholar (TBA) & Daniela Hrzan (Humboldt University Berlin & University of Music, Drama and Media Hanover, Germany)

**From Object to Subject: (Re)Considering the Place of 'Africa' in the Production of Gender Studies Knowledge in Germany**

### Panel 13: Perspectives on Migration and Gender

Ulrike Lingen-Ali (Carl von Ossietzky University Oldenburg, Germany)

"... and I said, maybe people need to know about this."

**Subaltern Knowledge, Shifting Perceptions and Public speaking of Migrant Lone/Single Parents.**

Johannes Stock (Carl von Ossietzky University Oldenburg, Germany)

**Concepts of Fatherhood in Migration Contexts**

Zaheera Jinnah (University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa)

**In the Absence of a State: Informal Strategies of Self Settlement and Survival Amongst Somali Refugee Women in Johannesburg**

Mandivavarira Maodzwa-Taruvinga (University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa)

**Intra-African Academic Migration within Higher Education: Potential to Generate African Epistemic Discourses?**

### Panel 14: Producing Knowledge in the Age of Reflexivity I

Michal Assa-Inbar (Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel), Anlam Filiz (Emory University, USA), Robin Finlay (Newcastle University, UK), Saskia Hertlein (University of Duisburg-Essen, Germany), Nereida Ripero-Muñiz (University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa).

**A Collaborative Research "Experiment" on Migration**

Vera Brandner, Moritz Engbers and Ulli Vilsmaier (Leuphana University Lüneburg, Germany)

**Exploring the In-between. Photographic Research Practice in Situations of Cultural Difference**

Caroline Braunmühl (Berlin, Germany)

**The 'Deleuzian Turn' Within Critical Scholarship: From Ontology to Epistemology and Back Again?**

Melissa Steyn (University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa)

**Migration of White Knowledges from Apartheid to the Present**

## **Panel 15: Producing Knowledge in the Age of Reflexivity II**

Norah Barongo-Muweke (Carleton University, Canada & Kampala International University, Uganda)

**(De)contextualized Knowledge: Bridging the Epistemic Divide and Mainstreaming Decolonisation in Academic Knowledge Production**

Nokuthula Hlabangane (University of South Africa, South Africa)

**The Underside of Modern Knowledge: An Epistemic Break from Western Science**

Julia Biermann (University of Bremen, Germany)

**About The Necessity, Possibilities, and Benefits of Context-Sensitive Research Procedures or: How is it Possible to Compare Nigeria and Germany?**

Eleonora Roldán Mendívil (Free University Berlin, Germany)

**Which Violence are we talking about? Decolonial Knowledge Production and Class Consciousness**

**16.15-17.00 Transfer to Hanse-Wissenschaftskolleg (HWK), Institute for Advanced Study, 27733 Delmenhorst**

**17.00-18.30**

**Panel 16: Philosophical and Ethical Questions in Transdisciplinary and Transcultural Critical Engagements**

Welcome Speech

Wolfgang Stenzel (Hanse-Wissenschaftskolleg)

Valentin Y. Mudimbe (Duke University, USA)

**Cultural Hypotheses of a North vs. a South: 1493 and 1960 in the Inscription of a Hemispheric Paradigmatic Viewpoint**

Ayokunle Olumuyiwa Omobowale (University of Ibadan, Nigeria)

**Akiwowa's Asuwada Theory of Sociation and Globalised Social Sciences**

Sanya Osha (Tshwane University of Technology, South Africa)

**Dealing with Africa's Mirage Epistemically**

**18.30-19.30 Snack**

**SECTION 4: TECHNOLOGY, ECOLOGY, AND INTERDISCIPLINARY KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTION: SCENARIOS FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT?**

**19.30-21.30 Panel 17: Developing Academic Interventions in Public Discourses**

Chaired by Michael Golba (Carl von Ossietzky University Oldenburg, Germany)

Elvira Scheich (Free University Berlin, Germany)

## **Polylogues between Natural/Technical Sciences and Social/Cultural Sciences**

Christine Katz (University of Lüneburg, Germany)  
**Gender Meets Sustainability**

Senayon Olaoluwa (University of Ibadan, Nigeria)  
**When Was the Ecological Turn? African Ecocriticism and the Limits of Colonial Claims**

**21.30 Transfer to Oldenburg**

**Saturday, 6 December**

**BIS-Saal, Library Auditorium, Uhlhornsweg 49-55, 26129 Oldenburg**

### **SECTION 5: RESEARCH METHODOLOGIES AND RESEARCH ETHICS**

**9.00-12.00 Panel 18: Diversity and Decoloniality: Methodological Problems**

Susan M. Kilonzo (Maseno University, Kenya)  
**Challenges and Prospects of North-South Research Collaborations: Insights from Kenyan Universities**

Kai Horsthemke (University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa)  
**'Way-centred' versus 'truth-centred' Epistemologies**

Anders Breidlid (Oslo University College, Norway)  
**The Effects of the Global Architecture of Education on Learning and Research in the Global South**

Elisio Macamo (University of Basel, Switzerland)  
**Against the Tyranny of Policy Relevance: Scholarship and Africa**

Frederico Matos (King's College London, UK)  
**Academia, an Homogenising Force**

**12.00-13.00 Potentials and Limits of Knowledge Production and Critique in Europe and Africa - Conclusions for Cooperative Research and Critical Knowledge Production**

Chaired by Lydia Potts (Carl von Ossietzky University Oldenburg, Germany)

Closing Session with Thomas Alkemeyer, TBC, and Michael Golba (Carl von Ossietzky University Oldenburg, Germany), Annika McPherson (University of Augsburg, Germany), TBC, Ingrid Palmay and Melissa Steyn (University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa), Roberts Kabeba Muriisa (Mbarara University of Science and Technology, Uganda), TBC, Ahmed M. Gamal Eldin (Ahfad University for Women, Sudan), TBC, and Sabine Broeck (University of Bremen, Germany).