

## 'Future Africa and Beyond' - Review and Outlook

### Conference after the first four years of the Bayreuth Academy of Advanced African Studies

Towards the end of its first funding period, the Bayreuth Academy convenes an international Conference to review its general project "Future Africa and Beyond: Visions in Time". The aim of the Conference is twofold. Firstly, it will assess the results achieved so far, after almost four years of the Bayreuth Academy's existence; and secondly, it will embark on an outlook into its own future: the winding-up of its current project and its transition towards a permanent role in African Studies and Bayreuth University at large. Participants of the conference will be the members of the Bayreuth Academy itself, their current guest Fellows in the context of Working Group G „Future(s) as societal project(s) - actors and their visions in Africa and beyond“; invited guests from inside and outside Bayreuth University; and representatives of Academy Advisory Board and of Partner Projects of the Bayreuth Academy. The sessions will be open also for all other interested members and guests of Bayreuth University. To facilitate our organization, please register before June, 9<sup>th</sup> with [doris.loehr@uni-bayreuth.de](mailto:doris.loehr@uni-bayreuth.de).

The Conference comprises three types of sessions: Opening **Keynotes** on the performance of the project as a whole; five **Panels** to review research results in more detail, with papers addressing the general project theme through the lens of the five Sub-projects and their Working Groups; and three **Roundtable Discussions**, with short statements opening up prospects for the years to come, notably further fields to be explored, the importance of the project for critical area studies, and the future role of Bayreuth Academy in its University. In line with the specific features of the Bayreuth Academy's profile, each session aims at bringing into dialogue a variety of different disciplines; Africa-related and other fields of expertise; members with guests, both local and international; and senior with postdoctoral scholars.



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Bayreuth, June 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Venue: Iwalewahaus

Conference Programme



## Thursday, June 16th 2016

10:00 Opening & Welcoming

10:15 Introduction:  
Achim von Oppen (Bayreuth):  
"Looking back and ahead: 'Future Africa' reviewed"

10:45 Keynote:  
Elisio Macamo (Basel):  
"'Future Africa' reviewed: A non-Bayreuth perspective"

11:30 Panel I: Future Nature  
(Chair: Florian Stoll)

Michael Hauhs (SP2, Bayreuth Academy):  
"Conservation as Performance of Nature in Time"

Kupakwashe Mtata (BIGSAS, Bayreuth):  
"Parallel Temporalities of 'Nature' in the Matobo Hills of Zimbabwe"

Nikolaus Schareika (Göttingen):  
Discussant & Comments

13:00 Lunch Break

14:15 Panel II: Actors of the Future  
(Chair: Georg Klute)

Lena Kroeker (SP3, Bayreuth Academy):  
"Investment into Future - Social Security among Kenyan Middle Classes"

Helmuth Berking (Darmstadt / Fellow):  
"Rhythm, Repetition, Change. Urban Temporality and the Invention of Futures"

Pamela Feldman-Savelsberg (Carleton College, Northfield, MN, USA):  
"Belonging in the Shadow of the State: Rethinking Kinship to Rebuild Futures among African Refugees and Immigrants"

15:45 Coffee & Tea break

16:15 Panel III: Representations of the Future (I)  
(Chair: Mariam Popal)

Ulf Vierke (SP5, Bayreuth Academy):  
"Revolution 3.0: Image Archives"

Onejoon Che (Seoul):  
"The Monumental Gifts from North Korea. Remarks on the production process of 'Mansudae Master Class'" (film screened in full on June, 15th)

Ute Fendler, Katharina Fink, Nadine Siegert (SP5, Bayreuth Academy):  
"Zooming in: Three close-ups from individual research on monumental representations of Future Africa, in response to Onejoon Che"

Constantin Katsakioris (SP1, Bayreuth Academy):  
"At stake is the Future of the Third World. The Patrice Lumumba University in Moscow"

17:45 Coffee & Tea break

18:00 Roundtable Discussion A:  
Further Perspectives on Future (Africa and Beyond): Other Disciplines, New Fields  
(Chair: Michael Hauhs)

With Susan Arndt (Transcultural Anglophone Studies, Bayreuth Academy); Kathrin Rothmund (Media Studies, Bayreuth); Paula Schrode, Eva Spies (both Religious Studies, Bayreuth); Clarissa Vierke (Literatures in African Languages, Bayreuth)

19:30 Reception, Get-together at Iwalewahaus

## Friday, June 17th, 2016

09:00 Roundtable Discussion B:  
Future & Area Studies  
(Chair: Eberhard Rothfuß)

With Susanne Lachenicht (Bayreuth Institute for American Studies); Achim v. Oppen (African History, Bayreuth); Julia Roth (Center for InterAmerican Studies, Bielefeld); Steffen Wippel (Center for Near & Middle Eastern Studies, Marburg); Lu Zhao (Int. Consortium for Research in the Humanities, Erlangen)

10:15 Coffee & Tea break

10:30 Panel IV: Future & Past  
(Chair: Doris Löhr)

Susanne Lachenicht / Annalisa Urbano (SP1, Bayreuth Academy):  
"Histor/ies of the Future - Contributions to 'Future Africa and Beyond'"

Susann Baller (Basel / Fellow):  
"Youth, Past, and Future: Youth Movements and Associations in the 1950s - 1970s in Senegal"

Erdmute Alber (SP3, Bayreuth Academy)  
"Changing Expectations of Future Life: Child Fostering in Colonial West Africa in Transition"

Kristin Mann (Atlanta):  
"Perspectives on Future & Past from other Africa-related Researches"

12:00 Lunch break

12:45 Panel V: Representations of the Future (II)  
(Chair: Florian Kläger)

Henriette Gunkel (London / Bayreuth):  
"Moving Backward Towards a Revolution - On Changing Time in *Stories of Our Lives*"

Portia Malatjie (London / Johannesburg):  
"A Quest for Endearment: Hauntings of the Divine Voice in Kiluanji Kia Henda's *Concrete Affections*"

Nadine Siegert (SP5, Bayreuth Academy):  
Response & Comment

14:15 Coffee & Tea break

14:30 Roundtable Discussion C:  
Future & Bayreuth Academy: Prospective Roles, Formats, and Structures  
(Chair: Dieter Neubert)

With Erdmute Alber (Deputy Director, Bayreuth Academy); Katharina Fink (Postdoc, Bayreuth Academy); Dymitr Ibrizimow (Dean of BIGSAS, Speaker of BRIAS, Bayreuth); Geoffrey King'ei (Kenyatta Univ., Nairobi); Markus Zanner (Provost, Bayreuth University)

15:30 Closing remarks & Farewell