

CONCLUSIONS OF THE FIRST THREE YEARS

OF THE INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIP NETWORK ON
MEDIA AND MEDIATIONS OF CULTURE IN AFRICAN SOCIETIES

Since November 2008, nine PhD candidates and five senior scholars have worked at three African and two European universities on how media have affected the mediations of culture in African societies. This conference looks back at what the project has achieved in research on media in culture and everyday life in Africa. It also addresses questions of scholarly cooperation between African universities and between African and European institutions of higher education.

The Passages Network brings scholars and PhD candidates from West-, Central- and Southern Africa together. It is composed of four studies that address the significance of media in the transformation of culture in different fields:

- I. Medial Shifts and the Constitution of Power: South African case studies (directed by Liz Gunner).
- II. The Imaging and Empowerment of Peripheral Cultures in the Era of Globalisation: Case studies of the identity and cultural expression of Anglophone Cameroonian performance forms in a Francophone dominated centre (directed by Bole Butake).
- III. Intertextuality, Intratextuality, and Intermediality in Muslim Hausa Popular Culture (directed by Abdalla Uba Adamu).
- IV. Internet, Mobile Phone and Transnational Space: Africa in the Upper Rhine Valley (directed by Judith Schlehe and Till Förster).

The concluding conference of the first three years of the project presents insights from the already completed PhD projects as well as findings and reflections from the case studies that will be completed in the near future. A general discussion will address experiences and questions of research cooperation between African and European Universities and lessons learned after three years.

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Program

Thursday, April 19, 2012

5pm Welcome by Till Förster and Judith Schlehe

Progress Reports

5:15pm Tafor Ateh

6:00pm Nalowa Fominyen

6:45pm Nura Ibrahim

8:00pm Supper

Friday, April 20, 2012

Summaries of Completed PhD Dissertations

9:00am Bettina Frei

10:00am Jendele Hungbo

11:00am Coffee Break

11:30am Primus Tazanu

13:00am — 2:30pm Lunch

2:30pm **Panel Discussion: Conditions of Research and the Production of Knowledge in Africa — Experiences and Perspectives**

Abdalla Uba Adamu, Bole Butake, Till Förster, Liz Gunner, Judith Schlehe

Invited discussant: Graham Furniss, School of Oriental and African Studies, London

4:30pm Coffee Break

5:00pm Exchange with PhD candidates

6:30pm Dinner

Saturday, April 21, 2012

8:30am Passage to Freiburg i.Brsg., Germany

Presentations of PhD Projects close to submission

10:00am Mainasara Kurfi

10:45am Jennifer Mussangi

11:30am Kenneth Tume Fondzeyuf

1pm Lunch

2:30pm Sightseeing: Freiburg and its University

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