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Workshop Program
Mapping Agency.
Comparing Regionalisms in Africa

Organized by Ulrike Lorenz (Postdoctoral Fellow KFG, FU Berlin) and Martin Rempe (University of Konstanz/ KFG, FU Berlin) in cooperation with the Center for Area Studies, Freie Universität Berlin

July 7-8, 2011
Center for Area Studies
Boltzmannstraße 1
14195 Berlin
Thursday – July 7, 2011

9.00-9.45  Introduction
Ulrike Lorenz (KFG, Freie Universität Berlin)
Martin Rempe (University of Konstanz):
Welcome

9.45-10.00  Coffee

10.00-12.00  Historical Dimensions
Bara N’Diaye (University of Olsztyn):
“Integration processes in West Africa. A historical approach on the example of the Mali Empire and the AOF”

Aleksi Ylönen (University of Bayreuth):
“The ‘southern problem’ in Sudan. Federalism and secessionism as response to ‘internal colonialism’”

Martin Welz (University of Konstanz):
“Uganda’s impetus for building the EAC. Domestic actors and their reasoning”

Andreas Eckert (Humboldt University Berlin):
Discussant

12.00-14.00  Lunch
„Harnack-Haus”
Ihnestraße 16
14195 Berlin

14.00-16.00  Regionalism and security issues
Aparajita Biswas (University of Mumbai):
“New regionalism in Africa. The role of the IGAD, ECOWAS and SADC in promoting peace and security in the region”

Malte Brosig & Dimpho Motsamai (University of the Witwatersrand):
“The African peace and security architecture. Explaining the emergence and impact of an inter-locking system of regional governance”

Debora Valentina Malito (University of Milan):
“Horn of Africa. The security dimension of regionalism. The impact of foreign actors”

Jana Hönke (Freie Universität Berlin):
Discussant

16.00-16.30  Coffee

16.30-18.00  Actors below the radar
Lisa Nixdorf (University of Leipzig):
“Regional integration and informal cross-border trade in the East African Community”

Andréas Godsäter (University of Gothenburg):
“Civil Society and trade, debt and HIV/AIDS in Southern Africa. The regional dimension”

Rainer Tetzlaff (Jacobs University Bremen):
Discussant

Friday – July 8, 2011

08.45-10.45  Actors in trade and development policies: Comparing EPAs
Johannes Munschick (University of Bamberg):
“Explaining the influence of external actors on regional economic integration in Southern Africa. The EU’s influencing impact on SADC and SACU”

Clara Weinhardt (University of Oxford):
“Arguments at the trade-development nexus: West African perspectives on negotiating Economic Partnership Agreements”

Ulrike Lorenz (KFG, Freie Universität Berlin):
“When “not so weak” bargain with “not so strong”. Transforming the transformative power of Europe in North-South trade negotiations?”

Tanja Börzel (Freie Universität Berlin):
Discussant

19.00  Dinner
„Hamlet”
Ludwigkirchstraße 6
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