PROGRAMME

Wednesday, 2nd March: Opening event

Welcome:
Prof. Ute Luig
(Free University of Berlin)

Greeting by:
Heidemarie Wieczorek-Zeul
(German Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development)

Welcome:
Dr. Hermann Schulte-Sasse
(Staatssekretär in der Senatsverwaltung für Gesundheit, Soziales und Verbraucherschutz Berlin)

Opening Lecture:
Prof. Jean Comaroff
(University of Chicago):
Beyond the Politics of Life: AIDS in the Age of Neoliberalism

Location: Townhall of Berlin-Mitte (Wappensaal)
Time: 4.30-6.30 p.m.

Transfer of participants to Schloss Wulkow (near Berlin)
Thursday, 3rd March (Start: 9.30 a.m.)

Session 1: MORALITIES AT STAKE
Panel 1: Shifting Boundaries: Controlling Public and Private Spheres in the AIDS epidemic
CHAIR: Prof. Paula Treichler (University of Illinois, Institute of Communications Research)
- Prof. Aud Talle (University of Oslo, Department for Anthropology): Living beyond AIDS in Maasailand, Tanzania
- Prof. Peter Probst (Tufts University, Boston, Department of Art and Art History): Confronting the Gaze. Seeing Sex in Times of AIDS
- Prof. Ivo Quaranta (Università di Bologna, Lettere e Filosofia): Politics of blame: clashing moralities and the AIDS epidemics in Nso’ (North-West Province, Cameroon)
Discussant: Prof. Peter Geschiere (Amsterdam School for Social Science Research)

Panel 2: Testimonies, Rumours and Processes of Stigmatisation
CHAIR: Prof. Ute Luig
- Prof. Vinh-Kim Nguyen (Mc Gill University, Department of Social Studies of Medicine): Rethinking Sexual Citizenship: Activism, Antiretrovirals and Self-Fashioning
- Grame Reid (University of the Witwatersrand, Institute for Social and Economic Research): ‘I came into this life with my eyes wide open’. Coping narratives and life strategies in the face of the epidemic
- Dr. Aldin Mutembei (University of Dar es Salaam, Department of Kiswahili): Swahili Literature and the Process of Stigmatisation: The Case of AIDS messages on the Billboards
- Dr. Georgia Rakelmann (Universität Gießen, Institut für Soziologie): From an Acronym to an Autochthonous Disease: Facettes of the “Tswanaisation” of Aids in Botswana
Discussant: Prof. Jamie Monson (Wissenschaftskolleg Berlin / Carleton College, Minnesota)

Friday, 4th March (Start: 9.30 a.m.)

Session 2: NETWORKS OF HEALING AND CARE
Panel 1: Giving Hope? Formal and Informal Strategies of Treatment and Healing
CHAIR: Prof. Aud Talle
- Prof. Adam Ashforth (School of Social Science, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton): Spiritual Insecurity and the Cultural Dimensions of the HIV/AIDS epidemic in South Africa
- Prof. Elizabeth Colson (University of California at Berkeley, International and Area Studies): The Search for Healing: The Aids Epidemic in Gwembe Valley
- Prof. Susan Reynolds Whyte (University of Copenhagen, Department for Anthropology): Strategies of treatment: health worker perspectives
- Prof. Hanne Mogensen (University of Copenhagen, Dept. for Anthropology): New Hopes and New Dilemmas: Conflicting Narratives from the Uganda Epidemic
Discussant: Dr. Christine Obbo (CODESRIA Research Initiative on HIV/AIDS)

Afternoon: free

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**Saturday, 4th March (Start: 9.30 a.m.)**

Cont. Session 2, Panel 2: *Solidarity in Times of Crisis*

**CHAIR:** Prof. Benedicte Ingstad (University of Oslo, Department for Medical Anthropology and International Health)

- **Prof. Felician Tungaraza** (University of Dar es Salaam, Department of Sociology): Informal social support for people living with AIDS in Tanzania
- **Dr. Hansjörg Dilger** (Freie Universität Berlin, Institut für Ethnologie): “My relatives are running away from me!” Care and Kinship among the Luo in rural Tanzania
- **Erick O. Nyambedha** (University of Copenhagen, Department for Anthropology / University of Nairobi): Practices of relatedness and the re-invention of duol as a network of care for orphans and widows among the Luo in western Kenya
- **Angelika Wolf** (Universität Bayreuth, Institut für Medizinmanagement und Gesundheitswissenschaften): Orphans’ Ties. Child Headed Households in Malawi

**Discussant:** Prof. Benedicte Ingstad (University of Oslo, Department for Medical Anthropology and International Health)

**Session 3: EXPERIENCES OF EMOTIONS AND PAIN**

**Panel 1: The Diseased Body**

**CHAIR:** Prof. A. Ashforth (School of Social Science, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton)

- **Claire Decoteau** (University of Michigan, Department of Sociology, Ann Arbor): Clamorous Bodies, Silenced Discourse: Revisiting the Repressive Hypothesis in South Africa
- **Dr. Wenzel Geissler** (London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine): Purity is danger: the ambiguity of touch around sickness and death in western Kenya
- **Johanna Offe** (Freie Universität Berlin, Institut für Ethnologie): Dangerous/Endangered Bodies: Discourses on Widows in the Context of AIDS in Zambia

**Discussant:** Prof. Stacy Leigh Pigg (Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Simon Fraser University)

**Sunday, 6th March (Start: 9.30 a.m.)**

Cont. Session 3, Panel 2: *Death, Grief and Ritual Practice*

**CHAIR:** Dr. Hansjörg Dilger

- **Dr. Liv Haram** (Uppsala, The Nordic Africa Institute): “We are tired of mourning!” Grief and the political economy of suffering in the times of AIDS
- **Prof. Frederick Klaits** (The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Department of Anthropology): The Widow in Blue: Blood and the Morality of Remembering in Botswana’s Time of AIDS
- **Prof. Philippe Denis** (University of KwaZulu-Natal, Sinomlando Centre for Oral History and Memory Work in Africa): Does memory work increase resilience in children affected by HIV-AIDS? A critical assessment of the methodology used by the Memory Box Programme in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa

**Discussant:** Prof. Suzette Heald (Brunel University, Department of Human Sciences)

**Final Discussion**

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**Departure of Participants:** around 2 p.m.