

International Symposium
'AIDS AND THE MORAL ORDER'

March 2-6, 2005 (Berlin)

Convenors:

Prof. Ute Luig, Dr. des. Hansjörg Dilger
(Freie Universität Berlin, Department for Social Anthropology)

Programme

Wednesday, 2nd March

Arrival of participants

Welcome: Secretary of State in Berlin, Dr. Hermann Schulte-Sasse

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)

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Thursday, 3rd March

Opening Address: Prof. Ute Luig

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

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 / Medford, 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 "Tswanisation" of Aids in Botswana*

Discussant: **Prof. Jamie Monson** (Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin / Carleton College,

Minnesota)

Friday, 4th March

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: **Prof. Christine Obbo** (CODESRIA Research Initiative on HIV/AIDS)

Afternoon: free

Saturday, 5th March

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. Bawa Yamba** (Diakonhjemmet University College Oslo, Department of Research and Development)

Session 3: experiences of emotions and pain

Panel 1: *The Diseased Body*

CHAIR: **Prof. Veena Das** (John Hopkins University, Anthropology Department)

- **Prof. Kopano Ratele** (University of the Western Cape, Psychology Department / Women and Gender Studies): *A body to die for*
- **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: **Dr. Stacy Leigh Pigg** (Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Simon Fraser University)

Sunday, 6th March

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 Klaitz** (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. Ute Luig** (Freie Universität Berlin, Institut für Ethnologie): *Divided Interests: Lineage Conflicts in the Course of Burials*

- **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

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