

CITIZENSHIP IN TIMES OF CHANGE.

EAST AFRICAN PERSPECTIVES.

The Africa Centre for Transregional Research, and the Arnold Bergstraesser Institute (University of Freiburg), Basel Institute on Governance and Centre for African Studies (University Basel) are organising a workshop to deepen the exchange on issues of citizenship with a focus on East Africa.

Citizenship is not a stable condition, but subject to change. It is not a given, but has to be fought for. It can gradually dwindle in phases of public disengagement, motivated by disenchantment with a government or as a result of active exclusion.

The workshop will address the temporal dimensions of fluctuating citizenship, affected by crisis, violent conflict and re-foundations of polities, which offer opportunities for mobilization (or resistance), but also potentially new constraints on civil rights. During violent conflict or foreign occupation basic civil rights are frequently withheld from entire (groups of) population – historically during the colonial expansion, more recently during “civil” wars. The denial of citizenship and civil rights may be a precursor to migration decisions or the experience after having migrated. Moreover, citizenship can change due to constitutional revisions, as well as a change in regional structures. From various disciplines and foci, this workshop brings together reflections on citizenship in times of change.

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WORKSHOP 2024

**BASEL, MONDAY
22ND OF APRIL**

**FREIBURG, MONDAY,
29TH OF APRIL**



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AGENDA

BASEL, MONDAY, 22ND OF APRIL
09:30-13:00

Chair: Dr Saba Kassa, Basel Institute on Governance

09:30-10:30 Keynote lecture: Citizenship beyond the nation-state? Exploring the prospects of the envisioned East African Political Federation Prof Alexander Makulilo, University of Dar es Salaam

10:30-11:00 Kenyan Citizenship Regime in the Light of Public Participation Gloria Kenyatta, PhD Candidate, University of Freiburg

11:00-11:30 Coffee Break

11:30-12:00 The African Union Border Program and Citizenship/Belonging Politics on the Malawi-Mozambique Borderland Dr Anusa Daimon, Senior Lecturer, University of Malawi

12:00-12:30 Rethinking Citizenship and Belonging in Switzerland
Tebuho Winnie Kanyimba, PhD candidate, University of Basel

12:30-12:40 Discussant, Dr Michael Aeby, University of Basel

12:40-13:00 Group discussion

AGENDA

FREIBURG, MONDAY, 29TH OF APRIL
14:00-17:30

Chair: Dr Franzisca Zanker, Arnold Bergstraesser Institute

14:00-14:30 Competing Ideologies in the Construction of Post-Conflict Ethiopia. A Focus on Contested Citizenship Catherine N'gang'a, PhD Candidate, University of Freiburg

14:30-15:00 Awkward citizenship in Central Switzerland, Matthias Claudio Maurer Rueda, PhD candidate, University of Basel

15:00-15:30 Coffee Break

15:30-16:00 Citizenship Rights in the Context of Violent Extremism in Northern Mozambique Rufino Siteo, a PhD Candidate, University of Basel

16:00 - 16:40 Discussant Prof Andreas Mehler, Arnold Bergstraesser Institute

16:40-17:15 Group discussion

17:15-17:30 Reflective conclusion, Prof Elisio Macamo, University of Basel

19:00: Evening lecture on Genealogies of African Studies in Germany: An intersectional critique Dr Serawit B. Debele/ Location: University of Freiburg, Room: KG I, Hörsaal 1098

Recently, there is a lot of discomfort, irritation, and unease in African Studies, incidentally just when it opens itself up to the business of Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity (DIE). This affective state seems to mirror the overall ethos within academia in the North Atlantic that the African American intellectual Hortense Spiller describes as being in a state of emergency. In this state of emergency, Spiller remarks, both the incoming cohort of academics - who are called minorities - and already existing gatekeepers are irritated. But, neither the irritation nor the state of emergency that engulfs African Studies is something we experience in the same way despite it being shared. Rather we are in it differently. We enter from different geographic, historical, economic, political and ideological locations; we are irritated and nervous for different reasons. In the context of this tension, would it make sense to hold on to African Studies and salvage it in the interest of addressing epistemic injustices?

In her lecture "Genealogies of African Studies in Germany: An intersectional critique and ways forward," Serawit Debele engages in reflections based on ongoing archival research at selected German universities with a long tradition in African Studies.

The ALMA Lecture Series is organized by Arnold Bergstraesser Institute (ABI) in cooperation with the BMBF-network 'Postcolonial Hierarchies in Peace & Conflict', the Global Studies Programme (GSP), and Colloquium Politicum at University of Freiburg.

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