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Issues, Concepts and Future Directions
University of Ghana

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Tuesday, 19 September 2023

8:00-9:00 Registration

Venue: ISSER, University of Ghana

9:00–10:30 Opening Ceremony

Welcome remarks by MIASA Directors Susann Baller and Grace Diabah

Welcome remarks by Representative of the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF), Christina Norwig

Welcome remarks by the Provost, College of Humanities, Daniel Ofori (University of Ghana)

Welcome remarks by the Acting Vice Chancellor (University of Ghana)

Welcome remarks by the German Ambassador to Ghana, H.E. Daniel Krull

Keynote Address

The Moral Sustainability of Governance

Speaker: Elísio Macamo (University of Basel, Switzerland)

10:30-11:00 Cocoa Break

Venue: Pagoda, ISSER, University of Ghana

11:00-12:30 Roundtable

Theme: *Sustainable peacebuilding? Historical trajectories and global interconnections*

Chair: Andreas Mehler (University of Freiburg, Germany)

Speakers:

Emma Birikorang (Kofi Annan Peacekeeping Training Centre, Ghana)

Antonia Witt (Peace Research Institute Frankfurt, Germany)

Emery Mudinga (Angaza Institute, Democratic Republic of Congo)

Adam Sandor (University of Bayreuth, Germany)

12:30–13:30 Lunch Break
Venue: Pagoda, ISSER, University of Ghana

13:30–15:30 Panel
Theme: *Formal institutions, informality and knowledge production: Developing a research agenda for the analysis of institutional variations in Africa*

Chair: Seidu Alidu (University of Ghana)

Discussant: Anja Osei (Freie Universität Berlin, Germany)

E. Remi Aiyede (University of Ibadan, Nigeria)
Strengthening Governance Institutions for Accountability and Service Delivery in Africa

Clionadh Raleigh (University of Sussex, United Kingdom)
Seeing like a leader: Subnational Authority and Alignment across Developing Regimes

Christian Wali Wali (Omar Bongo University, Gabon)
Assemblée nationale du Gabon: profils et interaction des élus

15:30-16:00 Cocoa Break
Venue: Pagoda, ISSER, University of Ghana

16:00-18:00 Panel
Theme: *Interreligious relations in Africa – How to avoid conflict and promote peace*

Chair: Lisa Hoffmann (German Institute for Global and Area Studies, Germany)

Discussant: Hervé Akinocho (Center for Research and Opinion Polls, Togo)

Koffi Adaba (Center for Research and Opinion Polls, Togo), Hervé Akinocho (Center for Research and Opinion Polls, Togo) & Lisa Hoffmann (German Institute for Global and Area Studies, Germany)

What drives extremist religious ideas? Evidence from five African countries

Julia Köbrich, Lisa Hoffmann & Matthias Basedau (all German Institute for Global and Area Studies, Germany)

Religious Leaders as Promoters of Peace? Experimental evidence from Sierra Leone and Togo

John McCauley (University of Maryland, USA)
Seeking Support Through Religious Networks: Responses to Terrorist Attacks in Africa

Sylvain N'Guessan Kouakou (Institute of Strategies of Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire)
La résilience inter religieuse face à l'extrémisme religieux : cas de la Côte d'Ivoire

18:30 **Reception**
Venue: MIASA Building

Wednesday, 20 September 2023

8:00-9:00 **Arrival and Registration**
Venue: ISSER Conference Centre, University of Ghana

9:00-11:00 **Panel**
Theme: *Extractive governance across time and space: what does “sustainability” mean in contexts of mineral, oil, or gas production?*

Chair: Diana Ayeh (Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research, Germany)

Discussant: Muriel Côte (University of Lund, Sweden)

Abdul-Gafar Oluwatobiloba Oshodi (Lagos State University, Nigeria)
What does ‘sustainability’ mean for non-state actors engaged with the Chinese environmental footprint in Ghana?

Gordon Crawford (Coventry University, United Kingdom) & Gabriel Botchwey (University for Education, Winneba, Ghana)
Sustainable mining requires sustainable governance: lessons from the Government of Ghana’s ‘war on galamsey’

John Manyimadin Kusimi (University of Ghana)
Changes in artisanal small-scale gold mining methods and associated environmental, socio-economic and governance challenges

Tongnoma Zongo (Institut des Sciences des Sociétés, Burkina Faso)
Sustainable Gold Governance: Delusion or Reality in the Burkina Faso Gold Mining Sector?

11:00-11:30 **Cocoa Break**
Venue: Pagoda, ISSER, University of Ghana

11:30–12:30 **Keynote Address**
From Good to Sustainable Governance: Itineraries, Applications and MIASA’s future Research

Speaker: Dzodzi Tsikata (SOAS, University of London, United Kingdom)

12:30–14:00 **Lunch Break**
Venue: Pagoda, ISSER, University of Ghana

14:00-16:00 **Panel**
Theme: *Land governance in the era of technology and Artificial Intelligence*

Chair: Lamine Doumbia (Humboldt University Berlin, Germany)

Aïdas Sanogo (University of Manga, Burkina Faso)
Land governance and IT in West African secondary cities

Sheila Medina Karambiri (Centre Universitaire de Zinare, Burkina Faso)
Terres rurales et technologies au Burkina Faso

Peter Narh (University of Ghana)
Digitization and distribution of control over customary land in Ghana

Drissa Tangara (University of Johannesburg, South Africa)
Digitalization of land tenure in Mali: challenges and perspectives for the NINACAD project

16:00-16:30 **Cocoa Break**
Venue: Pagoda, ISSER, University of Ghana

16:30-18:00 **Roundtable**
Theme: *Governance and Environmental Crises in Africa: What Role for the Humanities?*

Chair: Emily McGiffin (University College London, United Kingdom)

Speakers:

Sule Egya (Ibrahim Badamasi Babangida University, Lapai, Nigeria)

Eunice Ngongkum (University of Yaounde 1, Cameroon)

Ogaga Okuyade (Niger Delta University, Nigeria)

19:00 **Conference Dinner**
(by invitation only)

Thursday, 21 September

8:00-9:00 **Arrival and Registration**
Venue: ISSER Conference Centre, University of Ghana

9:00 – 11:00 **Panel**
Theme: *Moving beyond groupism in African Studies*

Chair: Laure Carbonnel (MIASA, Ghana)

Discussant: Michael Stasik (University of Basel, Switzerland)

Erika Dahlmanns (University of Bayreuth, Germany)
Trans/formative Tales: Narratives and Groupism in Rwanda

Ahmed Badawi Mustapha (University of Ghana)
Group without ideology and ideology without Group? Rethinking groupism through radicalisation and de-radicalisation (disengagement) praxes

Antea Paviotti (University of Antwerp, Belgium)
On the boundary, beyond groups: moving beyond groupism through interstitial identities in contemporary Burundi

Catherina Wilson (Radboud University Nijmegen, Netherlands)
Hybridity as a way out of polarizing debates in African Studies

11:00-11:30 **Cocoa Break**
Venue: Pagoda, ISSER, University of Ghana

11:30 – 13:00 **Roundtable**
Theme: *Exploring peaceful coexistence through religious and non-religious sociabilities in African cities*

Co-chairs: Musa Ibrahim (Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Ghana) & Nadine Sieveking (University of Leipzig, Germany)

Speakers:
Tilmann Heil (University of Cologne, Germany)
Laure Carbonnel (MIASA, Ghana)
Abdourahmane Seck (Gaston Berger University of Saint-Louis, Senegal)

13:00 – 14:00 **Lunch Break**
Venue: Pagoda, ISSER, University of Ghana

14:00 – 16:00 **Panel**
Theme: *Restitution and the challenges of knowledge production in and about Africa*

Co-chairs: Mamadou Diawara (Goethe University Frankfurt, Germany), Elisio Macamo (University of Basel, Switzerland) & Albert Kanlisi Awedoba (University of Ghana)

Discussant: Hans Peter Hahn (Goethe University Frankfurt, Germany)
Solange Mbanefo & Michaela Oberhofer (both Museum Rietberg, Switzerland)
Beyond Restitution: Towards Transcultural Collaboration and Holistic Museum Practice between Africa and the Global North

Kodzo Gavua (University of Ghana)
Restitution and the reconceptualization of Africa beyond official narratives

Marilyn Douala Manga Bell (Doual'art, Cameroon)
Which Africans can we become?

16:00

Closing ceremony

Closing remarks/round-up by MIASA Directors Susann Baller and Grace Diabah

Farewell Reception