



About MIASA

The Merian Institute for Advanced Studies in Africa (MIASA) was created in 2018 at the College of Humanities of the University of Ghana (UG). It collaborates with four German partners: the University of Freiburg, Goethe University Frankfurt, the German Institute for Global and Area Studies, and the German Historical Institute Paris.

MIASA has two directors, one from UG and one from the German partners. Both UG and its partners are represented in MIASA's Executive Council.

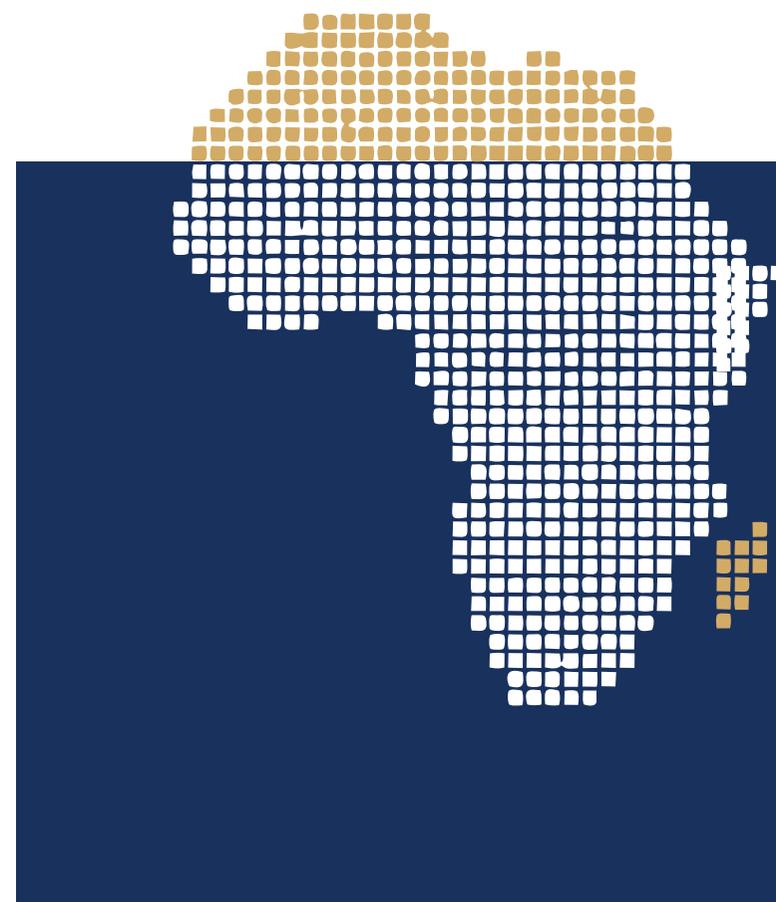
The institute is part of the Maria Sibylla Merian initiative in the Social Sciences and Humanities, funded by the German Federal Ministry for Education and Research (BMBF). It is one of five Merian institutes around the world. MIASA is a member of the UBIAS network (University-based Institutes for Advanced Studies).

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Research Profile

MIASA serves as a hub for German-African research collaboration in the Social Sciences and Humanities. Its intellectual agenda contributes towards making African thinking increasingly relevant in the global academic world.

MIASA's research programme explores the issue of 'sustainable governance' in an interdisciplinary perspective, focusing on three thematic fields: democratic governance, peace and conflict as well as environmental transformations.

In addition, MIASA is interested in issues that are at the intersection of these fields, such as migration and mobility, landownership and acquisition, restitution and repatriation of illegally acquired African objects, African cities as well as Human Rights.

The institute is committed to reducing global asymmetries in knowledge production as well as to strengthening female scholarship. MIASA encourages intellectual exchange across existing boundaries: across disciplines, across different countries and academic cultures, and across established and younger researchers.



Fellowships

MIASA provides time and space for supporting innovative academic research of top international quality through its fellowship programme. Every year more than twenty scholars from around the world are selected by MIASA's distinguished Academic Advisory Board for a fellowship at the University of Ghana.

Formats:

- Interdisciplinary Fellow Groups
- Tandem Fellowships
- Individual Fellowships

MIASA also invites short-term guest researchers and artists in residence. Moreover, it facilitates research visits at German partner institutions.

Events and Publications

In collaboration with its partners, MIASA organizes a broad range of events throughout the year:

- Annual Anton Wilhelm Amo Lecture
- Public Lecture Series
- International Conferences
- Conference Series together with Point Sud
- Writing and Publishing Workshops
- Female Academic Careers in Africa Workshops
- Research Seminars and Reading Groups

Key findings are published in MIASA's working paper series, on MIASA's academic blog and as external papers in peer reviewed journals or books. MIASA supports open access publication.

