Mobility in the History of Africa. Revisiting the »Mobility Turn«

4–7 June 2024

Organisation:
Robert Heinze (DHIP)
Listeners are welcome to attend all lectures on-site.  
Three events of the summer university are also accessible online.

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**Registration for on-site participation:**

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**Registration for online participation:**

Zoomlink for the keynote lecture, 4 June, 14.45
Zoomlink for the panel discussion, 5 June, 16.00
Zoomlink for the panel discussion, 6 June, 16.00

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Tuesday, 4 June 2024

14.00 Word of welcome, Klaus Oschema (DHIP)
Introduction, Susann Baller (CMB), Robert Heinze (DHIP), Didier Nativel (CESSMA)

14.45 Keynote
Sidy Cissokho (Univ. of Lille), Mobility in the History of Africa.
New Perspectives on the »Mobility Turn«

16.00 Coffee break

16.30 Panel 1
Urban Mobilities

Adesoji Adedipe (Univ. of Kansas), Infrastructure of Mobility and Alterity in Africa.
Urban Motor Public Transport in Lagos and Durban in Comparative Perspective

Sarah Fathalla Gaara (Ain Shams Univ., Kairo), Cairo and its Suburbs.
A History of Mobility, Urban and Heritage

Commentary: Sidy Cissokho (Univ. Lille)

18.30 Dinner

Wednesday, 5 June 2024

9.00 Panel 2
Mobility and the Nation

Mathias Hack (Univ. of Leipzig), The Other Side of Tourism.
The Mobility of Tourist Workers in Kenya

Kai Herzog (Bundeswehr Univ. Hamburg), Making a Nation. The Safari Rally and Kenya’s Transition from Colonial Rule to Independence, 1953–2002

Commentary: Miriam Musonye (Univ. of Nairobi)

Update: 27. Mai 2024
10.30 Coffee Break

11.00 Interactive workshop 1
Stone Karim Mohamad, Poetography – Poetry with Pictures. Reflecting about Experiences of Mobility, Travel and Borders

12.30 Lunch break

14.00 Panel 3
Mobile Labour

Clara Torrão Busin (EHESS), Memories of Cross-border Labor Migration. The Makonde Diaspora in Mbagala (Dar es Salaam)

Simon Werner (EUI Florence), Labor Migration and Colonial Social Science in the 1930s. A Conceptual History

Commentary: Laurence Marfaing (GIGA Hamburg)

15.30 Coffee break

16.00 Roundtable 1
Continuités des mobilités africaines?

Discussants: Laurence Marfaing (GIGA Hamburg), Idrissa Ba (Univ. Cheikh-Anta-Diop, Dakar), Didier Nativel (CESSMA)

18.30 Dinner
Thursday, 6 June 2024

9.00 Panel 4
West African Long Distance Connections

Paul Sprute (IRS Erkner), The West African Coastal Highway between Liberia and Côte d’Ivoire

Claude Patrick Fabien Sery (Univ. Félix Houphouët Boigny, Abidjan), Les implications et dynamiques socio-économiques de la mobilité fluviale de type occidental sur l’axe Sénégal-Niger au xixe siècle

Commentary: Idrissa Ba (Univ. Cheikh-Anta-Diop, Dakar)

10.30 Coffee break

11.00 Interactive workshop 2
Stone Karim Mohamad, Poetography – Poetry with Pictures. Reflecting about Experiences of Mobility, Travel and Borders

12.30 Coffee break

14.00 Panel 5
Border Mobilities

Conrad John Masabo (Univ. of Dar es Salaam), End of an Era? Contesting »Sino-Scripts« in Tanzania-China Transport Infrastructure Development

Caroline King (Univ. of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg), Ghana’s Identification System throughout Time

Commentary: Baz Lecocq (Humboldt Univ., Berlin)

15.30 Coffee break
16.00 Roundtable 2  
Mobility as an Approach. The »Mobility Turn« – Problems and Opportunities

Discussants: Sarah Fila-Bakabadio (EHESS), Baz Lecocq (Humboldt University, Berlin), Miriam Musonye (Univ. of Nairobi)

Friday, 7 June 2024

10.00 Panel 6  
Mobilities in Education

Derya Bozat (Univ. of Berne), Nigerians On the Move. Educational Mobility to the Soviet Union during the Cold War (1960–1991)

Coline Perron (Univ. of Strasbourg), Les mobilités des étudiants en art éthiopiens et mozambicains en République démocratique allemande (1975–1990). Une approche décentrée de la Guerre froide

Wanrui Chen (Free University Berlin), Negotiating the Federal Republic of Germany. African Educational Mobilities in the 1960s

Commentary: Sarah Fila-Bakabadio (EHESS)

12.00 Lunch break

13.00 Closing Keynote

Baz Lecocq (Humboldt University, Berlin)

Final Discussion
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