



The Politics of Nature and Science in African History

Workshop, Basler Afrika Bibliographien, Klosterberg 23, 15-16 May 2014

Thursday, 15 May 2014

10.00 **Introduction**

Patrick Harries, Maano Ramutsindela, Melanie Boehi & Tanja Hammel

10.30 **Panel 1: Natural History and Museums (Chair: Davina Benkert)**

Patrick Grogan (Basel Graduate School of History), "The Drège brothers: natural history collectors on expedition in southern Africa, 1829 to 1833"

Gabriele Kranz (Biological Centre Klein Flottbek & Botanical Garden Hamburg), "Research or Trade – On the Origins of the Botanical Museum of Hamburg"

12.00 Lunch (Theaterkantine, Elisabethenstrasse 16)

13.30 **Panel 2: Conceptions of Land and Nature (Chair: Lorena Rizzo)**

Tanja Hammel (Basel Graduate School of History), "Changing Accounts of Nature in the second half of the 19th Century: Mary Elizabeth Barber in the Cape Colony"

Romie Vonkie Nghitevelekwa (University of Freiburg, Ethnology), "Understanding landholding, land relations and property rights in land (in rural north-central Namibia)"

15.00 Coffee

15.30 **Panel 3: Conservation (Chair: Giorgio Miescher)**

17.00 **Annette LaRocco** (Trinity College, University of Cambridge, Politics), "The comprehensive hunting ban: the reassertion of the State in the processes of 'participatory' conservation in contemporary Botswana"

Innocent Sinthumule (UCT, Department of Environmental and Geographical Science & University of Venda), "Transfrontier Conservation area and local communities in Mapungubwe Region"

19.00 Dinner (Restaurant Zazaa, Petersgraben 15)

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09.00 **Panel 4: Landscape and Citizenship (Chair: Anna Vögeli Litelu)**

Sandro Simon (Centre for African Studies Basel): "The Becoming of the Bamenda Wetlands"

Marnie Graham (Macquarie & Stockholm Universities, Human Geography), "*You also bring your own material*": On identities, knowledges and interactions across difference in collaborative urban nature conservation at Macassar Dunes, Cape Town"

10.30 Coffee

11.00 **Panel 5: Plants and Knowledge Production (Chair: Stephanie Bishop)**

Tania Katzschner (UCT, School of Architecture, Planning and Geomatics), "Nurturing new thinking appropriate to our collective future and belonging – the need for re-memembering. A dialogue with aspects of 'invasive alien' vegetation management in South African cities"

Diana Gibson (UWC, Anthropology & Sociology), "Rethinking medicinal plants in South Africa"

Melanie Boehi (Basel Graduate School of History & Centre for African Studies Basel), "The ambiguous symbolism of flowers and botany in South African politics in the 20th and 21st century"

13.15 Lunch (Catering from Restaurant Abyssinia, BAB)

14.30 **Open Forum (Chair: Maano Ramutsindela)**

15.30

16.00 "Africa in Basel – Urban Safari", guided city tour with focus on Africa in Basel

19.00 BBQ at Rhein (bring your own meat and drinks, snacks provided)