



# Reclaiming African History

Workshop with Jacques Depelchin, 2 - 4 July 2015

Venue: Basler Afrika Bibliographien  
Klosterberg 23, Basel

Thursday, 2 July 2015

## Politics of Knowledge Production

09h00-09h30 Welcome

09h30-10h30 Introductory Lecture: "Why Does African History Continue to Be Taught as a Colonising Discipline?" by [Jacques Depelchin](#)

11h00-12h30 Session 1: Silences in African History with interventions by [Serena Dankwa](#) (Zurich University of the Arts) and [Memory Biwa](#) (University of Cape Town)

12h30-14h00 Lunch

14h00-15h30 Session 2: Ethics and Normativity in the Humanities with interventions by [Joschka Philipps](#) (University of Basel, Columbia & Uppsala) and [Carlos Fernandes](#) (University of Basel)

18h00-19h30 Poetry Reading and Conversation: Forms of History with [Henri-Michel Yéré](#) and [Jacques Depelchin](#), moderation by [Isabelle Chariatte](#) (University of Basel)

Friday, 3 July 2015

## African History and the Disciplines

09h00-10h30 Session 3: Methods in African History with an intervention by [Anna Vögeli](#) (University of Basel & Witwatersrand)

11h00-12h30 Session 4: Decolonising Knowledge with an intervention by [Napandulwe Shiweda](#) (University of Namibia, tbc)

12h30-13h30 Lunch

13h30-15h30 "Africa in Basel" guided city walking tour conducted by students of the Centre for African Studies Basel

17h30-19h00 Roundtable 1: African History and the Disciplines with [Julia Tischler](#) (University of Basel) and [Dag Henrichsen](#) (Basler Afrika Bibliographien), moderation by [Cassandra Mark-Thiesen](#) (University of Basel)

19h30 Workshop Dinner

Saturday, 4 July 2015

## The Importance of Place

09h30-10h30 Lecture: "When the Past Doesn't Give a Damn about History: The Challenge of Unintelligibility in African Studies" by [Elísio Macamo](#) (University of Basel)

11h00-12h30 Session 5: Thinking Places with an intervention by [Julia Büchele](#) (University of Basel)

12h30-14h00 Lunch

14h00-15h30 Roundtable 2: Swiss Colonial Amnesia? Postcolonial Studies in Switzerland with [Jovita dos Santos Pinto](#) and [Anja Suter](#) (University of Basel), moderation by [Melanie Boehi](#) (University of Basel)

Everybody is welcome to attend the lectures, roundtables, poetry reading and "Africa in Basel" city tour. To attend the full workshop and obtain the reading list and reader, please register with the organisers ([melanie.boehi@unibas.ch](mailto:melanie.boehi@unibas.ch), [anna.voegeli@unibas.ch](mailto:anna.voegeli@unibas.ch)).