



# Colonialism and Violence in African History: Methods, Sources, and Problems

Doctoral Workshop with Professor Caroline Elkins (Harvard) -  
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Starting in the 'long' 19th century, colonialism in Africa lasted well into the 20th century, finding its formal end during decolonisation processes throughout the 1960s, 1970s and 1980s. In 1990, the last country under formal colonial rule on the continent, Namibia, gained its independence. However, the aftermath of colonialism in Africa is experienced in various forms until today. This is not least due to the pivotal role violence played during the time of conquest, colonial domination and the process of decolonisation. While earlier research on African history has demonstrated the centrality of violence in establishing, consolidating, undermining and overthrowing colonial order and rule, more recent studies have taken interest in understanding the connections, similarities and differences as well as the varying nature and extent of this violence in specific historical contexts. This workshop, therefore, seeks to bring under the spotlight recent developments in the historiography of violence in colonial Africa with the aim of expanding participants' scopes of knowledge, as well as to both encourage and inspire on-going and future researches on the subject.

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When: Friday, 17 March 2017, approx. 9 am - 6 pm

Where: Main Building of the University of Basel, Petersplatz 1, 4051 Basel, Fakultätenzimmer (No. 112)

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