



## (Post)colonial presents in African Studies

### International Workshop - 28.6.17

Joining postcolonial and critical scholars of African history, our group critiques the concepts of linear time and the ordering of the past into discrete epochs. As Derek Gregory in *The Colonial Present* writes, the convention of assuming sharp breaks between historical periods is simplistic. History “is always more complicated than that: always plural, always contested, and shot through with multiple temporalities and spatialities.” This workshop grapples centrally with these historical complications, to argue that colonial constellations of power, knowledge and geography are powerfully at work in the present. These contested histories, and their multiple temporal and spatial dynamics, actively shape the structures in which people make and narrate history, represent and read different bodies, and reproduce racialised spaces. The workshop aims to bring together researchers who in their individual work analyse various aspects of plural temporalities and spatialities and together want to reflect on current debates and challenges in African Studies.

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