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African History

Research Seminar Spring Semester 2026

Department of History, Hirschgässlein 21, 4051 Basel, Mondays, 12:15–14:00, Seminar Room 4
Julia Tischler, Marie Muschalek, Kai Kersten-Kwame

Monday, 23 March 2026

Catarina Madruga
(TU Berlin, Museum für Naturkunde Berlin)
**Collecting as Subsistence. Interspecies
Relationships in the Production of Know-
ledge on Angolan Fauna, 1870s and 1910s**

Thursday, 26 March 2026 (afternoon) and
Friday, 27 March 2026 (morning), Seminar Room 2

**»Work in Progress«-Workshop:
Discussion of Ongoing Research Projects**
Detailed programme upon registration; please write
to the organisers

Tuesday, 14 April 2026

*The Research Seminar joins the Lecture Series
of the Basler Afrika Bibliographien (BAB)*

Sophie Schasiépen (University of Western Cape)
**Confronting Museum and Academic
Collections' Role in Capitalism**

Venue:
Basler Afrika Bibliographien, Klosterberg 23, Basel

Monday, 27 April 2026

Anna-Katharina Osterlow (Sciences Po)
**«Training the African Vanguard of the
Computer Age»: Early Computing in Nigeria
and Senegal, 1963–1985**

Wednesday, 6 May 2026, 16:15–18:00, Seminar Room 1

Ettore Morelli (University of Pavia)
**The Woman with Copper Earrings:
Fragments of a History of Power in
Southern Africa, c.1200–c.1800**

*In cooperation with the Research Seminar
«Vormoderne»*

Monday, 11 May 2026

Eric Burton (Universität Wien)
**Financing Liberation Struggles: Africa's
Hubs of Decolonization and the Creation
of a Global Division of Anticolonial Labor,
1958–1966**