

VIVA AFRICA

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Knowledge Production on and within Africa

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Venue

Metropolitan University Prague, Žižkov Building, Prokopova 100/16, Praha 3

PROGRAMME

DAY 1, room: the attic

9:00 – 9:45 **Registration**

9:45 – 10:00 **Opening ceremony**

10:00 – 11:00 **KEY NOTE**

Daniel Bach
University of Bordeaux

Africa in international relations: the frontier as concept and metaphor

11:00 – 11:15 **Coffee break**

11:15 – 12:45 **Panel 1 – Contemporary State and Politics**

Georg Klute
Bayreuth University

Appropriation and generation of knowledge about models of political and social organization in the north of Mali and Niger

Mvuselelo Ngcoya,
Narendran
Kumarakulasingam
University of KwaZulu-Natal

Imifino and the limits of indigenous governance in Post-Apartheid South Africa

Isak Niehaus
Brunel University London

Anthropology at the dawn of Apartheid: Radcliffe-Brown and Malinowski's South African engagements, 1919-1934

Viktor Marsai
National University of Public Service, Budapest

Somalia – a failed state or a business as usual?

Vladimír Klíma

Essential aspects of tension in Northeastern Nigeria

12:45 – 14:15 **Lunch**

14:15 – 15:45 **Panel 2 – Representation and Study of Africa**

Petr Skalník <i>University of Hradec Králové</i>	Fieldwork as knowledge production can be misleading
Getnet Tamene <i>University of Alexander Dubček, Trenčín</i>	Problems of knowledge and knowledge production in Africa
Veronika Danielová <i>University of Ss. Cyril and Methodius, Trnava</i>	Dark continent then and now: from the land of savages to the land of wars
Jennifer Joel-Obado <i>Enyenaweh Research, Lagos</i>	Knowledge by Africa, for Africa-mobile technology has a game changer
Marta Nowakowska <i>Gen. T. Kościuszko Military Academy of Land Forces, Wrocław</i>	„Heart of Darkness” and „Dark Continent”: Africa’s image in Polish print and online media
Anna Niedźwiedz <i>Jagiellonian University, Kraków</i>	Long conversations: African Christianity as an interface between ‘indigenous’ and ‘western’ worldviews

15:45 – 16:00 Coffee break

16:00 – 17:30 **Panel 3 – International Engagement with Africa**

Ian Taylor <i>University of St. Andrews</i>	Growth for who? “Africa Rising” and mainstream analyses of Africa’s political economy
Kateřina Werkman <i>Charles University, Prague</i>	The tale of justice and politics: Africa and the International Criminal Court
Dominik Kopiński <i>University of Wrocław</i>	China and the United States in the African petroleum sector: knowledge gaps, myths and poor numbers
Alžběta Šváblová <i>Bayreuth University</i>	Reconciliation in Liberia: discourse, knowledge, consequences
Dobrota Pucherova <i>Slovak Academy of Sciences, Bratislava</i>	Contemporary African literature and the politics of representations in the international literary marketplace

19:00 **Reception dinner and cultural program** **Book launch**
 MILDNEROVÁ, K. (2015) *From Where Does the Bad Wind Blow? Spiritual Healing and Witchcraft in Lusaka, Zambia*. Berlin: LIT Verlag.
 HORÁKOVÁ, H.; RUDWICK, S. (2014): *Global Challenges, Local Reactions. Czech Republic and South Africa*. Berlin: LIT Verlag.

9:00 – 10:30 **Panel 4 – African Histories**

Viera Pawlikova-Vilhanová <i>Slovak Academy of Sciences, Bratislava</i>	African historians and the production of historical knowledge in Africa in the 21st century
Jarmila Švihranová <i>Danubius University, Trenčín</i>	Representations of Africans in the documents of German imperial offices at the example of German Southwest Africa (1890 – 1915)
Maciej Kurcz <i>University of Ss. Cyril and Methodius, Trnava</i>	The images of Omdurman. On symbolic role of an African city in colonial era from the archival photographs perspective
Alemayehu Kumsa <i>Charles University, Prague</i>	Historical development of Boko Haram
Silvester Trnovec <i>Slovak Academy of Sciences, Bratislava</i>	History of the “French West Africa” or history of the “West Africa” under the French colonial rule?

10:30 – 10:45 **Coffee Break**

10:45 – 12:15 **Panel 5 – Cultural Issues**

Robert Thornton <i>University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg</i>	Metals, Magic and Medicine: Re-visioning the southern African ‘Iron Age’ archaeological landscape in South Africa
Vít Zdrálek <i>Charles University, Prague</i>	Bio-Ethnography: Beyond production of cultural difference in South African music research
Kateřina Mildnerová <i>University of Ss. Cyril and Methodius, Trnava</i>	“Obscene, diabolic and bloody fetishism” European conceptualisation of vodun through the history of Christian missions in southern Benin
Coro J-A Juanena, Emilia Debska <i>Universidad Autónoma de Madrid</i>	Transmission of knowledge between generations when it comes to the breastfeeding practices: a comparative study of African women immigrants in Spain and their knowledge about breastfeeding
Jasna Balorda <i>Liverpool Hope University</i>	Representing Africa: A discourse analysis of Ebola crisis media coverage

12:15 – 12:45 **Final discussion and closing ceremony**

12:45 – 14:15 **Lunch break**

14:15 – 15:30 **Assembly of the Czech Association for African Studies**

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