



Middle Classes in Africa – anthropological and sociological perspectives

Workshop – April 27-29, 2016

Venue: Iwalewahaus, Wölfelstraße 2, 95444 Bayreuth

Programme

Wednesday – April 27

- 14.00 Welcome and Introduction**
- 15.00 Panel I: Social differentiation and the life course**
- 15.00 – 15.40 Erdmute Alber** (Bayreuth Academy) “Innovative models for old age among the beninose middle classes”
- 15.40 – 16.20 Cati Coe** (Rutgers University) “Changing Old Age Scripts and New Kinds of Servants: Consumption of Care Services among the Middle Class in Accra, Ghana”
- 16.35 – 17.15 Julia Pauli** (University Hamburg) “Where does the middle class belong? Namibian weddings and the contested production of locality”

Thursday – April 28

- 09.00 Panel II: Concepts for the analysis of sociocultural groups and middle classes in Africa I**
- 09.00 – 09.40 Dieter Neubert** (Bayreuth Academy) “(Middle) class and socio-cultural diversity in Kenya. Limitations of class analysis”
- 09.40 – 10.20 Henning Melber** (Dag Hammarskjöld Foundation, Uppsala) “In Search of the African Middle Classes”
- 10.35 – 11.15 Matteo Caravani** (The Institute of Development Studies, Sussex) “The Ugandanization of Karamoja: Class and Patriarchy in the village of Lojom”
- 13.00 Panel III: Socio-professional differentiation and entrepreneurship**
- 13.00 – 13.40 Maike Voigt** (Bayreuth Academy) “Social mobility of middle-class entrepreneurs in Kisumu, Kenya”
- 13.40 – 14.20 David O’Kane** (Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle) “The Social and Political Contexts of Entrepreneurship and the Middle-Class in Makeni, Sierra Leone”
- 14.35 – 15.15 Sarah Hanisch** (University of Vienna) “Striving for middle class status - the ambiguous status of Chinese migrants in Africa”
- 16.00 Panel IV: Concepts for the analysis of sociocultural groups and middle classes in Africa II**
- 16.00 – 16.40 Florian Stoll** (Bayreuth Academy) “Understanding the Diversity of Middle Classes in contemporary urban Kenya: A Cultural Sociological Frame for the Analysis of Social Milieus”
- 16.40 – 17.20 Drazen Cepic** (University of Birmingham) “Symbolic boundaries as an analytical tool for exploring middle classes in Africa”
- 17.30 – 18.15 Eberhard Rothfuss** (University of Bayreuth), Henning Melber and Dieter Neubert “Middle classes in Africa and South America”

Friday – April 29

- 09.00 Panel V: Securing the Future**
- 09.00 – 09.40 Keebet von Benda-Beckmann** (Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle) “Bridging Boundaries and Burning Bridges. Social Security of the Middle Classes”
- 09.40 – 10.20 Rogers Hansine** (Bayreuth International Graduate School of African Studies) “Fertility transition in Maputo and the urban milieu”
- 10.35 – 11.15 Lena Kroeker** (Bayreuth Academy) “The ability to mitigate uncertainty”
- 11.45 – 13.00 Final Discussion/End of conference**

Organisation: Subproject 3 “Middle Classes on the Rise of the Bayreuth Academy (Erdmute Alber, Dieter Neubert, Lena Kroeker, Florian Stoll, Maike Voigt)

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The workshop is open to everyone and there is no conference fee. Please register with a short email to florian.stoll@uni-bayreuth.de until April 20, 2016.