



Conceptualising 'Future'. Current Debates in Regional and Systematic Research International Conference

of the Bayreuth Academy of Advanced African Studies
at the University of Bayreuth

July 4th to 6th, 2013

Venue: Main Campus,
Conference Hall of the *Studentenwerk Oberfranken (SWO)*

PROGRAMME

Thursday, July 4th 2013

14:00-14:30 Opening & Welcoming Addresses

Achim von Oppen and **Susan Arndt**,
Directors of the Bayreuth Academy of Advanced African Studies

Ministerialdirigent **Dietrich Nelle**, Federal Ministry for Education and Research,
Bonn

Stefan Leible, President Elect of the University of Bayreuth

Brigitte Merk-Erbe, Mayor of the City of Bayreuth

Gloria Wekker, Member of the Academic Advisory Board of the Bayreuth
Academy, Utrecht

14:30-17:15 Two Keynote Lectures: "Knowing the Future"

14:30-15:45 **Ottmar Ette** (Potsdam): The Prospective Power of Literature
(Chair: Susan Arndt)

15:45-16:15 *Coffee Break*

16:15-17:30 **Elisio Macamo** (Basel): Accommodating Time. Confidence and Trust in African
everyday Life (Chair: Achim von Oppen)

17:30-19:15 **Talk & Images: Henriette Gunkel** (Bayreuth), **Sam Hopkins & Jim Chuchu**
(Nairobi): What happened to the Future? Imaginations of Time and Space
within the Audio/Visual (Chair: Ulf Vierke)



19:15-20:00 *Reception*

20:00-21:00 **Spoken Word Performance, DJ Jim Chuchu**

Friday, July 5th, 2013

09:00-11:00 **Two Keynote Lectures: “Future in Time”**

Dirk Wiemann (Potsdam): What does Time have to do with History? Fictional Representations of Allochronism (Chair: Georg Klute)

Kara Lynch (Amherst, NH): Invisible – a Retro/Future Exploration (Chair: Erdmute Alber)

11:00-11:15 *Coffee Break*

11:15-12:45 **Panel: “Future and Time in Technology and Ecology Research”**
(Chair: Detlef Müller-Mahn)

Petra Schaper-Rinkel (Vienna): A Perspective from Europe: Exploring the Future: Anticipatory Practices, Emerging Technologies and Technopolitics

Andreas Jess (Bayreuth):
Global Energy Supply and Demand – Predictions and Visions

Michael Hauhs (Bayreuth): Concepts of Time as Mediators in Science:
African Natures from a Modelling Perspective

12:45-14:00 *Lunch Break*

14:00-16:00 **Two Keynote Lectures: “Expressing Future in Music and Language”**

14:00-15:00 **Greg Tate** (Providence, RI): The Futurism of Juju (Chair: Peggy Piesche)

15:00-16:00 **V. Y. Mudimbe** (Durham, NC): [Title to be announced]
(Chair: Achim von Oppen)

16:00-16:30 *Coffee Break*

16:30-17:30 **Talk & Vision: Ingrid LaFleur** (Detroit) & **Storm Janse Van Rensburg** (Bayreuth): Curating Failed Utopias & Past Futures: Curators’ talk, supported by visuals of selected artworks (Chair: Katharina Fink & Nadine Siebert)

17:30–17:45 *Coffee Break*



17:45-19:45 **Panel: “Global Concepts of Time and Future in Southern Perspectives”**
(Chair: Dieter Neubert)

James L. Cox (Edinburgh): The Concept of Time as Seen through Ancestral Traditions

Evelyn Wladarsch (Heidelberg): Time and Future in Health

Emma Hunter (Cambridge): Concepts of Progress in Late Colonial East Africa

Florian Stoll (Bayreuth): Social Milieus and their Use of Time in Recife, Brazil. A Transfer of Bourdieu’s Sociology to a Specific Context in the Global South

19:45-21:00 *Dinner*

21:00-22:30 **Conversation & Sound: Greg Tate** (Providence, RI) & **Carla Müller-Schulzke** (Berlin): The Sounds of Afrofuturism (Chair: Stefanie Alisch)

Saturday, July 6th, 2013

09:00-11:00 **Two Keynote Lectures: “Localising the Future: The Cultural Imagination”**

Jeanne Cortiel (Bayreuth): Future Technologies and Risk in American Popular Culture (Chair: Lena Kroeker)

Joao Paulo Borges Coelho (Maputo): Cidade de Espelhos: Fiction Writing, Mirrors and the Future (Chair & Moderation: Ute Fendler)

11:00-11:15 *Coffee Break*

11:15-12:45 **Panel: “(Fictional) Representations of Future”** (Chair: Gerd Ulrich Bauer)

Sidney Kasfir (Atlanta): Contemporaneity in African Art as a Dual Problem of Past and Future, Socially Embedded in Time and Space

Fadi Saleh (Bayreuth): Exiled into Cyberspace. Egypt’s Gender, Sexual, and Ethnic Minorities and the Construction of the Internet as a Diasporic Space

Anne Adams (Ithaca): A Future Africa Fictionalized and Feminized

12:45-13:30 *Lunch Break*

13:30-15:00 **Concluding Discussion** (Chair: Susan Arndt & Achim von Oppen)

15:30-18:00 Meeting of the Academic Advisory Board of the Bayreuth Academy of Advanced African Studies [at the Academy, Hugo-Rüdel-Str.10]