

ZiF Video Conference  
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# Theorizing African Diaspora(s) Anew

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THURSDAY – 11 MARCH

All times listed are Central European Time (CET/MEZ)

19:30 Welcome and Introduction by Marc Schalenberg (Academic Coordinator, ZiF) and Gigi Adair

**New technologies, new diasporas (90 min)**

19:45 – 21.15 **Peter Simatei** (Moi University), “Networked Diasporas: New African Diasporas and the Politics of home”

**Clayton Peel** (Namibia University of Science and Technology), “New technology, violence and memory: Holding the state security apparatus accountable in Zimbabwe

FRIDAY – 12 MARCH

**Diasporic politics today (90 min)**

14:00 – 15:30 **Yusuf Sheikh Omar** (SOAS), “The Role of the Horn of Africa diaspora in peace and violent conflict in their countries of origin”

**Matti Steinitz** (Bielefeld University), “Hemispheric Black Transnationalism and the Struggle against Racism in the Americas: Networks of solidarity and dialogues between Afro-diasporic communities in the US, the Caribbean, and Latin America”

15:30 – 16:15 – Break –

**New visions and visual archives of African diasporas (2 hours 15 min)**

16:15 – 18:30 **Dagmawi Woubset** (University of Pennsylvania), “The Films of Abderrahmane Sissako and the Right to African Interiority”

**Yogita Goyal** (UCLA), “Speculative Fictions and Sanctuary Worlds”

**Muyiwa Falaiye** (University of Lagos), “Image of the African Diaspora: From the Hut Near the Congo to the Banks of the Mississippi”

18:30 – 19:30 – *Break* –

**Rethinking diaspora (90 min)**

19:30 – 21:00 **Sam Coombes** (University of Edinburgh), “Francophone and anglophone Black Atlantics and Black Lives Mattering today”

**Deborah Nyangulu** (University of Münster), “Rethinking Knowledge in Transnational Terms: A View from the Global South”

**Saturday – 13 March**

**African diasporas in Africa: literary perspectives (90 min)**

14:00 – 15:30 **Christopher Ouma** (University of Cape Town), “Contemporary African small magazines and the new diaspora”

**Chigbo A. Anyaduba** (University of Winnipeg), “‘The Strange Familiar’: Writing African Migrants in Africa”

15:30 – 16:15 – *Break* –

**New forms of diasporic return (90 min)**

16:15 – 17:45 **Judith A. Byfield** (Cornell University), “Remaking the Triangle: West Indian wives in Nigeria”

**Celina de Sá** (University of Pittsburgh), “Diaspora without Displacement: Race and Belonging in Postcolonial West Africa”

17:45 – 18:30 – *Break* –

**New diasporic sounds (90 mins)**

18:30 – 20:00 **Sonjah Stanley Niaah** (University of the West Indies), “Sound, Diaspora, and the Politics of Citizenship”

**Stefanie Alisch** (Humboldt University Berlin), “Quinta do Mocho, South Africa: Kuduro, tarraxinha and afrohouse, mapping Africa onto Lisbon’s musical topography”

20:00 – 21:30 **Roundtable discussion and conclusion**

- End of the Workshop -