

Multidisciplinary Perspectives on Colonial Correspondences

International Conference of the Research Project

Colonial Letters and the Contact of Knowledges

11-14 April 2023

S 58 (RW II), University of Bayreuth, Germany

Conference Programme

Zoom link for all sessions:

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Tuesday, 11 April 2023		
Time	Activity: Room S 58 (RW II)	Format
12:00-13:00	Registration	
13:00-13:30	Opening ceremony: Dean of Cluster, Vice Dean Research, Project Coordinator	
13:30-14:30	Plenary Hans-Georg Wolf Conceptualisations in colonial correspondences Chair: Eric A. Anchimbe	
14:30-15:00	Coffee break	
15:00-18:00	Theme 1: Contestation—Negotiation of Knowledges Chair: Eric A. Anchimbe	
15:00-15:30	Pepetual Mforbe Chiangong “Geographisation” of spaces, places and cultural knowledge: Travelling through sources of imperial knowledge	
15:30-16:00	Alabi Aliyu ‘What do they really want?’ Colonial savoir on Islamic education in Northern Nigeria	
16:00-16:30	Tolulope Esther Fadeyi Revisiting colonial correspondences on mission maternities and midwifery in Ibadan	
16:30-17:00	Tatenda Catherine Matirongo The coloniality of maternal health correspondences: Contestations over maternal epistemologies in Southern Rhodesia (1890-1979)	
17:00-17:30	Paul Abiero Opondo Colonial sources and the contestation of knowledge: The age of the written history of the Luo of Kenya	Online
17:30-18:00	Shalot Nyaradzo Nhete State led preventive healthcare in Southern Rhodesia: Voices from the archive	Online

Wednesday 12 April 2023		
Time	Activity: Room S 58 (RW II)	
09:30-12:30	Theme 2. Contestation—Negotiation of Power Chair: Sarah Marjie	
09:30-10:00	Sumo Tayo Aimé Raoul Trans-imperial colonial letters, French and British administrative authorities, and cross-border governance: A case study of the Banyo-Gashaga border	
10:00-10:30	Glory Essien Otung Deconstructing indirect rule: Linguistic strategies in the colonial discourses on the Mbembes' marriage customs	
10:30-11:00	Henry Kah Power and perception through letters in British Southern Cameroons	Online
11:00-11:30	Coffee break	
11:30-12:00	Usman Ahmad Mutual patronage in the correspondences between British colonial administrators and Northern Nigerian elites	
12:00-12:30	Valentine N. Ubanako and Emmanuel Tata Tangong Instantiations of power in selected colonial exchanges in British Southern Cameroons	Online
12:30-13:00	Isaac Junior Kwarteng Setting local politics on fire: Colonialism, tradition, and instability in Ghana (1900–1936)	Online
13:00-14:00	Lunch	
14:00-16:30	Theme 3. Resistance // Theme 7: Heritages & Commodifications Chair: Uche Oyali	
14:00-14:30	Akshatha Rangarajan Colonial letters: A discourse about art repatriation	
14:30-15:00	Sarah Marjie Insidious paternalism and the establishment of heritage: A contrapuntal analysis of colonial correspondences of the British Southern Cameroons	
15:00-15:30	Ilupeju Adepeju Colonial correspondence and the memory of resistance in Ijebu Igbo agitation for independence	Online
15:30-16:00	Julius A. Eyoh Quests for, and resistances to, change in colonial letters from British Southern Cameroons	Online
16:00-17:00	Launch of <i>Corpus of Colonial Epistolary Correspondences</i>	

Thursday 13 April 2023		
Time	Activity: Room S 58 (RW II)	
09:30-12:30	Theme 4: Contestation—Negotiation of Identity Chair: Gratien G. Atindogbe	
09:30-10:00	Emmanuel E. Kengo (Mis)-Representation of Southern Cameroonians in colonial communications, 1916 -1961	
10:00-10:30	Eric A. Anchimbe Discursive construction of identities and power in colonial letters	
10:30-11:00	Uchenna Oyali Identity change, conflict and identity negotiation in colonial Southern Cameroons: A study of the “Manga Williams’ Letters”	
11:00-11:30	Coffee break	
11:30-12:00	Stephen A. Mforteh Epistolary traces of the dissipation of indigenous identity of colonised people	
12:00-12:30	Takesure Taringana Colonial correspondence and the creation of a cheap labour economy in Southern Rhodesia: The taxable age debate, 1904-1911	Online
12:30-14:00	Lunch	
14:00-16:30	Theme 5: Gendered Representations // Theme 3. Resistance Chair: Glory Essien Otung	
14:00-14:30	Ori Schachmon Aden women writing: Personal letters from the Jewish community in the British Colony of Aden	
14:30-15:00	Dikko Muhammad Manifestations of resistance in the coloniser-colonised letter exchanges in Northern Nigeria: A study of Abubakar Imam Memoirs	Online
15:00-15:30	David Muthegethi Beyond official archival narrative: Silence, omission and distortion of gendered experiences in colonial Kenya	Online
15:30-16:00	Walter Gam Nkwi Communication is power: Letters as a source of history in understanding women’s mobility in the Bamenda Division of British Southern Cameroon	Online
16:00-16:30	Taleb Bilal Eli Signs of spectacular resistance: Postal services and colonial letters in nineteenth century North Africa	Online

Friday 14 April 2023		
Time	Activity: Room S 58 (RW II)	
09:30-10:30	<p>Keynote</p> <p>Mompoloki M. Bagwasi</p> <p>Power and struggle in letters written by British administrators and Batswana chiefs, 1885-1966</p> <p>Chair: Pepetual M. Chiangong</p>	
10:30-12:30	Parallel Sessions	
	<p>Theme 6: Authorship Dynamics</p> <p>Chair: Emmanuel E. Kengo</p> <p>Room: S 58 (RW II)</p>	
10:30-11:00	<p>Mary Afolabi</p> <p>Knowledge and colonialism: The power of prefaces, letters and appendices in the journals of nineteenth century Niger Expeditions</p>	
11:00-11:30	<p>Gratien G. Atindogbe</p> <p>Linguistic politeness in selected colonial letters from British Southern Cameroons</p>	
11:30-12:00	<p>Ngozi Edeagu</p> <p>"Anxious to have friends": A case study of transnational letter writing among colonial Nigerian Children (1930s-1950s)</p>	Online
12:00-12:30	<p>Eyong-Tiku Eyong-Ewubhe</p> <p>Postcolonial Epistolary Conventions and Fragmentation: A Reading of Linus Asong's <i>The Crown of Thorns</i></p>	Online
12:30-13:00	<p>Arogundade Nurudeen Olatoye</p> <p>Public Letter Writers (PLW) as an advocate and solicitor of the populaces: The Ife Native Courts experiences</p>	Online
	Final discussion, publication and closing	
13:00-14:00	Lunch and end of conference	