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**Reviews, commentaries, reports and contributions to bulletin boards**


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WORKSHOPS AND PRESENTATIONS

Organisation of conferences / workshops / panels / lecture series


International immigrants in China. Workshop co-organised with Li Xi Yuan, Sun Yat-sen University, July 4, Guangzhou.


African entrepreneurship, migration and law in China. Workshop co-organised with Björn Ahl and Dorothea Schulz, University of Cologne, April 9, Cologne.

Islam und Sport. Präsentation der Ergebnisse aus studentischen Feldforschungen. Workshop co-organised with Sabine Damir-Geilsdorf, Asta Café, University of Cologne, January 27, Cologne.

2013  Mobility within and to the Global South: alternative histories, labour policies, and citizenship regimes. International workshop co-organised with Heike Drotbohm, University of Cologne, December 5-6, Cologne

‘Chocolate city’ and African migration to China. Workshop co-organised with Björn Ahl, Carsten Butsch and Li Zhigang, University of Cologne, December 3, Cologne.

Workshop with Tim Ingold. Workshop co-organised with participants of the seminar: "Moderne Klassiker" - ethnologische Beiträge zu aktuellen sozialtheoretischen Debatten: Tim Ingold, University of Cologne, November 9, Cologne.


2011  Intersections of Mobility, Law and Social Relations. Panel co-organised with Heike Drotbohm, Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, November 16-20, Montreal.


Repräsentationen Afrikas. Lecture series co-organised with Gerhard Anders, accompanying the photographic exhibition Afrique Noire of Didier Ruef, Anthropological Museum of the University of Zurich, summer 2007.

2005  Strategies of inclusion/exclusion and political representation among pastoral Fulbe across Africa. Pre-conference to the biennial conference of the German Anthropological Association (DGV), co-organised with Andreas Dafinger, Max Planck Institute for Social
Anthropology, October 2-4, Halle/S.

Demokratisierung Afrikas – Konflikte, Reaktionen, Veränderungen. Panel co-organised with Ute Röschenthaler. Biennial conference of the German Anthropological Association (DGV), October 4-8, Halle/S.

2002

Collective and multiple forms of property in animals: cattle, camels, reindeer. International workshop co-organised with Günther Schlee and Patty Gray. Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, August 19-23, Halle/S.

Invited papers / conference contributions

2014

Anthropological perspectives on global justice. Invited lecture at the Qatar Faculty of Islamic Studies, Hamad Bin Khalifa University, November 3, Doha.


Current anthropological studies on Africa. Invited lecture, Overseas Studies summer school, Minzu University, July 17, Beijing.


Ethnicity as a political resource: the example of the Mbororo in Cameroon. Invited lecture, staff and student seminar, Department of African Studies, Zhejiang Normal University, June 18, Jinhua.

Different trajectories of the indigenous rights movement in Africa: the examples of the Mbororo of Cameroon, Maasai of Tanzania, and San of Botswana. Invited lecture, staff and student seminar, Department of Anthropology, Minzu University, June 5, Beijing.


Next stop Dubai – Migration in the Global South. Invited lecture, Lecture Series of the Danish Institute for International Studies (DIIS), April 29, Copenhagen.

Global African entrepreneurs: the example of Cameroonian traders and migrants in Dubai. Invited lecture, “Globalisation, Transnationalism & Development Colloquium” of the Maastricht Centre for Citizenship, Migration and Development (MACIMIDE), Maastricht University, April 23, Maastricht.

2013

Different trajectories of the indigenous peoples movement in Africa: a comparison of the Mbororo of Cameroon and the Maasai of Tanzania. Invited paper at the workshop ‘Futures of indigeneity: spatiality, identity politics and belonging’, organised by Nasir Uddin, Ruhr-University Bochum, November 7-8, Bochum.

Presentation of the thematic research area ‘Citizenship and Migration’. Paper presented
at the evaluation meeting of the Key Profile Area 4 of the Excellency Initiative of the University of Cologne, October 16, Cologne.


*African migrants in Dubai: between spectacle and squalor.* Invited lecture, post-graduate seminar, Department of Geography, Urban and Regional Planning, Sun Yat-sen University, May 23, Guangzhou.

*African migrants in Dubai: between spectacle and squalor.* Invited lecture, staff and student seminar, Department of Anthropology, Minzu University, May 20, Beijing.


2012

Invited participant in the workshop ‘Teaching race and ethnicity’, organised by the Kompetenznetzwerk Lateinamerika, University of Cologne, December 13, Cologne. Invited participant and discussant in the workshop ‘Values, virtues, norms: anthropological and philosophical perspectives on ethics’, organised by Wilfried Hinsch and Sven Nyholm, University of Cologne, September 21-22, Cologne.


Invited participant and commentator in the workshop ‘Ethnizität in Afrika und Lateinamerika’, organised by the Kompetenznetzwerk Lateinamerika, University of Cologne, June 6, Cologne.


2011

*The indigenous peoples movement in Africa: comparing case studies from Southern, East and West Africa.* Invited lecture, anthropological speakers’ series of McGill University, November 21, Montreal.

*African migrants in the „kingdom of bling“: Experiences of a disenfranchised labor force in...

Negotiating identity and belonging in changing local to global contexts. Invited lecture, Department of Social Sciences, Brookes University, November 3, Oxford.


The role of cross-cutting ties in the Cameroon Grassfields. Invited paper at the Workshop ‘How to heal post-conflict societies? Ideas from East and West Africa’, Graduate School for Asian and African Area Studies, July 29, University of Kyoto.

Urban life-worlds of Cameroonian in Dubai (United Arab Emirates). Invited lecture, Research Institute for Languages and Cultures of Asia and Africa (ILCAA), July 13, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies.


Integration and conflict in the Cameroon Grassfields: Mbororo relations with their farming neighbours and the Cameroonian government. Invited lecture, staff and graduate student seminar of African area studies, Graduate School for Asian and African Area Studies (ASAFAS), June 6, Kyoto.

Cameroonian migrants in Gabon. Invited lecture, seminar for African area studies, University of Kyoto, May 26, Kyoto.

Integration and conflict in the Cameroon Grassfields. Invited lecture, Global CEO Program, University of Osaka, May 12, Osaka.


2010

Bauern-Hirten Konflikte im regionalen Vergleich am Beispiel von Kamerun und Burkina Faso. Invited lecture, Department of Social Anthropology, University of Cologne, December 17, Cologne.

Cameroonian in Dubai: urban livelihoods and citizenship discourses. Invited lecture, staff seminar, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Central European University, October 18, Budapest.

Cameroonian migrants in Dubai; discourses about citizenship and exclusion. Invited lecture, research colloquium, Department of Anthropology, University of Luzern, October 13, Luzern.


International migration: virtue or vice? Different perspectives from Cameroon. Paper presented at the European Association of Social Anthropology (EASA), August 24-28,
Maynooth.

*Transnationale Beziehungen kamerunischer muslimischer MigrantInnen.* Invited lecture in the course „Diaspora und Transnationalismus“, Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg, July 12, Halle/S.


2009


*From pastoral mobility to international travel and migration: the case of the Mbororo in northwest Cameroon.* Invited lecture, New Social Forms Seminar, University of Stellenbosch, 28.9.2009, Stellenbosch, South Africa.


*From ‘stranger’s to an ‘indigenous people’: the role of MBOSCUDA in transforming Mbororo identity and political representation in Cameroon.* Invited lecture, Graduate School of Asian and African Studies, July 20, University of Kyoto.

2008

*‘Face-to-Face’: video communications Cameron-Gabon-Dubai, visuelle Methoden in der ethnologischen Migrationsforschung.* Invited lecture, Department of Anthropology, Free University of Berlin, December 19, Berlin.

*International anerkannte Rechte ‚indigener Völker‘ im Widerstreit mit staatlichen Interessen.* Paper presented at the German-speaking legal sociological congress, September 4-6, Luzern.


*From ‘strangers’ to an ‘indigenous people’: the example of the Mbororo in Cameroon. Paradoxes of discourses on autochthony and indigeneity.* Invited lecture, Séminaire commun du Centre d’études africaines, February 11, Paris.

2007

*Transnationale Beziehungen kamerunischer muslimischer MigrantInnen.* Paper presented in ‚Ethnologisches Seminarkolloquium‘, October 24, University of Zurich.
Mbororo pastoralists under pressure: human rights violations and civil society responses in Cameroon. Public lecture with Aliou Sali (MBOSCUDA Bamenda), October 15, Zurich, and the yearly meeting of the NGO messaga ekol, October 20, Chur.

Veränderung lokaler Konfliktstrategien in Nordwestkamerun im Kontext politischer Liberalisierung und globaler Rechtsdiskurse. Paper presented at the Meeting of the German Anthropological Association (DGV), October 1-4, Halle/S.


Getting along in the Grassfields: interethnic relations and identity politics in northwest Cameroon. Invited lecture, Department of Archaeology and Anthropology, July 28, University of Bristol.

Doing anthropology. Invited lecture, Centre of West African Studies, July 13, University of Birmingham.

Auszirkungen der Demokratisierung auf lokale Konfliktlösungsstrategien in Kamerun. Invited lecture, Afrika-Kolloquium of the Institut für Historische Ethnologie, June 29, University of Frankfurt/Main.

Visual cultures. Invited lecture, Department of Anthropology, May 19, University of Manchester.


Introduction to ‘Demokratisierung Afrikas – Konflikte, Reaktionen, Veränderungen’. Paper presented with Ute Röschenthaler, conference of the German Anthropological Association (DGV), October 4-8, Halle/S.

Recent changes in Mbororo self-understanding: the impact of MBOSCUDA in the Cameroon Grassfields. Paper presented at the conference ‘Strategies of inclusion/exclusion and political representation among pastoral Fulbe across Africa’, October 2-4, Halle/S.


Cattle as social personae among the Mbororo in North West Cameroon. Invited lecture, Ethnicity and Identity Seminars, African Studies, November 7, University of Oxford.

Interethnic relations and identity politics in Cameroon. Invited lecture, West Africa Seminar, October 23, University College London.
History and ethnicity in the Grassfields. Paper presented at the Staff and Graduate Seminar of the Anthropology Department, University of Kent, October 10, Canterbury.

2002


Sharing or Dividing the Land? Land rights and farmer-herder relations in a comparative view. Paper presented with Andreas Dafinger at the annual meeting of the African Studies Association (ASA), December 5-8, Washington DC.

From cultural property to market goods: changes in economic strategies and herd management rationales of Fulbe in NW Cameroon. Paper presented at the meeting of the American Association ofAnthropologists (AAA), November 20-24, New Orleans.


Land rights and changing identities: a comparative paper on the policies of formal land allotment to pastoral groups in North West Cameroon and Burkina Faso. Paper presented with Andreas Dafinger at the workshop ‘Landrights and the politics of belonging in West Africa’. October 3-5, University of Frankfurt/Main.

From cultural property to market goods: changes in economic strategies and herd management rationales of Fulbe in NW Cameroon. Paper presented at the workshop ‘Collective and multiple forms of property in animals: cattle, camels, reindeer’. Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, August 19-23, Halle/S.

Integration and conflict: the Mbororo and neighbouring communities in North West Cameroon, methodological approaches. Paper presented at the conference of the European Association of Social Anthropologists (EASA), August 14-17, Copenhagen.


2001

Post-graduate studies in Social Anthropology: procedure and methods of anthropological research. Paper presented at the conference of the Network of African students of Sociology and Anthropology (NASSA), April 28, University of Buea, Cameroon.

Film screenings / exhibitions

2014 Baohan Street: An African community in Guangzhou. Exhibition of documentary photographs, co-organised with Li Dong, University of Cologne, October 16 – November 15, Cologne.

2009 Face To Face. Film screening, conference of the German Anthropological Association
Face To Face. Film screening, conference on “Diversity in Place: Making Documentaries on the Multicultural City”, University of Hawai‘i, April 24, Manoa.

2003 Getting along in the Grassfields: aspects of village life in Misaje (North West Cameroon). Film screening, visual Anthropology Film Screenings, University of Kent, September 29, Canterbury.

2002 Misaje, ein kleines Dorf in Nordwest Kamerun. Film screening, Lange Nacht der Wissenschaft, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, November 20, Halle/S.