

Decolonization and the Politics of Wildlife in Africa

Wallenberg Centre, Stellenbosch Institute of Advanced Study (STIAS), South Africa



Preliminary Programme

Tuesday, 26.09.2017

- 12.00 noon Opening Lunch at STIAS
- 01:30 pm – 02:00 Welcome and opening Remarks Issa Fofana (PointSud)
Introduction Bernhard Gissibl & Felix Schürmann
- 02.00 pm – 03:30 **Panel 1: Exclusion, Media, Communities: Key Themes in Long Views**
Chair: **Andreas Eckert** (Humboldt University Berlin)

The Path Dependency of the Conservation Paradigm in Southern Africa: How Systematic Exclusion of Communities Facilitates Poaching and Wildlife Trafficking **Annette Hübschle-Finch** (University of Cape Town)

From Savage Splendor to Mysterious Castles of Clay: A Genealogy of Wildlife Filmmaking in East Africa, 1949–1978 **Katie McKeown** (University of Johannesburg)

'Lineage Husbandry: Local Wildlife Management under a Colonial Protectorate in Northern Rhodesia and Zambia (1930–1980) **Stuart A. Marks** (University of Richmond/University of Bloemfontein)

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- 03:30 pm – 04.00 Coffee break
- 04:00 pm – 05.30 **Opening Keynote: Decolonization and the Politics of Wildlife in South Africa: Reflecting on Past and Present** **Jane Carruthers** (University of South Africa)
- 07:00 pm Opening Reception (Venue tba)

Wednesday, 27.09.2017

- 09:00 am – 10:30 **Panel 2: Wildlife Governance between Endogenous and Exogenous Actors**
Chair: **Felix Schürmann** (University of Kassel)

Eating Game: International Conservation and the Rebranding of African Wildlife, 1955–1965 **Raf de Bont** (University of Maastricht)

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Parks and Recreation: Wildlife Tourism to Kenya and Tanzania in the 1960s and 1970s **Dörte Lerp** (University of Cologne)

A Political Ecology Perspective of Governance of the Table Mountain National Park, Cape Town, South Africa **Brett Myrdal** (South African National Parks)

10:30 am – 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 am – 12:30 **Panel 3: Conceptualizing and Managing Wildlife in East African Decolonization**

Chair: **Daniel Brockington** (University of Sheffield)

Shifting Human-Elephant Relations and Landscape Transformation in Tsavo, Kenya **Peter N. Kamau** (Louisiana State University Baton Rouge)

How Elephants Became a Keystone Species: Moral Jurisdictions of Human-Elephant Entanglement in Postcolonial Tanzania **Celeste Alexander** (University of Princeton)

Decolonization and the Sciences of Wildlife: The Making of the Serengeti Research Institute **Bernhard Gissibl** (Leibniz-Institute of European History Mainz)

12:30 pm – 02:00 Lunch

02:00 pm – 03:30 **Panel 4: Species of Decolonization**

Chair: **Sandra Swart** (University of Stellenbosch)

West African Pygmy Hippos between International Zoological Enigma and National Icons **Stephanie Zehnle** (University of Essen-Duisburg)

Gorilla tourism in a war zone: The commodification of war and the (re-)colonization of the human-gorilla encounter **Esther Marijnen** (University of Sheffield)

The Impacts of the Tranquillizer Gun on Late-colonial and Early-independence Rhino Conservation Policies, 1955–1972 **Felix Schürmann** (University of Kassel)

03:30 pm – 04:00 Coffee break

04:00 pm – 05:30 **Panel Lecture: Animal Agency in Wildlife Encounters** **Mieke Roscher** (University of Kassel)

Thursday, 28.09.2017

All Day Excursion to Table Mountain National Park / Visit of Boulders Beach Penguin Colony (planned)

Friday, 29.09.2017

09:00 am – 10:30 **Panel 5: Vernacular Representations and Practices**
Chair: **Maano Ramutsindela** (University of Cape Town)

Fagunwa's Weird Life as Wildlife Consciousness in African Creative Imagination **Oluwole Coker** (Obafemi Awololo University Ile-Ife)

"They Must Use the Old Line": Contested Memories of Decolonization in Chilolela, Southeastern Zimbabwe **Richard Mtisi** (Luther College, Decorah/Iowa)

Mediating the Moyowosi: Game Scouts, Locals, and Tourists in Western Tanzania **Julie Weiskopf** (University of Wisconsin La Crosse)

10:30 am – 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 am – 12:30 **Panel Lecture: Decolonizing Borders through Peace Parks? Historical and contemporary Evidence** **Maano Ramutsindela** (University of Cape Town)

12:30 pm – 02:00 Lunch

02:00 pm – 03:30 **Panel 6: The Great Debate: Hunting and Conservation**
Chair: **Bernhard Gissibl** (Leibniz-Institute of European History Mainz)

Recreational Hunting and Wildlife Conservation in Kenia, 1951–1977 **Reuben M. Matheka** (Egerton University)

The Portuguese Had no Elephant Policy? Contested Histories of Portuguese Conservation Policies in Mozambique, 1920–1975 **Richard Mtisi** (Luther College, Decorah/Iowa)

"We've Stopped with this Killing": The Hunting Ban and Postcolonial Shifts in Botswana's Wildlife Regime **Annette A. LaRocco** (Florida Atlantic University)

03:30 pm – 04:00 Coffee break

04:00 pm – 05:30 **Panel Lecture: Epistemological Divides? Contrasting approaches to understanding Wildlife Conservation in Social Sciences**
Dan Brockington (University of Sheffield)

07:00 pm Conference Dinner (Restaurant Oppie Dorp, 137 Dorp St, Stellenbosch)

Saturday, 30.09.2017

09:30 am – 11:00 **Panel 7: Decolonizing Policies and Governance?**
Chair: **Jane Carruthers** (University of South Africa)

“Their Heart Abroad Obeying their Master’s Voice”: Kenya’s Wildlife Merger and Decolonization after Independence **Jeff Schauer** (University of Nevada, Las Vegas)

Black Rhinos, White Elephant? - Greater iMfolozi Biodiversity Economy Node and Decolonised Conservation? **Adrian Nel** (University of KwaZulu-Natal)

Performance on Communities Bordering the Gonarezhou National Park in independent Zimbabwe **Baxter Tavuyanago** (Great Zimbabwe University)

11:00 am – 11:15 Coffee break

11:15 am – 12:45 **Concluding Keynote: The Lion's Historian - writing animal-sensitive histories in Africa** **Sandra Swart** (University of Stellenbosch)

12:45 pm – 13:45 Lunch

13:45 pm – 15:15 **Final round table** **Jane Carruthers, Andreas Eckert, Mieke Roscher, Sandra Swart, Maano Ramutsindela**