

# Mobility in the History of Africa. Revisiting the »Mobility Turn«

4–7 June 2024



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**Registration for on-site participation:**

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Three events of the summer university are accessible online.

**Registration for online participation:**

[Zoomlink for the keynote lecture, 4 June, 14.45](#)

[Zoomlink for the panel discussion, 5 June, 16.00](#)

[Zoomlink for the panel discussion, 6 June, 16.00](#)

## ■ Tuesday, 4 June 2024

14.00 Word of welcome, **Klaus Oschema** (DHIP)

Introduction, **Susann Baller** (CMB), **Robert Heinze** (DHIP), **Didier Nativel** (CESSMA)

### 14.45 Keynote

**Sidy Cissokho** (Univ. of Lille), Les transports au Sénégal et la mobilité dans l'histoire de l'Afrique

16.00 Coffee break

### 16.30 Panel 1

#### Urban Mobilities

**Adesoji Adedipe** (Univ. of Kansas), Infrastructure of Mobility and Alterity in Africa.  
Urban Motor Public Transport in Lagos and Durban in Comparative Perspective

**Sarah Fathalla Gaara** (Ain Shams Univ., Kairo), Cairo and its Suburbs.  
A History of Mobility, Urban and Heritage

Commentary: **Sidy Cissokho** (Univ. of Lille)

18.30 Dinner

## ■ Wednesday, 5 June 2024

### 9.00 Panel 2

#### Mobility and the Nation

**Mathias Hack** (Univ. of Leipzig), The Other Side of Tourism.  
The Mobility of Tourist Workers in Kenya

**Kai Herzog** (Bundeswehr Univ. Hamburg), Making a Nation. The Safari Rally and Kenya's Transition from Colonial Rule to Independence, 1953–2002

Commentary: **Miriam Musonye** (Univ. of Nairobi)

**10.30** Coffee Break

**11.00 Interactive workshop 1**

**Stone Karim Mohamad**, *Poetography – Poetry with Pictures. Reflecting about Experiences of Mobility, Travel and Borders*

(The workshop is not open for registration. Only attendants of the summer school can participate.)

**12.30** Lunch break

**14.00 Panel 3**  
**Mobile Labour**

**Clara Torrão Busin** (EHESS), *Memories of Cross-border Labor Migration. The Makonde Diaspora in Mbagala (Dar es Salaam)*

**Simon Werner** (EUI Florence), *Labor Migration and Colonial Social Science in the 1930s. A Conceptual History*

Commentary: **Laurence Marfaing** (GIGA Hamburg)

**15.30** Coffee break

**16.00 Roundtable 1**  
**Continuités des mobilités africaines?**

Discussants: **Laurence Marfaing** (GIGA Hamburg), **Idrissa Ba** (Univ. Cheikh-Anta-Diop, Dakar), **Didier Nativel** (CESSMA)

**18.30** Dinner

## ■ Thursday, 6 June 2024

### 9.00 Panel 4

#### West African Long Distance Connections

**Paul Sprute** (IRS Erkner), The West African Coastal Highway between Liberia and Côte d'Ivoire

**Claude Patrick Fabien Sery** (Univ. Félix Houphouët Boigny, Abidjan), Les implications et dynamiques socio-économiques de la mobilité fluviale de type occidental sur l'axe Sénégal-Niger au XIX<sup>e</sup> siècle

Commentary: **Idrissa Ba** (Univ. Cheikh-Anta-Diop, Dakar)

10.30 Coffee break

### 11.00 Interactive workshop 2

**Stone Karim Mohamad**, Poetography – Poetry with Pictures. Reflecting about Experiences of Mobility, Travel and Borders

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12.30 Lunch break

### 14.00 Panel 5

#### Border Mobilities

**Conrad John Masabo** (Univ. of Dar es Salaam), End of an Era?

Contesting »Sino-Scripts« in Tanzania-China Transport Infrastructure Development

**Caroline King** (Univ. of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg), Ghana's Identification System throughout Time

Commentary: **Baz Lecocq** (Humboldt Univ., Berlin)

15.30 Coffee break

## 16.00 Roundtable 2

### Mobility as an Approach. The »Mobility Turn« – Problems and Opportunities

Discussants: **Sarah Fila-Bakabadio** (EHESS), **Baz Lecocq** (Humboldt Univ., Berlin),  
**Miriam Musonye** (Univ. of Nairobi)

## ■ Friday, 7 June 2024

### 10.00 Panel 6

#### Mobilities in Education

**Derya Bozat** (Univ. of Bern), Nigerians On the Move. Educational Mobility to the Soviet Union during the Cold War (1960–1991)

**Coline Perron** (Univ. of Strasbourg), Les mobilités des étudiants en art éthiopiens et mozambicains en République démocratique allemande (1975–1990). Une approche décentrée de la Guerre froide

**Wanrui Chen** (Free Univ. Berlin), Negotiating the Federal Republic of Germany. African Educational Mobilities in the 1960s

Commentary: **Sarah Fila-Bakabadio** (EHESS)

### 12.00 Lunch break

### 13.00 Closing Keynote

**Baz Lecocq** (Humboldt Univ., Berlin)

Final Discussion

## Notes

