

Social Policies in Africa, 1880-2010: Transnational and domestic factors

Location: University of Bremen Guest House

Address: Auf dem Teerhof 58, 28199 Bremen

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Social policy in Africa, apart from a few countries, is an understudied field. Existing studies, just as in research on social policy on other continents, strongly emphasize the domestic side of policy development. The workshop instead seeks to integrate both domestic and transnational factors that may explain the rise, demise and renaissance of social politics and welfare states in Africa. Pre-colonial systems of redistribution, the activities of missionary societies and brotherhoods, the role of international organizations, transnational mobilization, and bilateral cooperation are just a few aspects. This exploratory workshop aims “to screen the landscape”, exchange ideas on past and future research, explore previously overlooked questions, identify cross-cutting issues, and understand both similarities and differences across contexts.

Program

Wednesday, 5 October

Capitalist Transformation and Social Movements I

2-4:30pm

Chair: Roy Karadag

Introduction

Klaus Schlichte

Social Questions in British Africa, c. 1880-1950

Alex Veit, with Roy Karadag and Klaus Schlichte

Social Movements and Social Policy

Johanna Siméant, Panthéon-Sorbonne, Paris

Evening Lecture

Chair: Alex Veit

5-6:30pm

Max Weber in Mozambique: the dialectics of rationalization

Klaus Schlichte

8pm Dinner: Ratskeller, Am Markt 1

Thursday, 6 October

Capitalist Transformation and Social Movements II

Chair: Klaus Schlichte

9:30-10:30am

Development cooperation as welfare politics in comparative perspective

Ole Therkildsen, Danish Institute for International Studies, Copenhagen

Colonial and Postcolonial Contexts

11-12am

Chair: Roy Karadag

Egypt

Sarah Sabry, University of Zurich

12:30am Lunch: Wohnküche, Weserhaus, Hinter der Mauer 5

2-5pm

Chair: Alex Veit

Senegal

Babacar Fall, Université Cheikh Anta Diop, Dakar

South Africa

Jeremy Seekings, University of Cape Town

Uganda

Jude Kagoro, University of Bremen

7:15pm, walk to restaurant with some sights of Bremen. Meeting point: hotel entrance.

8pm, Dinner: Bellini, Vor dem Steintor 37, 28203 Bremen

Friday, 7 October

Stratification, Welfare Politics and State formation in Africa

9-12am

Chair: Klaus Schlichte

Social stratification in sub-Saharan Africa

Dieter Neubert, University of Bayreuth

Dynamics of Social Policy and State Formation in Africa: Discussion of the project idea

Roy Karadag, with Alex Veit, Klaus Schlichte

Final discussion