

"Engaging Higher Education and Research in, on and with Africa"



Annual Report 2019 for the Forum for Africa Studies, Uppsala University



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Introduction

Uppsala University's Forum for Africa Studies – launched in March 2012 – is a centre for Africa researchers with a broad mandate to cover Africa research and higher education initiatives. The Forum for Africa Studies is located within the Department of Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology, but with the broad aim to support research and higher education in, on, and with Africa at Uppsala University. The Forum should facilitate contacts and the exchange of research information within and outside of the university, including with universities and research institutes in Africa. It organizes lectures, seminars, round-tables, film screenings, workshops, and undergraduate courses in African studies. It runs research projects in collaboration with different stakeholders. The Forum is furthermore leading research application processes, fostering knowledge exchange and collaborations among researchers and students, disciplines and perspectives, actors and institutions.

In 2019, the Forum for Africa Studies hosted, co-hosted or sponsored some 30 public events, including symposia, conference panels, research seminars and book launches. The Forum researchers participated in a number of important meetings, both with various personalities visiting the University, and as part of project application processes. A trend over the last years is that the Forum for Africa Studies organizes an increasing number of public events in African countries. This annual report summarizes activities carried out in the year of 2019; the appendices include a list of all activities and meetings, a list of people involved, and a list of externally funded projects.

Organization and Scope

The Forum for Africa Studies aims to facilitate collaboration, communication and research between scholars and institutions both inside and outside of Uppsala University, as to favor the consolidation of research environments, the development of courses focusing on Africa, collaborations with colleagues at African universities and research institutes. It functions as a platform for interdisciplinary exchange, reflection, work and publication.

In terms of administrative organization, the Forum for Africa Studies has a Board composed of one representative of each faculty¹ within the Humanities and Social Sciences, as well as one joint representative of the faculties of Medicine and Pharmacy; PhD-students and undergraduate students have their representatives (Appendix 2). Since July 2018, the Board's Chairperson is Véronique Simon, Senior Lecturer of Education. The Board meets five to six times per year.

The daily running of the Forum for Africa Studies is led by its Director, Sten Hagberg, in collaboration with several Coordinators (Anna Baral, Erik Berggren, Molly Sundberg, and Ulrika Trovalla). In 2019, the Forum management team organized events and activities, some within the strategic project 'Health, Politics and Culture in Africa', and it also engaged in research and

¹ The faculties within Humanities and Social Sciences at Uppsala University include: Arts, Educational Sciences, Languages, Law, Social Sciences and Theology.

research training projects in Mozambique, Burkina Faso, Tanzania, and Zambia. Today the Forum has several externally funded research projects.

Inside and outside of the university

The Forum for Africa Studies works actively with communication through its website (www.afrikastudier.uu.se) and its Facebook page, as well as its email list with some 300 subscribers. Facebook-publications about events and activities often reach more than 1,000 viewers. We collaborate with the University's Communications Unit in relation to media coverage etc. Since 2015, the successful collaboration with Upsala Nya Tidning around afrophobia and racism in Sweden has substantially extended Forum's public outreach.

The Forum is increasingly present at events and workshops in Africa. Three networks are particularly important in this regard. First, the West African research networks in Mali, Burkina Faso, and Ghana. During 2019, the Francophone research lab entitled [*Laboratoire d'Anthropologie Comparative, Engagée et Transnationale \(LACET\)*](#) was established as an institutional framework between the Forum for Africa Studies (Sweden), the Institut des Sciences des Sociétés (Burkina Faso) and the Institut des Sciences Humaines (Mali). Another major activity in the West African research network concerned the organization of a big international conference. The preparatory work (the writing of concept note, and call for papers and panels; the creation of a conference website; the identification and mobilization of the organization committee), the fund-raising and the selection and papers and panels and the general organization of the international conference [*Beyond Crisis and Insecurity: Cultural Creativity, Popular Struggle, and Social Change in West Africa*](#), that should have taken place in June 2020 had it not been for the corona-pandemic, has been a major activity during 2019. Another important and well-established collaboration is the important ongoing [*commissioned research carried out in Burkina Faso*](#) funded by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida).

Second, the Forum for Africa Studies is involved in four collaborative research training programmes with Eduardo Mondlane University (Mozambique) under the auspices of Sida; the central programme is focusing on [*Municipal Democracy and Local Development in Mozambique*](#). The establishment of the UU/UEM Virtual Seminar in Africa Studies is a major breakthrough in fostering a joint research environment between Uppsala and Maputo.

Third, the Forum is involved in several innovative projects in higher education. The commitment to the Southern African-Nordic Centre (SANORD) is an ongoing commitment to research networks in Southern Africa. An emerging, promising collaboration is developing with El Manar University of Tunis, where both Sten Hagberg and Véronique Simon carried out staff mobility (lecturing, networking) in 2019. Simon made two trips to Tunis: the first in May to prepare for teaching mobility, and to learn more about the university regarding its course curriculum and course literature, examination procedures, access to university library, venues, housing, in order to prepare future exchanges for staff and students. A new ERASMUS+ collaboration project with the Nazi Boni University, Bobo-Dioulasso, Burkina Faso was funded for the period of 2019-2022.

Major Events

Since the start in March 2012, the Forum for Africa Studies has hosted more than 200 public events, including seminars, lectures, round-tables, film-screenings, book launches, symposia, etc. In 2019, we were involved in some 30 public activities and events, most of which included the active involvement of the Forum management team.

One major event was the conversation around Journalist and Author Maria Ripenberg's book *Historiens vita fläckar: Om rasismens rötter i Sverige* (Appell Förlag) on 7 November in the Ihre-Hall. More than 180 people attended the event that was co-hosted with Upsala Nya Tidning. The topic engaged the audience, particularly the silencing of Sweden's racist history in schoolbooks.



On 7 Nov. in the Ihre Hall, Maria Ripenberg presented her book *Historiens vita fläckar* in a panel conversation with Sten Hagberg.

This event shared with other events the topic of representations and silencing of the colonial legacies in contemporary Europe. On 14 May, the Forum organized a screening of the documentary *Crippled Decolonisation of the Africa Museum*, which was followed by a panel discussion between the film's director Matthias de Groof, Museum Education Officer Azmara Nigusse, Burkinabe film director Dani Kouyaté and PhD-Candidate Oulia Makkonen. It attracted an audience of some 40 people.



On 14 May, Oulia Makkonen led a panel around the film *Crippled Decolonisation of the Africa Museum* with Mattias de Groof, Dani Kouyaté, and Azmara Nigusse. Véronique Simon welcomed the audience.

On 9 March, the Forum was one of the organizers of the Annual Thematic Day of Uppsala University's regional fora and centers, at the Uppsala University Museum Gustavianum. This year, the theme was *Food and Foodways* with mini-lectures by Christina Wedén, Åsa Berggren, Ulrica Söderlind, Ingvar Svanberg, Ashok Swain, Dag Blanck, Angela Hoffman and Linley Chiwona Karlun. Sten Hagberg chaired the panels. The Thematic Day had 450 visitors, which is double the amount of visitors the Museum Gustavianum usually has on a Saturday. Other fora and centers participating were the Forum for China Studies, the Swedish Institute for North American Studies, the Institute for Russian and Eurasian Studies, the Forum for Turkic Studies and the Forum for South Asia Studies.

On 13 May, a Roundtable with Ms. Afaf Doleeb, Master Student in Peace and Conflict, and Dr Johan Brosché, researcher in Peace and Conflict was hosted in the Ihre Hall and chaired by Sten Hagberg on the theme 'Sudan after al-Bashir: Time for democracy and revolutionary change?' The event focused on the recent fall of the Sudanese President and attracted some 100 people in the audience. Ms. Afaf Doleeb was later awarded the [Martin H:son Holmdahl Prize for the Promotion of Human Rights and Liberty](https://www.uu.se/en/news/news-document/?id=13626&typ=artikel). In the committee's motivations, it is stated: "*Afaf Doleeb has been diligently engaged in this movement in Sudan and from Sweden, working throughout to ensure a peaceful transition to a new government based on human rights and the rule of law. She recently joined others in creating a Facebook group specifically dedicated to actively monitoring the new government's compliance with the August agreement*".²

² Martin Henriksson Holmdahl Prize goes to Afaf Doleeb and Patricia Lorenzoni, 21 November 2019: <https://www.uu.se/en/news/news-document/?id=13626&typ=artikel>



On 13 May, Afaf Doleeb, and Johan Brosché discussed the situation in Sudan in a panel chaired by Sten Hagberg.

A roundtable on Xenophobia in Africa was organized on 31 October in collaboration with the Dept. of Peace and Conflict Research. It hosted the 2019 Claude Ake Visiting Chair Eghosa Osaghae, as well as Paul Tembe, and Annika Teppo. The roundtable was chaired by Forum Board member Anders Themnér and the Chair of the Claude Ake-Committee.



On 31 Oct., Eghosa Osaghae, Anders Themnér, Annika Teppo and Paul Tembe discussed xenophobia.

Two book launches have been organized, particularly as a way to foster collaborative work in partner countries. On 22 March, the edited volume *Démocratie par le bas et politique municipale au Sahel*, (eds) S. Hagberg, L.O. Kibora and G. Körling, was presented at the Institut des Sciences des Sociétés, in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso. Four contributors were present: Sten Hagberg, Ludovic Kibora, Sidi Barry, and Bintou Koné. Some 40 people attended the release of this new publication in Uppsala Papers in Africa Studies. On 5 October at the Institut des Sciences Humaines in Bamako, Mali, the anthology was also presented to an audience of 40 persons. Two of the editors (Hagberg and Kibora) presented the book together with the contributors Fatoumata Camara, Bintou Koné, Yaouaga Félix Koné, Almamy Sylla, and N'gna Traoré.

Friday Seminar in Africa Studies

The Friday Research Seminar series of 2019 involved a range of scholars. Given the Forum's growing engagement in large-scale research and educational collaborations with African universities (Mozambique, Burkina Faso, and Rwanda), the frequency of seminars were slightly scaled down during the autumn semester. Seminars were still organized on a regular basis in a diversity of scientific disciplines, such as medicine, archaeology, literature, religion, political science, and anthropology. Topics spanned across startups in Ghana, madness/alienation in North African literature, love and intimacy in Uganda, schoolbooks in pre-genocide Rwanda, sexual and reproductive health in Tanzania, religion in African cinemas.

The Friday Seminar in Africa Studies continued its tradition of keeping presentations and discussions informal and inclusive in nature. Most seminars attracted an engaged and interested audience that raised insightful questions and contributed to a vibrant scholarly discussion.

Health politics and culture in Africa

The *Health, Politics and Culture in Africa* project, which is run by the Forum for Africa Studies, is a strategic project funded by the Vice Chancellor's Office of Uppsala University. The project links the Disciplinary Domains of Humanities and Social Sciences, on the one hand, and Medicine and Pharmacology, on the other, together. The aims of the project are to foster and create platforms for interdisciplinary cooperation at the interface of health, politics, and culture. The project has generated interdisciplinary research projects, research cooperation, panels, workshops and seminars – activities that have trickled down and resulted in cooperation on the level of teaching. In 2019, the main areas of research have been *sexual and reproductive health*, *suspicious medical matters* and *skin-lightening*.

Sexual and Reproductive health

During the year, the Forum for Africa Studies has developed a deeper working relationship with International Maternal and Child Health (IMCH), Uppsala University. There have been research seminars on the topic of Tanzanian Health Professionals' Perceptions of Adolescents Accessing Sexual and Reproductive Health Services and mentor mothers in Kingdom of Eswatini (ex-Swaziland), that set an example of how maternal and child health can be improved. A series of workshops were held in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, as a part of a project on the use of vacuum extraction in emergency obstetric care at Muhimbili National Hospital. The workshop series aimed at establishing a joint agenda and collaborative initiatives for an upcoming intervention

study. The work has also resulted in an interdisciplinary research application. The application – *Reconciling Childbirth Traditions: Synergies Between Traditional and Medically Educated Midwives in Sierra Leone* – was submitted to the Swedish Research Council’s development research call but unfortunately not funded (a new revised application was submitted in April 2020).

The work has also resulted in teaching cooperation between the master programme in global health and the course in African Studies. During two weeks in March 2019, students in global health, African studies and medicine shared classes on a number of topics: *Gender in Africa in a Historical Perspective*; *Masculinity and LGBTQ – Focus on Uganda*, *Sexuality, Intimacy and the Body in Contemporary Africa*; and *Male Circumcision and Female Genital Cutting*.

Suspicious Medical Matters

An interdisciplinary book project on *Suspicious Medical Matters* has been running since 2018, when a panel on this theme was organized during the Nordic Africa Days, followed by a publication workshop together with the nine panel contributors. As an outcome, Ulrika Trovalla, who is the coordinator of the *Health, Politics and Culture in Africa* project, is a guest editor of a forthcoming special issue in the *Nordic Journal of African Studies*. Drawing from a multitude of field experiences from the African continent, this issue will delve into the field of suspicion that surrounds medical matters, and will explore how diseases, viruses, medicines and medical practitioners are perceived. In these medical landscapes, suspicions multiply, implicating everything from neighbors, fellow citizens, the nation state and foreign countries as well as international NGOs and companies. During the Fourth Northern European Conference on Emergency and Disaster Studies in Uppsala June 10-12, the project sponsored travels for two participants (Ketema Degefa, Haramay University, Ethiopia; and Emmanuel Kasimbazi, Makerere University, Uganda) on a panel with this theme. One of the papers focused on what the term “malnourished child” means in Ethiopia. Ketema Degefa put emphasis on the differences between the biomedical perspective and the local communities’ interpretations. As part of this research theme one of the Friday research seminars also focused on suspicion, medicine and armed conflict in Africa.

Skin-lightening: Navigating Situated Geographies of Colourism

During the autumn of 2019, an interdisciplinary initiative on skin-lightening was started. It addresses the practice of using chemical substances to lighten the skin or provide an even skin color by reducing the melanin concentration in the skin, which is a common practice in many African countries and in the diaspora. Acknowledging that skin-lightening practices are grown out of colonial and post-colonial power hierarchies, structures and processes, the aim is to move beyond generalized discourses and instead position the practices of skin-lightening within localized experiences of the world. The initiative focuses on discourses around colorism, morality, health, consumption, beauty, success and black identity in West African localities and the West African diaspora. A roundtable will be organized at the West Africa Conference *Beyond Crisis and Insecurity* in January 2021, focusing on local perspectives and bringing together of viewpoints from activists as well as researchers from medical and social sciences and the humanities.

Research Training Collaboration in Mozambique

The Forum for Africa Studies is involved in research partnerships with Mozambique (2017-2022). The application process began in late 2015, but it was only in 2018 that the programmes could start. Forum for Africa Studies is a key partner in three partnerships.

Strengthening Municipal Democracy and Local Development

The Forum for Africa Studies coordinates one programme in partnership with Eduardo Mondlane University and the Dept. of Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology at Uppsala University. Two PhD students in Cultural Anthropology (Paulo Mahumane and Book Sambo) have so far been recruited, and are supervised by Sten Hagberg. The programme also involves curriculum development, support to local master and PhD programmes in Maputo, and the UU/UEM Virtual Seminar that was launched in February. Four virtual seminars were organized during the year:

- 25 February on Decentralization and Municipal Democracy: Challenges and Opportunities for Mozambique, with presentations by PhD student Fernando Manjate, Dr. Orlando Nipassa, PhD student Raul Chambote, Master student Dércio Machavate, Prof. Sten Hagberg, and Dr. Carla Braga.
- 27 May on Methodological Possibilities in Research on Decentralization, with presentations by PhD students Book Sambo and Paulo Mahumane, and Prof. Sten Hagberg.
- 23 September on Biocultural Heritage and Sustainability, with a presentation by Associate Prof. Anneli Ekblom, followed by a presentation by PhD Student Laura Mukwana on Sociocultural Influences on Leadership by Women in Kenya and Mozambique.
- 2 December on Land Governance and Community-based Land Tenure in Mozambique, with presentations by Dr. Elísio Jossias, Master students Américo Zandamela, David Muaga, and Reginaldo Mutemba.



The first UU/UEM Virtual Seminar was launched on 25 February 2019.



UEM delegation with UU hosts: Orlando Nipassa, Cláudio Mungoi, Kerstin Rydbeck, Sten Hagberg, and Elísio Jossias.

Sten Hagberg participated in two meetings in Maputo in October 2019. The Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences of the University of Eduardo Mondlane led a delegation that visited Uppsala in May 2019. The delegation was composed of Prof. Cláudio Mungoi, Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Dr. Orlando Nipassa, Sociology Master Programme, and Dr. Elísio Jossias, Anthropology Master Programme. Amongst other things, the delegation met with Professor Kerstin Rydbeck, Dean of the Faculty of Arts, and Iina Soiri, Director of the Nordic Africa Institute.

Population Dynamics and Socioeconomic Wellbeing

The project is carried out in partnership with Eduardo Mondlane University, Umeå University, University of Witwatersrand, the Dept. of Women's and Children's Health, the Dept. of Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology, and the Forum for Africa Studies at Uppsala University. The involvement of Forum includes curriculum development, as well as the training of one PhD student in Cultural Anthropology. Sten Hagberg interviewed candidates and read master theses as to select a candidate to be recruited (Márcia Manhique).

Biocultural Heritage in Mozambique

In partnerships with the Dept. of Archaeology and the Dept. of Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology at Uppsala University, Forum for Africa Studies is in charge of training a PhD student in Cultural Anthropology. Sten Hagberg interviewed candidates and read master theses as to select a candidate to be recruited (Jossias Humbane).

Burkina Faso seen from below

Since 2018, the Forum for Africa Studies (Sten Hagberg) leads a three-year programme to support Sweden's development cooperation strategy in Burkina Faso through studies "from below" on specific topics (security, women leadership, social inclusion). The programme consists of one annual thematic study and regular support and advice to the Swedish Embassy in Burkina Faso. The Forum for Africa Studies collaborates with Institut des Sciences des Sociétés of the Centre national de la recherche scientifique et technologique, Burkina Faso, as subcontractor in conducting the programme.

The 2018 annual study focused on *Security from Below: Citizen Perceptions and Perspectives on Security Challenges in Burkina Faso*. The study was published (in French) as a book in the Uppsala Papers in Africa Studies in December 2019.

The 2019 annual study focused on Women Leadership and Decentralization in Burkina Faso and included ethnographic fieldwork in 14 municipalities across the country. Eight researchers were involved in the study (four women and four men) which explored how to break the glass ceiling in Burkina Faso. Fieldwork was carried out in March-April and in May-June. A post-fieldwork writing workshop was organized in August. A workshop presenting the main findings was organized in Ouagadougou in January 2020.



Interviews with young and old-time leaders respectively in Bobo-Dioulasso: Chantal Kambire and Madina Sy.

The Uppsala-Cape Coast Rhetoric Collaboration

Since 2016, Forum for Africa studies has functioned as a supportive partner to the Section of Rhetoric at the Department of Literature in its aim to strengthen bonds with the African field of rhetorical studies. The support has included financial support for visiting scholars, expertise in strategic issues related to partnerships with sub-Saharan African universities, administrative support, marketing for public events and access to Forum's interdisciplinary scholarly milieu. The research collaboration with University of Cape Coast has since 2016 been granted funding from Riksbankens Jubileumsfond as well as STINT. During the academic year of 2019-2020, the Forum for Africa studies has offered extensive administrative support in carrying through the first year of a bilateral teacher- and student exchange programme, Linneaus-Palme, financed by Sida and administered by Universitets- och högskolerådet. The exchange included four students from

Uppsala University spending the autumn semester of 2019 in Cape Coast, and four students from University of Cape Coast spending the spring semester of 2020 in Uppsala. A three-week teacher exchange was planned for the spring semester of 2020 but was disrupted by the Covid-19 pandemic. Staff and board members at Forum for Africa studies have supported this collaboration by preparing Swedish students for life in Ghana, by organising the reception of the Ghanaian students as well as offering these students continuous practical support. The Covid-19 pandemic has also led to extra administrative work including the extension of visas for stranded Ghanaian students in Sweden as well as the relocation of funds within the exchange programme budget to offer the Ghanaian students additional financial support. The Forum for Africa Studies has also assisted in the application for a renewed teacher- and student exchange between UCC and UU, to be taking place in 2021.

Southern African-Nordic Centre (SANORD)

Since its creation, the Forum for Africa Studies has been actively involved in SANORD. This has been further strengthened by Vice-Chancellor Eva Åkesson's strong commitment, which in turn led to Uppsala University's hosting of the 2016 SANORD Conference; the Forum for Africa Studies took the lead as main organizer of the Uppsala Conference. In 2019, Forum's Chair-person, Véronique Simon, and its director, Sten Hagberg, attended the conference in Gaborone, Botswana, on 11-13 September. The theme was *The Role of Higher Education in Forging Sustainable Livelihoods*.

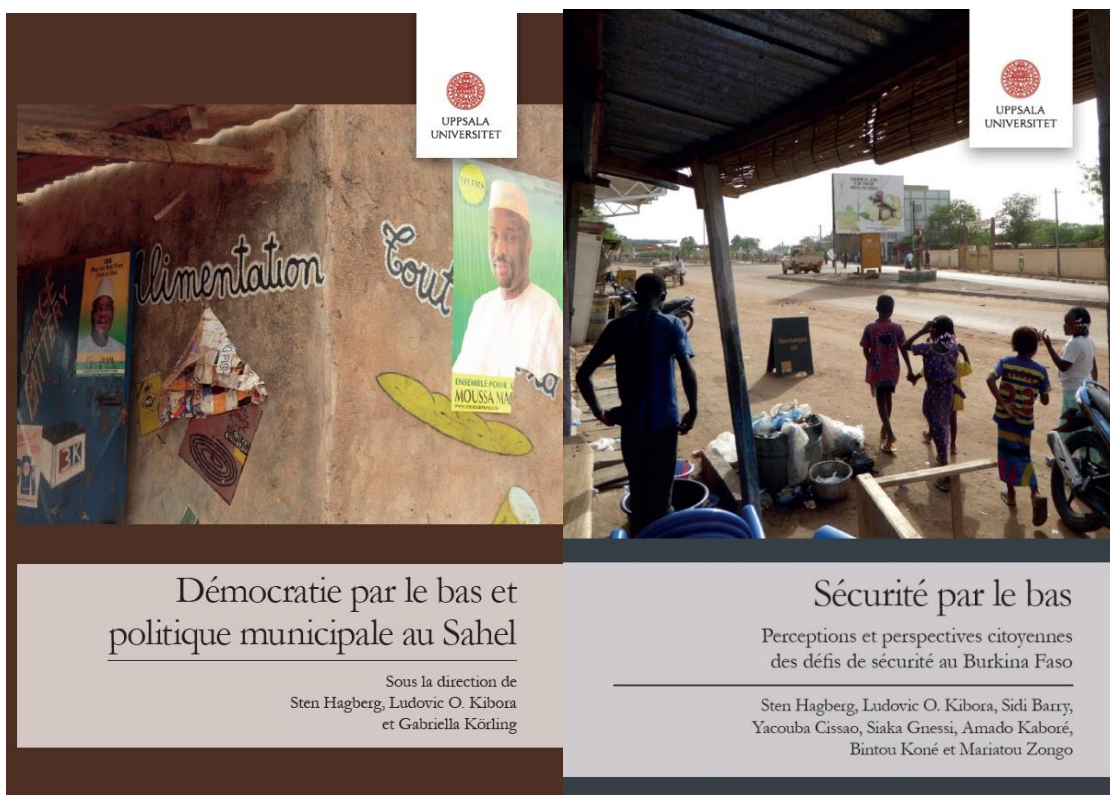
Publications: Uppsala Papers in Africa Studies

In 2017, Forum for Africa Studies launched the new publication series Uppsala Papers in Africa Studies, with the aim to publish, disseminate and make better known Africa research carried out at Uppsala University. Uppsala Papers in Africa Studies is simultaneously published online and in hard copy. The collaborative dimension – across disciplinary borders and in joint research work with African colleagues – is a leading ambition of the series. Publication languages are English, French and Swedish. Series Editor is Sten Hagberg.

In 2019, two issues were published:

- [Démocratie par le bas et politique municipale au Sahel](#), edited by Sten Hagberg, Ludovic O. Kibora, and Gabriella Körling. Uppsala Papers in Africa Studies 4, 2019, Uppsala University.
- [Sécurité par le bas: Perceptions et perspectives citoyennes des défis de sécurité au Burkina Faso](#), by Sten Hagberg, Ludovic O. Kibora, Sidi Barry, Yacouba Cissao, Amado Kaboré, Siaka Gnessi, Bintou Koné and Mariatou Zongo. Uppsala Papers in Africa Studies 5, 2019, Uppsala University.

The series is distributed to journals and bookstores, and sold at Uppsala University: <https://acta.mamutweb.com/Shop/List/-Uppsala-Papers-in-Africa-Studies/159/1>



Courses in African Studies

In 2019, the Forum was involved in the course Afrikanistik (30hp) that was first taught in the Fall of 2017. Ulrika Trovalla and Sten Hagberg spent much work on course development with regards to this full-time course. The English-speaking, evening course in African Studies (15hp) was taught in the Fall of 2019 with Sten Hagberg and Clementina Amankwaah as main teachers.



Vill du veta mer om afrikanska samhällen och kulturer?



Kursen ger grundläggande kunskaper i afrikanistik och en bred introduktion till afrikanska samhällen, länder och diaspora, och ges i nära samarbete med Forum för Afrikastudier.

Afrikanistik, Uppsala universitet, 30hp, heltid, dagtid, svenska, vt 2020

The preparation of the International Conference on Beyond Crisis and Insecurity in West Africa

The Forum of Africa Studies worked a lot with the conceptualization, preparation, fund-raising, organization, and evaluation of the papers for the 11th International Mande Studies Association Conference that should have taken place in June 2020. The conference is jointly hosted by the [Mande Studies Association \(MANSA\)](#), and the Forum for Africa Studies, Uppsala University. The conference will explore the prospects for peace and progress in a region too often stereotyped as conflict-ridden and unstable. Over the last decades, West Africa has undergone multiple crises and insecurities, including civil war, population displacement, political turmoil, popular insurrection, and health epidemics. The Conference aims to produce new understandings of how West Africans assert their ability to mobilize resources from all domains of their lives in order to strategize and struggle to find solutions to ongoing challenges. The purpose is to stimulate scholarship that explores society and culture so as to highlight processes that build, construct, and affirm agency, peaceful coexistence, and social innovation. More than 300 panel and paper abstracts were submitted to the conference abstract portal; 160 were accepted in early 2020. Yet due to the corona-pandemic, the new conference dates are 13-17 January 2021.

Other externally funded projects

Forum for Africa Studies' management team is involved in a number of individual research projects. Coordinator Molly Sundberg works in Rwanda and Tanzania with questions pertaining to the aid industry; she obtained new funding for a three-year VR-project on Ethics, Identity and Everyday Practice in For-Profit Aid in Tanzania and Sweden (2020-23). Coordinator Trovalla is involved in externally funded research projects on infrastructure in Zambia and Nigeria. Coordinator Anna Baral obtained an 18-month postdoc position at Aarhus University on love and intimacies in Uganda. Other externally funded projects have benefitted from the interdisciplinary research environment created by the Forum for Africa Studies. One example is Ashleigh Harris' and Nicklas Hållén's VR project on African Street Literature (2017-2020) that focuses on literary infrastructures and forms of literature that emerge and are shaped by the specific factors determining everyday life in sub-Saharan Africa's megacities. Ashleigh Harris is Associate Professor at the Department of English and Board member of the Forum for Africa Studies. Other examples include PhD projects that are in various ways supported by the Forum, such as Oulia Makkonen's research on religion in African cinema, and Henrik Makokha-Sandell's research on the use of vacuum extraction in emergency obstetric care in Tanzania.

Conclusion

The Forum for Africa Studies has grown since its launching, and its scope has moved from a general mandate to make visible Uppsala University's research in and on Africa to the role as facilitator and active partner in various projects and programmes. While collaboration and commitment are central tenets in Forum's mission, externally funded research projects are key to developing the centre in terms of research and research training, teaching and public outreach.

The core funding of Forum for Africa Studies is continuously low. In 2019, Hagberg (10%), Sundberg/Baral/Bengtson (20%) and Trovalla (30%) have been running the secretariat. The Dept. of Education is supporting the Chairperson of Forum for Africa Studies (Véronique Simon) through 5% teaching reduction. The low core funding means that many activities are dependent

on external funding. A more consistent core funding would enable a stronger institutionalization and scholarly autonomy of the Forum for Africa Studies. The Forum for Africa Studies has successfully applied for and obtained external grants. In 2019, the total amount of external funding administered by the Forum for Africa was some SEK 12 million for the programmes in Mozambique (five years) and Burkina Faso (three years).³ The collaboration with Uppsala University's International Division on student and staff mobility is strategic, despite the fact that the funding is not administered by the Forum for Africa Studies.

³ The total amount of external funding of the Mozambique programmes in which the Forum for Africa Studies is involved include 40 million SEK in five years.

Appendices

Appendix 1: List of Events 2019

1-14 February : Teaching mobility by Sten Hagberg at the Institut Supérieur des Sciences Humaines de Tunis, El Manar University of Tunis, Tunisia, including a public lecture on 7 February entitled: *La sécurité vue et vécue par le bas: Perceptions locales et initiatives citoyennes au Burkina Faso et au Mali*.

11-22 February: A series of workshops took place in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania in a collaboration between Uppsala University and Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Science, together with collaborators from Aga Khan University Tanzania, Muhimbili National Hospital, Umeå University and Leiden University. As part of Forum for Africa Studies' PhD student representative Henrik Makokha-Sandell's PhD project on the use of vacuum extraction in emergency obstetric care at Muhimbili National Hospital, the workshops aimed at establishing a joint agenda and collaborative initiatives for an upcoming intervention study.

22 February: Friday Seminar in Africa Studies, with Kajsa Hallberg Adu (Ashesi University, Ghana) and Ulrik Jennische (Stockholm University): *Opportunity Drought: State Policy and Youth Aspirations in Ghana*.

25 February: UU/UEM Virtual Seminar in Africa Studies: *Decentralization and Municipal Democracy – Challenges and Opportunities for Mozambique*, with Carla Braga, UEM, Sten Hagberg, UU, Fernando Manjate, UEM/UU, Orlando Nipassa, UEM, Raul Chambote UEM, and Dércio Machavate, UEM. Chair Molly Sundberg.

8 March: Friday Seminar in Africa Studies, with Hernán Horna, Uppsala University: *Can historians also incorporate the 'unequal exchange' into their research? A World History of the Third World – Africa and Latin America*.

9 March: The Annual Thematic Day of Uppsala University's regional fora and centers in Uppsala University Museum Gustavianum on *Food and Foodways* with mini-lectures by Christina Wedén, Åsa Berggren, Ulrica Söderlind, Ingvar Svanberg, Ashok Swain, Dag Blanck, Angela Hoffman and Linley Chiwona Karlton. The panels were chaired by Sten Hagberg. In association with Forum for Africa Studies, Forum for China Studies, The Swedish Institute for North American Studies, Institute for Russian and Eurasian Studies, Forum for Turkic Studies and Forum for South Asia Studies. Around 450 visitors attended.

22 March: Book launching of the edited volume *Démocratie par le bas et politique municipale au Sahel* (eds) S. Hagberg, L.O. Kibora and G. Körling at the Institut des Sciences des Sociétés, Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, with four of its contributors: Sten Hagberg, Ludovic Kibora, Sidi Barry, and Bintou Koné.

26 April: Friday Seminar in Africa Studies with Véronique Simon, Uppsala University: *Madness/alienation/strangeness in North African literature*.

30 April-11 May: Véronique Simon visited the Institut Supérieur des Sciences Humaines de Tunis, El Manar University of Tunis, Tunisia, to plan for collaboration and teacher exchange. One objective was to prepare the teaching visit in October; another was to get acquainted with the university.

6-10 May: A delegation from Eduardo Mondlane University, Mozambique, led by Prof. Cláudio Mungoi, Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Dr. Orlando Nipassa, and Dr. Elísio Jossias.

10 May: Friday Seminar in Africa Studies with Anna Baral, Uppsala University: *Love is a project: desiring intimate futures in Uganda*.

13 May: A Roundtable with Ms. Afaf Doleeb and Dr Johan Brosché: *Sudan after al-Bashir: Time for democracy and revolutionary change?* Chair: Sten Hagberg. 90 people attended.

14 May: Film and roundtable discussion: *Crippled decolonization of the Africa Museum* by Matthias DeGroof, followed by a discussion with the film's director, Dani Kouyaté and Azmara Nigusse. Chair: Oulia Makkonen. 50 people attended.

21 May: Public Lecture with Sealing Cheng, The Chinese University of Hongkong: *Choreography of Masculinity - The Pursuit of Marriage by African Men in Forced Displacement in Hong Kong*. 30 people attended.

27 May: UU/UEM Virtual Seminar in Africa Studies: *Methodological Possibilities in Research on Decentralisation*, with papers by sandwich PhD Students in Cultural Anthropology, Book Sambo and Paulo Mahumane, after a brief introduction by Prof. Sten Hagberg. Chair: Erik Bengtson.

10-12 June: Forum sponsored the participation (travel, housing, etc.) of two African scholars (Ketema Degefa, Haramay University, Ethiopia; and Emmauel Kasimbazi, Makerere University, Uganda) at the Fourth Northern European Conference on Emergency and Disaster Studies (NEEDS) at Uppsala University.

29 August: A delegation of the University of Johannesburg visited Uppsala University; the Forum received the delegation with a joint-presentation by Sten Hagberg, Ashleigh Harris, Ulrika Trovalla, and Fernando Manjate

11-13 September: 12th Southern African - Nordic Centre (SANORD) 2019 Annual Scientific Conference, Gaborone, Botswana, on *The Role of Higher Education in Forging Sustainable Livelihoods*. Sten Hagberg and Véronique Simon participated and presented papers.

17 September: Seminar with Eric Mutabazi, Université Catholique de l'Ouest and in Charge of the département des formations universitaires à la faculté d'éducation, Angers, France: *Conflits interethniques et génocide au Rwanda : Les manuels scolaires d'histoire ont-ils une part de responsabilité ?*

23 September : UU/UEM Virtual Seminar in Africa Studies: *Biocultural Heritage and Sustainability*, with Anneli Ekblom, Uppsala University with PhD Student Laura Mukwana, Eduardo Mondlane University, presenting on "A Comparative Analysis of Sociocultural Influences on Leadership by Women in Kenya and Mozambique".

27 September: Friday Seminar in Africa Studies with Sara Bylund, International Maternal and Child Care: *Tanzanian Health Professionals' Perceptions of Barriers for Adolescents Accessing Sexual and Reproductive Health Services*.

3 October: Film screening with Film Director Dani Kouyaté: *Soleils*.

5 October: Book Presentation at the Institut des Sciences Humaines in Bamako, Mali: *Démocratie par le bas et politique municipale au Sahel* (eds) S. Hagberg, L.O. Kibora, and G. Körling, Uppsala Papers in Africa Studies 4.

12-20 October: Véronique Simon did a teaching mobility at the Institut Supérieur des Sciences Humaines of the El Manar University of Tunis, Tunisia.

11 October: Friday Seminar in Africa Studies with Oulia Makkonen: *Religions in Sub-Saharan African cinemas: Authenticities and Others*.

17-19 October: Jornadas científicas at UEM Faculty Conference in Mozambique on the topic: *Weaving interdisciplinarity in Social and Human Sciences research*. Sten Hagberg attended and presented a paper.

29 October: Roundtable with Prof. Eghosa Osaghae, Dr. Paul Tembe, and Associate Prof. Annika Teppo on *Xenophobia in Africa in Perspective*. Chair: Associate Prof. Anders Themnér. 60 people attended

7 November: Författarsamtal (Author Talk) with journalist and author Maria Ripenberg (Upsala Nya Tidning): *Historiens vita fläckar*. Moderator Sten Hagberg.

22 November: Friday Seminar in Africa Studies with Victor Adetula, Nordic Africa Institute: *Medicine and Armed Conflict in Africa*.

2 December: Public Lecture with Associate Prof. Kristof Titeca, University of Antwerpen on Rebel Lives. Presentation of the *Rebel Lives: Photographs from inside the Lord's Resistance Army* (Hannibal Press, 2019). Some 40 people attended.

2 December: UU/UEM Virtual Seminar in Africa Studies: *Land Governance and Community-based Land Tenure in Mozambique* with presentations by Dr. Elísio Jossias, and Master students Américo Zandamela, David Muaga, and Reginaldo Mutemba, all from University of Eduardo Mondlane. Chair: Erik Bengtson.

Appendix 2: The Board and Management of Forum for Africa Studies

The Board

Director: Professor Sten Hagberg

Faculty of Educational Sciences: Dr Véronique Simon, Chair (since July 2018)

Faculty of Languages: Associate Professor Ashleigh Harris

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Director Professor Sten Hagberg

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Coordinator Dr. Ulrika Trovalla

Coordinator Dr. Anna Baral (March-July 2019)

Coordinator Dr. Erik Bengtson (September-December 2019)

Appendix 3: Externally funded projects hosted or co-hosted by the Forum for Africa Studies

Four research training programmes with Mozambique, totaling SEK 8 million (2017-22). Coordinator: Sten Hagberg

One commissioned research programme 'Burkina Faso seen from below', totaling SEK 4,3 million (2018-20). Project leader: Sten Hagberg

Two ERASMUS+-projects: Nazi Boni University, Burkina Faso, totaling SEK 600.000 (2019-20), (Coordinator Sten Hagberg) and El Manar University, Tunisia, administered by the International Division (2018-21).

One VR UFORSK project Career Movements and Networks in Contractual Development Work: On Ethics, Identity and Everyday Practice in For-Profit Aid, totaling SEK 2,789,000 (2020-23). Project leader: Molly Sundberg

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