Friday Seminar in Africa Studies

**Strategies on managing HIV infections and adherence to ARV’s by young people aged 15-24 in Kenya: a comparative analysis of boys and girls.**

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In-spite of Kenya being classified as a high-burden country by WHO, less than half of those in need of HIV care and treatment are reached. HIV/AIDS-related deaths among adolescents have tripped worldwide since 2000; 85% of these deaths occur in Sub-saharan Africa with Kenya being one of the high-burden countries. Even though more girls than boys are living with HIV, boys show more AIDS-related deaths than girls. Research in Kenya shows that although young people engage in sex at early ages, the government, family members and society as a whole choose to ignore/pretend that is not happening.

This seminar will discuss the strategies employed by young people in Kenya to manage HIV infection in a context of cultural, religious, social and political contradictions on issues pertaining sex and sexuality especially with regard to young people.

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