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Introduction

The creation of Forum for Africa Studies was decided in September 2011 by the Disciplinary Domain of the Humanities and Social Sciences at Uppsala University, and launched in March 2012.¹ Institutionally, it is hosted by the Department of Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology.

The purpose is to support research and higher education on Africa in Uppsala University and to facilitate contacts and the exchange of research information between departments as well as outside of the university. Forum for Africa Studies organizes lectures and round-tables, and hosts seminars. The public outreach of Africa research at Uppsala University is a central issue. Over the years, Forum has furthermore come to lead research application processes and research processes, by providing encounters between researchers and students, disciplines and perspectives, Swedish and African actors and institutions. It is based on collaboration between Africa researchers, and actors within and outside of Uppsala University, and researchers and students.

This annual report summarizes the activities, projects and processes that Forum has been involved in during 2016.² Forum has hosted, co-hosted or sponsored 35 events in 2016 that could be divided into big public events (conference, symposium, roundtable), seminars with some 10-20 participants, proposal writing workshops, and scientific leadership and coordination, most notably by leading the organization committee of the SANORD Conference in September 2016. In addition to these events, Forum members have participated in numerous coordination and contact meetings inside and outside of the university. Forum for Africa Studies is today a reference for any activity and/or visit in relation to the African continent that engages Uppsala University, including its relationship with Nordic Africa Institute and Swedish Agricultural University.

Organization and Scope

Forum for Africa Studies is led by Sten Hagberg in close collaboration with the Coordinator(s). In 2016, Eren Zink was coordinating the Forum activities and the Health, Politics and Culture in Africa project. A PhD-student in Cultural Anthropology (Anna Baral) was Forum's assistant. Over the year 2015-2016, Ryan Skinner, The Ohio State University, was guest researcher, and he contributed substantially to a research application on afrophobia and a workshop on Afro-Swedish contemporary history.

The Board is composed of one representative of each faculty within the Social Sciences and Humanities, as well as one representative of the faculties of medicine (Appendix 2). PhD-students and undergraduate students have their respective representative on the Board that meets five to six times per year. The board-meetings are collegial and aim to get ideas and inputs to Forum, as well as to coordinate and plan activities.

Forum for Africa Studies is placed at the Department of Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology with a broad mandate for the enhancing relevant issues for research and higher

¹ For a more substantial description of Forum's foundation, see Sten Hagberg's report *Forum för Afrikastudier: En tvärdisciplinär forskningsmiljö vid Uppsala universitet*: <http://www.afrikastudier.uu.se/FileManager/Rapport%20Forum%20f%C3%B6r%20Afrikastudier%2016%20februari%202016.pdf>

² In the Appendices, lists of all events in 2016 (Appendix 1) and of Forum's board and management (Appendix 2) are compiled.

education. By being grafted on a strong Africa research environment, Forum has largely benefitted from well-established networks, contacts and research projects, at the same time as the existing anthropological research environment has been broadened and reinforced, enriched and cross-fertilized. In mid-2016, initial steps were taken to seek to establish Forum as a section within the department.

Inside and outside of the university

Forum has further developed its website and the Facebook page. The latter is a key instrument to distribute information of events and activities; we often reach between more than 1,000 viewers with our Facebook-publications. Currently, the email-list to which we send all information counts 250 subscribers.

A new logotype was developed together with a rollup to be used at Forum events. We also collaborate with the University's Communications Unit in relation to media coverage etc. The successful collaboration with Uppsala Nya Tidning has meant that also extended Forum's public outreach.

In the Fall, Forum commissioned researcher Molly Sundberg to conduct an updated mapping of Africa research done at Uppsala University, so as to complement previous work and make an updated analysis of research and higher education initiatives. The report is being finalized in February 2017.

Finally, Forum is working to develop existing relationships with academic actors and institutions on the African continent. The West African research networks in anthropology are, for instance, benefitting from the broader interdisciplinary scope of Forum for Africa Studies.

SANORD Conference

Forum for Africa Studies played a key role in the organization of the SANORD Conference, 7-9 September 2016. Mandated by Vice Chancellor Eva Åkesson, Sten Hagberg suggested the conference theme and then led the committee's work. Eren Zink also participated in the committee. Forum also supported the conference financially in various ways, including some speakers.

The theme of the Conference was *Beyond New Public Management?: Exploring New Paradigms of Governance and Public Service Provisioning*. Keynote-speakers were Ameenah Gurib-Fakim, President of the Republic of Mauritius, Kerstin Sahlin, Uppsala University, Collen Masimirembwa, The African Institute of Biomedical Science and Technology (Zimbabwe), and Heila Lotz-Sisitka, Rhodes University (South Africa). The conference aimed to highlight the need to rethink, scrutinize and look beyond the dominant paradigm of New Public Management, especially when it comes to governance and public service provisioning. In health-care, schooling, social services, as well as in many other sectors of society, issues pertaining to the State's responsibility and role as provider of services are on the top of the political agenda. We also hosted a round-table with a high profile panel open to the wider public. Fifty-one papers were presented at the conference in eleven workshops. Altogether some 100 participants attended the SANORD Conference.³

³ The organization committee was composed of Sten Hagberg (Chair), Ulrica Ouline, Helena Eklund Snäll, Eren Zink, Jakob Svensson, Shepherd Urenje, Thomas Fredengren, Carla Puglia and Stefan Swartling Peterson (later replaced

Since then, the organization committee has been turned into a reference group supporting Vice-Chancellor's SANORD chairpersonship 2017-2018. Forum for Africa Studies is the uniting network and for the upcoming conference in Zimbabwe by the end of 2017, we plan to organize panels and also encourage individual papers by Uppsala researchers and their networks.

Major Events

Since the start in March 2012, Forum for Africa Studies has hosted or co-hosted more than 85 events, including seminars, lectures, round-tables and film-screenings. Only in 2016, we have been involved in 35 events, most of which included the active involvement of the Forum management team.

On 20 January 2016, a Roundtable entitled *Afrosvenska historier: spåren av slaveri och kolonialism*, was organized in collaboration with Upsala Nya Tidning in Aula Magna of Uppsala University. Presentations were made by Adam Tensta, Göran Rydén, Faaid Ali Nuur, Ryan Skinner, and Victoria Kawesa. The roundtable that was chaired by Maria Ripenberg and Sten Hagberg had some 400 people in the audience. It was live-streamed and also broadcast by Utbildningsradion.⁴ This major event was followed up by a smaller workshop *Afro-Swedish Contemporary History and Identity Formation* on 9 June with presentations by Ryan Skinner, Madubuko Diakit , Victoria Kawesa, Kitimbwa Sabuni, Maureen Hoppers, and Araia Ghirmai Sebhatu.

In September, Burkina Faso was in focus. On 13 September, the screening of the film "Une r volution africaine", an insightful documentary of the 2014 Burkinabe revolution, took place with 40 persons in the audience. On 15 September, the 2016 Nelson Mandela Memorial Lecture was given by Agustin Loada, University of Ouagadougou II on Burkina Faso's political transition from a composite viewpoint of an engaged scholar turned activist and minister. Some 60 people attended. On 17 September, there was a thematic day on Burkina Faso with a workshop in the morning and thematic presentations and cultural entertainments until the evening. Some 250 persons attended the thematic day.

On 19 November, Forum participated in the Thematic Day for Regional studies fora and centers. This year the theme was *Religion and Politics*. Sten Hagberg chaired the roundtables (one in English and one in Swedish), and also talked on Grassroots Islam facing the Jihadist threat. Erik Egeland presented his research on Christian conversion in Ethiopia. Mats Utas' exhibition of photos from Sierra Leone was displayed. Some 450 visitors attended the thematic day.

Friday Seminars in African Studies

Our Friday Seminars series ("Fredagsforsk") has run through all 2016, with seminars every two weeks. Yet when the Forum has been active in the organization of bigger events, the *Fredagsforsk* – rather informal, friendly and flexible – has been postponed. Each time, a

by Birgitta Ess n). The practicalities were taken care of by Akademikonferens. The conference website is here: <http://akkonferens.slu.se/sanord2016/>

⁴ The film from the roundtable may be seen at: <https://urskola.se/Produkter/194147-UR-Samtiden-Afrosvenska-historier-Afrosvenska-historier>

presenter has been given around 30 minutes to present his/her research, followed by a discussion. *Fredagsforsk* is a 'small' event gathering around 10-20 people. Its strength lies in the interdisciplinary quality of the presentations and that it offers researchers the opportunity to meet and discuss current projects.

Some seminars were organized within the "Health, Politics and Culture in Africa"-project. Examples of these include seminars on the 'double burden' of disease, or the coexistence of communicable and non-communicable diseases in Africa (Stefan Swartling Peterson), and antimicrobial resistance in sustainable development has been debated (Dušan Jasovský and Bronwen Holloway, from ReAct – Action on Antibiotic Resistance). Meanwhile, a number of other research topics in addition to health were also discussed during the 2016 seminars. Cristiano Lanzano, Nordic Africa Institute, presented research on the socio-technical systems of artisanal gold mining in West Africa. Nadine Lake, Center for Gender Studies, presented a chapter from her PhD dissertation on representations of black lesbian sexualities in South Africa. An exciting and productive bridge between humanities and natural sciences was offered by Laura Riggi, PhD-candidate at Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, who presented her research on edible insects in Benin in her seminar.

The Friday Seminars also offered a chance to share provisional results of ongoing research, like in the case of Sten Hagberg's presentation on Burkina Faso politics; or to discuss recent literature, as in the case of Eren Zink and Gabriella Körling's reading workshop on the recently published "Traces of the Future: An Archaeology of Medical Science in Africa" (Geissler and Lachenal 2016). Naomi Umuhoza and Tom Mulisa, PhD-candidates at the Department of Law, introduced to us their respective research on the Rwandan judicial proceeding and the East African Community respectively. Ezekia Mtetwa, PhD-candidate from the Department of Archeology and Ancient History, showed how he is using evidence from local iron-production techniques to reconceptualise the history of Great Zimbabwe. Tasnim Qutait, who recently got her PhD in English Literature, discussed her work in progress on the intersections of migration and violence in Arabic literature. Moreover, Rebeckah Lee, (Goldsmiths College, University of London) at the time Fellow in Residence at the Swedish Collegium for Advanced Study in Uppsala, spoke on Black forensic pathology officers in the new South Africa.

The Friday Seminar has provided encounters for networking and for updating research carried out in, on and around Africa, in Uppsala and beyond. The seminar series shows how well established the Forum for Africa Studies is in attracting actors from various disciplines and research areas.

Health Politics and Culture: New networks and new projects

The Health, Politics and Culture in Africa project at Forum for Africa Studies is an initiative that began in the autumn of 2015 following a strategic three-year investment by the Vice-Chancellor's Office of Uppsala University.⁵ The initiative brings together researchers, faculty and students from the social sciences, humanities, and medical and pharmaceutical faculties at Uppsala University to create interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary platforms and networks for teaching, supervision and research. Beyond Uppsala University, the initiative is intended to

⁵ The Health, Politics and Culture in Africa project is funded by Vice-Chancellor's Strategic funds since June 2015.

strengthen and expand collaborations and partnerships with universities, research institutions and other organizations on the African continent and elsewhere.

The year of 2016 was important for establishing the Health, Politics and Culture in Africa theme within Uppsala University and for making strategic linkages with partners abroad. The sixteen main events carried out during 2016 involved nearly 400 researchers, scholars, and other stakeholders. Events organized, sponsored or co-sponsored by the initiative included:

- 2 conference panels (SANORD and Nordic Africa Days)
- 1 Co-organization of an international conference (SANORD)
- 5 *Fredagsforsk* seminars
- 2 planning workshops
- 3 research seminars
- 1 grant writing workshop in Mozambique
- 1 research workshop
- 1 International symposium

Partners to these events were drawn from across Uppsala University, as well as other institutions in Sweden (e.g. Umeå University, Karolinska University, the International Foundation for Science, ReAct Network) and abroad (e.g. Southern Africa-Nordic Centre, Eduardo Mondlane University, Uganda Council for Science and Technology, University of Copenhagen, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Yale University).

In addition to these events, the Health, Politics and Culture in Africa initiative enabled Forum for Africa Studies to act as a key coordinating partner in the authoring of two proposals submitted to Sida to carry out interdisciplinary programmes of research training within the theme of health and wellbeing together with Eduardo Mondlane University in Mozambique and other Swedish and South African partners. Approval of one proposal with a budget of 17 million SEK was received from Sida in late 2016. This project, alongside two other Sida-supported research training programmes at Forum for Africa Studies, is slated to begin during the second half of 2017.

Forum's strategy for creating new synergies at Uppsala University are well illustrated by its activities related to antimicrobial resistance, a priority subtheme of the initiative, during 2016. A Friday Seminar was organized on 8 April where representatives of ReAct Network presented an advocacy article and engaged in discussions with an interdisciplinary group of researchers and PhD students. Out of this seminar a working group was formed with representatives from ReAct Network, Uppsala University, the International Foundation for Science (Sweden) and Makerere University (Uganda) with the goal of stimulating new interdisciplinary research related to antimicrobial resistance. Through the work of this group and the resources at Forum for Africa Studies an international symposium on Antimicrobial Resistance in Africa was convened in Uppsala in November, and by the end of 2016 at least three interdisciplinary research funding proposals were being developed by Uppsala participants in that workshop.

Another strategy of the initiative is to bring guest researchers from the African continent to Uppsala in order to enrich the learning and research environment at the university. During September 2016 Forum for Africa Studies welcomed Carla Braga, a medical

anthropologist at Eduardo Mondlane University in Mozambique, as a guest researcher for three weeks. During her stay Braga shared her research at two Uppsala conferences (SANORD 2016 and Nordic Africa Days 2016) as well as at a well-attended research seminar held at the Department of Women's and Children's Health. Carla Braga also led a PhD student research workshop attended by ten students from four departments (Department of Women's and Children's Health, the Department of Food, Nutrition and Dietics, the Center for Gender Research, and the Department of Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology).

Amongst other activities, Coordinator Eren Zink was a member of the local organizing committee of the SANORD Conference held in Uppsala resulting in the foregrounding of a health governance subtheme and keynote address. In addition, a double conference panel on the health theme was organized for the Nordic Africa Days Conference which drew paper presenters from Uppsala University, the Nordic Africa Institute, Eduardo Mondlane University, the University of Porto, and the University of Helsinki. Beyond Sweden, networking and research exchange activities specific to the health theme took place in Uganda and Mozambique during 2016.

During 2016 the Health, Politics and Culture in Africa project was led by Sten Hagberg (Dept. of Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology) and Birgitta Essén (Dept. of Women's and Children's Health). Stefan Swartling Peterson (Dept. of Women's and Children's Health) stepped down from his leadership role when he moved to a new position at UNICEF in New York during spring, 2016. The initiative continued to be coordinated by Eren Zink (Dept. of Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology).

Research Training Collaboration in Mozambique

Forum for Africa Studies took a prominent role in Uppsala University's response to the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency's (Sida) call for research partnerships with Mozambique (2017-2021). The application process began in late 2015 and stretched until late 2016 and included periods of intense activity. At the conclusion of the process, Uppsala University was a partner to six successful proposals, and Forum for Africa Studies was a key partner in three of these:

- *Population dynamics and socioeconomic well-being*, in partnership with Eduardo Mondlane University, Umeå University, University of Witwatersrand, and the Dept. of Women's and Children's Health, the Dept. of Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology, and other departments at Uppsala University. Approved budget: 17,000,000 SEK.
- *Strengthening Municipal Democracy and Local Development*, in partnership with Eduardo Mondlane University and the Dept. of Anthropology at Uppsala University. Approved budget 12,500,000 SEK.
- *Biocultural Heritage in Mozambique*, in partnerships with the Dept. of Archaeology and the Dept. of Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology at Uppsala University. Approved budget: 11,000,000 SEK.

The combined budget of the three projects (to be shared amongst all partners) is 40,5 million SEK. Uppsala University as a whole is partner to six projects with a total budget of 86,5 million SEK. Forum's involvement in the Sida call for proposals began during 2015 and continued

through 2016. In early January, six Letters of Intent to collaborate that included Forum for Africa Studies as a full partner were submitted by the Vice Chancellor of Eduardo Mondlane University to Sida. Of these, five of the letters resulted in an invitation to submit a full proposal. With travel support from Sida, Sten Hagberg and Eren Zink spent a total of 17 days in Maputo during June to negotiate and develop four full proposals together with partners from Mozambique, Sweden and South Africa. Full proposals were finalized and submitted during July, and Forum was notified in late November that the three abovementioned projects were successful.

Forum for Africa Studies' role in the projects is to strengthen interdisciplinary research capacity by supporting research communication and training across the various partner institutions. In particular, Forum will develop and offer graduate level courses, curriculums, and internet-linked research seminars in collaboration with counterparts in Mozambique. These activities will complement PhD and Master degree training as well as other research capacity strengthening activities led by other partners to the projects.

Forum's participation in the application process was made possible by financial support to forum from Uppsala University, and represents the potential for returns from relatively small investments in research networks and centers. The *Population dynamics and socioeconomic well-being* project is particularly interesting in this respect because it brings together a new interdisciplinary constellation of partners from medical, social sciences and humanities faculties. This outcome is a direct result of financial support to the Health, Politics and Culture in Africa project from the Vice-Chancellor's Office of Uppsala University.

Courses in African Studies

Forum has also initiated work to develop courses in African Studies. Sten Hagberg is currently in charge of the 15hp course, African Studies, offered by the Department of Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology since long time back. A new initiative is that from the Fall 2017, the Department will offer a one-semester course in African Studies (in Swedish) by drawing on Forum's interdisciplinary network and teaching resources. The overall objective is to provide basic knowledge in African Studies and its theoretical and methodological approaches. It will provide an introduction to African societies and countries, including the African diaspora. The course will furthermore highlight Afro-Swedish relations, connections and contexts. Through the combination of interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary perspectives the course offers tools for analyzing complex historical and contemporary contexts.

Conclusion

Forum for Africa Studies has been exponentially growing since the launching in March 2012. In 2016, the strategic investment in developing research application processes and projects has paid off. Forum will be highly involved in the research training programmes in Mozambique. In the assessment of one of the programmes (the one on Cultural Anthropology) within which Forum is involved it is stated: "The competence on the Swedish side is very strong. Forum for Africa Studies will be a key partner at UU".

Other applications have been developed and submitted by Forum members. More and more partners have inquired for the possibility of housing research projects at Forum, meaning that the interdisciplinary character is further strengthened.

The number of events has also increased. Between 2012 and 2015 Forum hosted or co-hosted more than 50 events; in 2016, we were part of 35 events that were attended by more than 1,500 people. While this means that we are getting recognition and strength in terms of organizational capacity, it also underlines the need for a stronger institutional role and attachment. For instance, the leading role in organizing the SANORD conference was strategically important, while it also strained our organizational capacity. Another example is the involvement in the Mozambique programmes.

Appendices

List of Forum activities 2016

- Jan 5- Research Grant Writing Workshop: *Food, Nutrition and Climate Change*. Co-Organized with Stockholm Environmental Institute, SWEDESD, and IMCH.
- Jan 20- Panel: *Afro-Swedish Stories: The tracks of Slavery and Colonialism*. Co-sponsored with Upsala Nya Tidning. Presentations by Adam Tensta, Göran Rydén, Faaid Ali Nuur, Ryan Skinner, and Victoria Kawesa.
- Jan 26- Film Screening: *Timbuktu*. Co-sponsored with Friendship Association For African Film.
- Feb 5- Friday Seminar: *Double Burden of Disease - Tackling the unfinished Infectious Disease agenda and the Non-Communicable Disease epidemic in weak health systems*. Presentation by Stefan Swartling Peterson (Dept. of Women's and Children's Health, IMCH, Uppsala).
- Feb 26- Friday Seminar: *The socio-technical systems of artisans gold mining in West Africa: Case studies from Burkina Faso and Guinée Conakry*. Presentation by Christiano Lanzano (Nordic Africa Institute).
- Mar 15- Film Screening: *Necktie Youth*. Co-hosted with Friendship Association For African Film.
- Mar 18- Friday Seminar: *Popular Struggle and Scholarly Engagement*. Presentation by Sten Hagberg (Dept. of Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology, Uppsala University).
- Apr 8- Friday Seminar: *Antimicrobial resistance in sustainable development: A threat and opportunity*. Presentations by Dušan Jasovský (ReAct, Uppsala University) and Bronwen Holloway (ReAct, Uppsala University).
- Apr 21- Planning Workshop: *Antimicrobial resistance in Africa*. Co-sponsored with ReAct and IFS.
- Apr 29- Friday Seminar: *Of medicalization, mortality and postmortems: Black forensic pathology officers in the new South Africa*. Presentation by Rebekah Lee (Senior Lecturer in History, Goldsmiths College, University of London, and Fellow in Residence at the Swedish Collegium for Advanced Study).
- May 2-4- PhD Workshop: *Anthropologies of Democracy and Public Engagement*. Co-sponsoring of a PhD-course on *Doing Anthropology on Democracy and Public Engagement*, 7,5hp, together with Research School for Swedish Anthropology.
- May 11- Planning Workshop: *Antimicrobial Resistance in Africa*. Co-sponsored with ReAct and IFS.
- May 13- Friday Seminar: *Corrective Rape and black lesbian sexualities*. Presentation by Nadine Lake (Centre for Gender Research, Uppsala University).
- May 26- Film Screening: *Something Necessary*. Co-hosted with Friendship Association For African Film.
- Jun 5-11- Proposal Writing Workshop: *Mozambique-Sweden Research Training Collaboration Workshop: Health Theme*: Eren Zink
- Jun 9- Workshop: *Afro-Swedish Contemporary History and Identity Formation*. Presentations by Madubuko Diakité, Victoria Kawesa, Kitimbwa Sabuni, Maureen Hoppers, Araia Ghirmai Sebhatu, Sten Hagberg, and Ryan Skinner.
- Jun 12-18- Proposal Writing Workshop: *Mozambique-Sweden Research Training Collaboration Workshop: Governance Theme*: Sten Hagberg and Eren Zink.

- Aug 17-19- Conference: *International Rhetoric Conference* at Uppsala University. Lectures by Jairos Kangira (Namibia), Desmond Ekeh (Nigeria), Justine Amakali (Namibia), Eric Opoku Mensah (Ghana), and Justin Snell (South Africa).
- Aug 23-25- Conference: *Landscape Archaeology Conference* at Uppsala University. Funded the housing of Dr Emmanuel Ndiema, National Museums of Kenya, Nairobi, and Mr Adamu Aliyu Isa, a Nigerian PhD student, currently at the Department of Archaeology and Heritage Studies, University of Dar es Salaam.
- Sep 7-9- Conference: *SANORD 2016 Conference on Beyond New Public Management?* Organization committee (Hagberg as chair; Zink as member), co-sponsorship and scientific leadership to the conference theme.
- Sep 9- Conference Panel: *Health Governance*. Presentations by Carla Braga (Eduardo Mondlane University), Leslie London University of Cape Town, South Africa), Malin Jordal (Uppsala University), Erik Hoel (Hedmark University College, Norway), and Mats Målvist (Uppsala University).
- Sep 13- Workshop: *Interdisciplinary PhD student research/writing workshop with Dr. Carla Braga*.
- Sep 15- Lecture: *The Mandela Memorial Lecture. Political Transition in Burkina Faso: Challenges, Constraints, and the Limits of Political Action* by Augustin Loada (Public Law and Political Sciences Departments, University of Ouagadougou II).
- Sep 17- Theme Day: *Burkina Faso I backspegeln*. Co-hosted with Association d'Amité Burkina faso-Suède (ASSAMBUS). Presentations by Sten Hagberg, Augustin Loada, Hanna Sinare, Malin Hennius, Kristina Jerving, Anna Lindström, Roland Göransson, Agnes Ilboudo, Mao Ouedraogo, Malick Bible, Dani Kouyate, and Hamidou Sinare.
- Sep 19- Seminar: *Studying HIV biomedical treatment, culture and statecraft in Mozambique*. Presentation by Carla Braga (Anthropology Dept., Eduardo Mondlane University) at IMCH, Uppsala.
- Sep 24- Conference Panel: *Health, politics and culture in Africa* convened at the Nordic Africa Days 2016 in Uppsala. Presentations by Carla Teófilo Braga (Eduardo Mondlane University), Sten Hagberg (Uppsala University), Hisayo Katsui (Helsinki University, Finland), Nathaly Guzmán Figueroa (Helsinki University, Finland), Éva Sebestyén (Universidade do Porto, Portugal), Annika Teppo (Uppsala University), Yanga Zembe (South African Medical Research Council), and Eren Zink (Uppsala University).
- Oct 12- Friday Seminar: *Politics and Cultures of Biomedical Science in Uganda*. Co-sponsored with Uganda Virus Research Institute. Presentation by Eren Zink in Entebbe Uganda.
- Oct 14- Friday Seminar: *Insects as food in Benin*. Presentation by Laura Riggi (Ecology Dept., SLU).
- Oct 28- Friday Seminar: *Supranational Constitutions and National Constitutions in Shaping Human Rights Jurisprudence: Comparison of the East African Community and the European Community*. Presentations by Naomi Umuhoza (Faculty of Law, Uppsala University) and Tom Mulisa (Faculty of Law, Uppsala University).
- Oct 28- Friday Seminar: *International Science Collaborations in Medicine and Agriculture*. Co-hosted with Uganda National Council for Science and Technology. Presentation by Eren Zink (Dept. of Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology) in Kampala, Uganda.

- Nov 8- Symposium/Workshop: *Engaging antimicrobial resistance in Africa*. Co-organized with ReAct and the International Foundation for Science. Presentations by Otto Cars, Clare Chandler, Joseph Järhult, Britt Pinkowski Tersbøl, Freddy Kitutu, and Cecilia Nilsson.
- Nov 11- Friday Seminar: *Iron Technology and Power in Great Zimbabwe*. Presentation by Ezekia Mtetwa (Dept. of Archaeology, Uppsala University).
- Nov 19- Theme day: *Religion and Politics*. Co-sponsored with University Museum Gustavianum, Center for Russia Studies, Forums for China, Latin American, Turkish, and German Studies, English Department, and the Swedish Institute for North American Studies. Lectures by Sten Hagberg and Erik Egeland. Photo exhibition by Mats Utas. Book table with Africa research.
- Dec 9- Friday Seminar: *On "Traces of the Future: An archaeology of medical science in Africa"*. Presentations by Gabriella Körling (Dept. of Sociocultural Anthropology, Stockholm University) and Eren Zink (Dept. of Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology).
- Dec 9- Friday Seminar: *Violence of Migration in Arabic Literature*. Presentation by Tasnim Qutait (Dept. of English, Uppsala University).
- Dec 15- Friday Seminar: *Naturalistic Inquiry as a Methodological Proxy for Medical Anthropology*. Presentation by Pauline Binder Finnema (Yale University).

The Board and Management of Forum for Africa Studies

The Board

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Management/Coordination

Sten Hagberg (20%)

Eren Zink (50%)

Anna Baral (20%), sponsored by Dept. of Cultural Anthropology & Ethnology

Visiting researchers at Forum for Africa Studies 2016

Dr. Ryan Skinner, The Ohio State University, USA, 10 months (2015-2016)

Dr. Carla Braga, Eduardo Mondlane University, Maputo, Mozambique, 3 weeks (Sept. 2016)

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