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## **Engaging Higher Education and Research in, on and with Africa**

Annual Report 2017 for Forum for Africa Studies, Uppsala University

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## **Introduction**

In March 2012, Forum for Africa Studies was launched. It was an initiative of the Disciplinary Domain of the Humanities and Social Sciences at Uppsala University. Forum was a network for Africa researchers, hosted by the Department of Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology, with a broad mandate to cover Africa research and higher education initiatives at Uppsala University. On 1 July 2017, Forum for Africa Studies was transformed into a center within the above-mentioned department. This institutionalization of Forum for Africa Studies demanded quite some investment from the Forum leadership, as well as the levels of faculty and disciplinary domain.<sup>1</sup>

Forum for Africa Studies aims to support research and higher education on Africa at Uppsala University and to facilitate contacts and the exchange of research information within, as well as, outside of the university. A particular concern is to engage research and higher education with universities and research institutes in Africa.

Forum organizes lectures, seminars, round-tables, film screenings, workshops, and undergraduate courses in African studies. Over the years, Forum has furthermore come to lead research application processes and research processes, facilitating knowledge exchange and collaborations across researchers and students, disciplines and perspectives, Swedish and African actors and institutions.

This annual report summarizes the activities, projects and processes that Forum has been involved in during 2017. Forum has hosted, co-hosted or sponsored some 35 public events, including hosting symposia and conference panels, in 2017. In addition, Forum participated in a number of important meetings, both with various personalities visiting the University (Thabo Mbeki, African Ambassadors), and as part of project applications processes. Taken together, our activities include public events, research and higher education projects, publications, and coordination.

## **Organization and Scope**

Forum for Africa Studies is led by Director Sten Hagberg, Professor of Cultural Anthropology, in close collaboration with the Coordinator(s). In 2017, Eren Zink and Molly Sundberg coordinated activities organized by Forum and the project Health, Politics and Culture in Africa. A PhD-student in Cultural Anthropology (Clementina Amankwaah) was Forum's assistant.

Forum's Board is composed of one representative of each faculty within the Humanities and Social Sciences, as well as one representative of the faculties of medicine and pharmacy; PhD-students and undergraduate students have their representatives (Appendix 2). The Board's Chair-

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<sup>1</sup> A special acknowledgement to Sara Lilja Virsén at the Office of Humanities and Social Sciences for leading the administrative institutionalization.

person, elected in September 2017, is Ashleigh Harris, Associate Professor of English. The Board meets five to six times per year.

Forum for Africa Studies is placed at the Department of Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology. Being grafted on a strong Africa research environment, Forum benefits from well-established networks, contacts and research projects, at the same time as the existing anthropological research activities are strengthened by Forum.

### **Inside and outside of the university**

Forum for Africa Studies plays a leading role in communication through the website and Facebook page, as well as the email list with some 300 subscribers. Events and activities often reach more than 1,000 viewers with our Facebook-publications. We also collaborate with the University's Communications Unit in relation to media coverage etc. The successful collaboration with the daily Upsala Nya Tidning has also extended Forum's public outreach.

Dr. Molly Sundberg conducted an updated mapping of Africa research at Uppsala University, so as to complement previous work and make an updated analysis of research and higher education initiatives. The report was finalized in February 2017 and presented at a Friday Seminar.<sup>2</sup>

Forum has intensified the work to strengthen existing relationships with academic actors and institutions on the African continent. The West African research networks in anthropology are benefitting from the broader interdisciplinary scope of Forum for Africa Studies. In August 2017, Forum co-hosted a panel at the Tenth International Conference on Mande Studies at Grand Bassam in Côte d'Ivoire, where recent publications (Uppsala Papers in Africa Studies #1 and # 2) were launched.

### **Major Events**

Since the start in March 2012, Forum for Africa Studies has hosted or co-hosted more than 130 public events, including seminars, lectures, round-tables and film-screenings. In 2017, we have been involved more than 40 activities and events, most of which included the active involvement of the Forum management team.

Lilian Thuram: On 21 April, Forum for Africa Studies co-hosted a public lecture with ex-footballer and World Champion Lilian Thuram in Rikssalen at Uppsala Castle on the topic "Education against Racism". Veronique Simon, Dept. of Education and Board-member of Forum for Africa Studies, was main organizer of Thuram's venue. Some 600 people attended the event that was screened and made available online. Forum's Sten Hagberg and Maria Ripenberg, Upsala Nya Tidning, chaired the discussion.

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<sup>2</sup> Sundberg, Molly 2017. Africa at Uppsala University: An overview of academic activities with, in, and about Africa at Uppsala University: <http://www.afrikastudier.uu.se/Download.aspx?dialog=false&id=TEoD5KCuPoM%3d>

Symposium Multiple Healths: On 10-11 May the international symposium *Multiple Healths: Pasts, Presents and Futures of Biomedicine and Wellbeing in/with Africa* was convened as part of the Health, Politics and Culture in Africa project. Participants were scholars from Africa and elsewhere; all focused on how local aspirations for, and visions of, health and well-being in African contexts are, or have been, facilitated, compromised, or bypassed by globally connected bio-medical projects and practices.

Uppsala Health Summit: On 10-11 October, Eren Zink, as the coordinator of the Health, Politics, and Culture in Africa project, organised one of seven workshops on the Uppsala Health Summit. The workshop was entitled: "Whose Priorities Count? Empowering Scientific Capacities for Locally-Relevant and Sustainable Solutions". The aim of the workshop was to discuss how current strategies to engage communities and interact with local stakeholders are facilitating or hindering agency at the grassroots level. Four inspirational speakers were invited to the workshop: Professor Paul Richards (Njala University), Anders Nordström, Swedish Ambassador for Global Health, Gunilla Hallonsten, policy director at the Church of Sweden, and Samson Haumba, country director of University Research Collaboration.

Besides being a plenary and workshop speaker at the Uppsala Health Summit, Prof. Paul Richards gave a lecture at the Uppsala City Library on 12 October on how people's science helped end the Ebola epidemic in West Africa. The lecture was followed by a conversation with Dr. Mats Målqvist, International Maternal and Child Health, Uppsala University. The event was co-hosted by Forum for Africa Studies, Uppsala Health Summit and Uppsala City Library. On 17 October, Forum for Africa Studies hosted a lecture by Prof. Richards entitled "Mary Douglas and African Violent Conflicts". On 20 October at our Friday Seminar in Africa Studies, Esther Mokuwa (PhD candidate, Wageningen University) gave a presentation on how she carried out fieldwork in the midst of the Ebola epidemic in Sierra Leone. Prof. Richards had a dialogue with Ms. Mokuwa after her presentation.

Tenth International Conference on Mande Studies: On 2-6 August, Hagberg convened a double-panel on "Ethnographies of Democracy and Security in Contemporary West Africa" as part of the Tenth International Conference on Mande Studies, on the theme *Intersecting Identities: Coexistence, Conflict, and Reconciliation in West Africa and Its Diasporas*. Panel papers were given by Burkinabe and Malian scholars with whom Forum has long-standing research collaboration. The conference also included a workshop where Forum's publication series, Uppsala Papers in Africa Studies, was launched. Forum for Africa Studies complemented part of the conference participation costs for West African colleagues.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> Kungl. Humanistiska Vetenskaps-Samfundet i Uppsala provided a generous grant covering a major part of West African colleagues conference participation.

Thematic Day for Regional Studies: On 18 November, Forum participated in the Thematic Day for Regional Studies fora and centers. This year the theme was *Migration – the World in Motion*. Sten Hagberg chaired the roundtables (one in English and one in Swedish). From an African angle the theme was addressed by Dr. Tasnim Qutait, Dept. of English, who lectured on Mobility, migration and national security in contemporary Arab literature. Forum furthermore sponsored with West African food and refreshments. Some 500 visitors attended the thematic day.

### **Friday Research Seminar Series 2017**

The Friday Research Seminar series of 2017 has seen an array of researchers mainly working in Sweden, Europe and Africa present work on many different countries and interesting topics of today. We kicked off with a presentation (Molly Sundberg) that showed the results of a mapping exercise which documented the various Africa-related activities that Uppsala University is involved in. The remainder of the seminar series spanned topics from mental and physical health (Ghana, South Africa, Tanzania), methods workshops in studying footballers and communities living through the Ebola epidemic, (Ghana and Sierra Leone respectively), divination and infrastructure (Nigeria), religion (South Africa and Tanzania), community courts (Mozambique), migration and EU policy (EU and Mali), and transnational medical research (Europe, East Africa). The speakers were not only social sciences and humanities specialists. Forum's audience were also treated to a talk and literary reading by renowned Nigerian author and queer activist David Nnanna C. Ikpo (Nigeria, South Africa), as well as a roundtable on youth uprisings with South African filmmakers and the South African Ambassador to Sweden. Seminars were mainly held in English, but there was also space given for a roundtable held in French on joking relationships in Burkina Faso. As usual, our faithful audience were always warm, engaged and gave us useful and important questions and comments, resulting in a plethora of ongoing conversations that will undoubtedly take the field of African studies into exciting directions in the future.

### **Health Politics and Culture in Africa: New Networks and Projects**

Health, Politics and Culture in Africa is an initiative that fosters scholarly and scientific collaborations across disciplinary, institutional and national boundaries that are of importance for matters related to health and well-being on, and with, the African continent. The initiative brings together researchers, faculty and students from Uppsala University's faculties of social sciences, humanities, medicine and pharmacology to create inter- and transdisciplinary platforms and networks for teaching, supervision and research within the theme.

Beyond Uppsala University, the initiative strengthens and expands collaborations and partnerships with universities, research institutions and other organizations on the African

continent and elsewhere. The networking efforts (meetings, travels, etc.) is key to develop the initiative for interdisciplinary research.

During its first phase (2015-17) the project successfully created a platform at Uppsala University for interdisciplinary collaborations in research, research training, and education related to health in Africa. Strategies employed by the project include seminar series, workshops, guest research visits, external fundraising, project development, conference organization, and international symposiums. Health, Politics and Culture in Africa also facilitated a new five-year (2017-2022) and 17 million SEK externally funded research training collaboration on population dynamics and socioeconomic well-being in Mozambique, which brings Uppsala University together with Eduardo Mondlane University, Umeå University and Wits University (South Africa).

The project launched an open call for sponsoring guest researchers, whereby Uppsala researchers were invited to apply for a grant of 25,000 SEK to fund visits by scholars working in the intersection of health, politics and culture in Africa. The following researchers visited Uppsala University:

- Dr. Margaret Nyarango, Massey University, Auckland, New Zealand
- Dr. Hussein L. Kidanto, Min of Health, Tanzania
- Dr. Charlene van der Walt, Stellenbosch University, South Africa
- Dr. Khátia Munguambe, Manhiça Research Center (CISM), and Eduardo Mondlane University, Mozambique
- Dr. Bilinda Straight, Western Michigan University, USA
- Dr. Sirka Tshiningayamwe, Rhodes University, South Africa
- Dr. Caleb Mandikonza, University of Witwatersrand, South Africa

The Health, Politics and Culture in Africa project is led by Professor Sten Hagberg (Dept. of Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology) and Professor Birgitta Essén (Dept. of Women's and Children's Health). The initiative employs a coordinator (30%) to implement its activities, a role that was taken by Dr. Eren Zink (Dept. of Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology) until 1 September when he left for a position at Sida. Dr. Molly Sundberg then stepped in as coordinator the remainder of the year.

Current information about the past and future activities of the Health, Politics and Culture in Africa project is available from the Forum for Africa Studies webpage:

<http://www.afrikastudier.uu.se/en/health-politics-and-culture/>

## **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. Forum for Africa Studies was a key partner in three partnerships:

- *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.

In 2017, Forum's involvement concerned detailing budgets, and elaborating annual activities and budget plans (2017, 2018). Sten Hagberg furthermore participated in a meeting in Maputo in November 2017. Lots of energy went to planning activities while waiting for the final bilateral agreement to be signed by Sweden and Mozambique (which eventually took place in February 2018).

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.

## **Institutional collaborations, research networks and visits**

Institutional collaborations play an increasingly important role in Forum's daily work. In addition to the collaboration with University of Eduardo Mondlane and already well-established partnerships in Mali and Burkina Faso, Forum has taken initiatives to build lasting partnerships with other African universities. Sten Hagberg visited the University of Zimbabwe, Harare, in November, and the University of Grand Bassam in Côte d'Ivoire in August. In August, a visit to Rwanda was effectuated (see below). Together with three colleagues from the Dept. of Literature, Erik Bengtsson, PhD-Candidate and Board-member, visited the University of Cape Coast, Ghana, in November 2017, leading to an MoU on collaboration in the discipline of

rhetoric. Networking with African studies centers in Europe and the USA also occur on a regular basis.

Rwanda: Forum has taken initial steps to investigate possibilities of participating in the next phase of the ongoing Sida-funded bilateral collaboration between the University of Rwanda and universities in Sweden. The collaboration first started in 2003, and the next phase covers the years 2018-2023. During the spring of 2017, Forum for Africa Studies participated in a meeting with a delegation from University of Rwanda visiting Uppsala University to present its University of Rwanda-Sweden Programme Concept Note and meet with interested research parties. In August 2017, Sten Hagberg and Molly Sundberg travelled to Kigali to meet with potential collaborating partners at the Center for Conflict Management and the School of Social, Political and Administrative Sciences within the College of Arts and Social Sciences, at the University of Rwanda. Meetings were fruitful and preliminary plans are underway for collaboration within postgraduate training (including PhD supervision and course curriculum development), engaging several departments at Uppsala University and the University of Rwanda. As of February 2018, Forum and its potential partners are waiting for Sida to launch its Call for Proposals (originally due in June 2017).

SANORD@2017: Sten Hagberg and Birgitta Essén participated with papers at the Southern Africa-Nordic Centre (SANORD) Conference at Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe, 28 November-1 December. The SANORD network is growing in importance and Forum's participation aims to strengthen Uppsala University's involvement. SANORD opens up for several opportunities for research and higher education, including staff and student mobility, project applications, research groups.

Visits: Forum for Africa Studies participated in the visits to Uppsala University of various personalities, including the Ambassadors of South Africa and Uganda, and former president of South Africa, Thabo Mbeki.

Citizen Dialogue: On 3 October, Sten Hagberg gave a key note address at the international workshop on *Société civile, syndicalisme et politique* hosted by the Embassy of Sweden, the Centre de Gouvernance Démocratique, the Institut des Sciences des Sociétés, and Uppsala University. The workshop that was attended by 200 people aimed to launch the study on Burkinabe socio-political transformations. The media coverage was important, including written press, radio and television.



## **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 published online and in hard copy.

The scope of the series ranges from collaborative studies and research reports, via symposium papers and collections of think pieces in relation to public debate, to transdisciplinary studies and solid ethnographic papers longer than the conventional article format. The collaborative dimension – over 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 Professor Sten Hagberg.

Uppsala Papers in Africa Studies 1: [\*Vers une sécurité par le bas ? Étude sur les perceptions et les expériences des défis de sécurité dans deux communes maliennes\*](#), by Sten Hagberg, Yaouaga Félix Koné, Bintou Koné, Aboubacar Diallo et Issiaka Kansaye, Uppsala Papers in Africa Studies 1, 2017, Uppsala University.

Uppsala Papers in Africa Studies 2: [\*Transformations sociopolitiques burkinabè de 2014 à 2016 : Perspectives anthropologiques des pratiques politiques et de la culture démocratique dans « un Burkina Faso nouveau »\*](#), by Sten Hagberg, Ludovic Kibora, Sidi Barry, Siaka Gnessi and Adjara Konkobo, Uppsala Papers in Africa Studies 2, 2017, Uppsala University.

Three issues of the series are under preparation and will be published during the first half of 2018. So far, the series is distributed to journals and bookstores, and sold at Uppsala University: <http://acta.mamutweb.com>

## **Courses in African Studies**

In 2017, Forum has started a new 30hp course in African Studies (in Swedish), in addition to the 15hp course, African Studies, offered in English by the Department of Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology since long time back.<sup>4</sup> The new one-semester course in African Studies was taught in the Fall of 2017 and it drew on Forum's interdisciplinary network and teaching resources. The course provides basic knowledge in African Studies and its theoretical and methodological approaches, as well as an introduction to African societies and countries, including the African diaspora. The course was successfully implemented, and although the number of students were only 10 we do think the course fills an important gap in promoting higher education and research in, on and with Africa. Next time the course is offered will be in Spring 2019.

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<sup>4</sup> The Department of Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology is in charge of these courses. However, the courses draw upon interdisciplinary research networks of Forum for Africa Studies.

## **Conclusion**

Forum for Africa Studies has grown exponentially since the launching in March 2012. In 2017, Forum for Africa Studies was transformed into a center within the Department of Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology. In other words, the strategic investment in developing research application processes and projects has paid off. Forum is involved in the research training programmes in Mozambique. More and more partners have made inquiries about the possibility of housing research projects at Forum, meaning that the interdisciplinary character is strengthened.

The number of events has increased. In 2017, Forum was part of 42 activities, the majority of which were public events, attended by more than 2,000 people in total. We are gaining in recognition and organizational strength, but simultaneously need to address how to grow administratively. Leadership and coordination are likely to be a very important activity as to consolidate the achievements so far.

## Appendices

### List of Activities 2017

- Feb 10- Friday Seminar: *What does Uppsala University's engagement in Africa look like?* Presentation of research inventory by Molly Sundberg, Forum for Africa Studies.
- Feb 17- Friday Seminar: *Mental ill-health and psychological treatments in a Ghanaian context*, Joakim Norberg, Dept of Psychology, Uppsala University, and Jan Carlsson, School of Law, Psychology and Social Work, Örebro University.
- Feb 23- Guest lecture on *Multiple Marginalities, Enslaving Culture! Maasai Women Navigating Culture, Tradition and Patriarchy in their Quest for Political Leadership in Kenya*, Dr Damaris S. Parsitau, Egerton University, Kenya.
- Feb 24- Visit of H.E. Ambassador Faith Doreen Radebe, Embassy of South Africa at Uppsala University.
- Feb 24- Roundtable on *Youth Uprising: The Legacy of the 1976 Soweto Riots*, with H.E. Ambassador Faith Doreen Radebe, Thabo Rametsi, and Ashleigh Harris.
- March 17- Friday Seminar: *The Making of Authority in Plural Legal Systems: A Study of Community Courts in Maputo*, Fabio Provenzano, Centre of African Studies, University of Copenhagen.
- March 21- Meeting with the Ambassador of Uganda, H.E. Zaake Wanume Kibedi.
- March 28- Student Pub on *Migration and Mobility in the Age of Trump* with Dr. Jesper Bjarnesen, Nordic Africa Institute and Dr. Véronique Simon, Department of Education.
- March 30- Public Lecture on *China in Africa - for whose benefit? Interests and impacts explored*, Dr. Henning Melber, Nordic Africa Institute.
- March 31- Round-table on *Jeux et enjeux: Parenté à plaisanterie et culture politique burkinabè*, Prof. Alain Sissao, Institut des Sciences des Sociétés, and Sten Hagberg.
- April 3- UPPSALA PREMIERE. Film Screening of *Medan vi lever*, by Dani Kouyaté, Fyrisbiografen, followed by a conversation between Dani Kouyaté and Sten Hagberg.
- April 9- Film Screening of *Medan vi lever*, by Dani Kouyaté, Fyrisbiografen, followed by a conversation between Dani Kouyaté and Sten Hagberg.
- April 11- Film Screening of *Medan vi lever*, by Dani Kouyaté, Fyrisbiografen, followed by a conversation between Dani Kouyaté and Sten Hagberg.
- April 21- Public Lecture on *Utbildning mot rasism* at Uppsala Castle, Liliam Thuram with Maria Ripenberg, Véronique Simon and Sten Hagberg. Co-hosted with Upsala Nya Tidning, Dept. of Education, Fransk lärarföreningen, Fortbildningsavdelningen för skolans internationalisering, and Fondation Liliam Thuram.
- April 28- Friday Seminar: *"What Has Love Got to do With It?" Understanding Gender, Sexuality and HIV Risk in the Narratives of International Post-graduate Students*, Dr. Mathabo Senkepeng Khau.
- June 9- Friday Seminar: *The Impact of religion – Challenges for Health Sector Developments in Tanzania*, Josephine Sundqvist, Dept. of Theology.
- May 9- Visit of Delegation from the University of Rwanda presenting the new Concept Note, as part of the preparations for the new phase of the Sida-programme Research Training Partnership Programme.

- May 11-12- Symposium on *Multiple Healths: Pasts, Presents and Futures of Biomedicine and Wellbeing in/with Africa* convened by Dr. Eren Zink, Health, Politics and Culture in Africa, with Abena Dove Osseo-Asare, University of Texas (USA), Bilinda Straight, Western Michigan University (USA), Ruth Prince, University of Oslo (Norway), Eunice Pallangyo (Tanzania), Bronwen Holloway, ReAct (Sweden), Esmeralda Mariano, Eduardo Mondlane University (Mozambique), Hussein Kidanto, Muhimbili University (Tanzania), Noémi Tousignant, Université de Montréal (Canada), Wenzel Geissler, University of Oslo (Norway), Hannah Akuffo, Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency, Sida (Sweden), Mats Målvik, Uppsala University (Sweden), Johanna Lindahl and Delia Grace (Sweden), Éva Sebestyén, Fernanda Lages and Luis Catarino.
- May 16- Former President of South Africa Thabo Mbeki visited Uppsala University: Vice Chancellor Prof. Eva Åkesson, Ms. Ulrica Ouline, International Office, Prof. Peter Wallensteen, Dept. of Peace and Conflict, and Prof. Sten Hagberg, Forum for Africa Studies.
- August 2-6- A Double-Panel on “Ethnographies of Democracy and Security in West Africa” plus the launching of Uppsala Papers in Africa Studies of the Tenth International Conference on Mande Studies on the overall theme *Intersecting Identities: Coexistence, Conflict, and Reconciliation in West Africa and Its Diasporas*, Grand Bassam, Côte d’Ivoire, was co-sponsored, notably part of the participation of Malian and Burkinabe colleagues Dr. Yaouaga Félix Koné, Ms. Bintou Koné, Dr. Ludovic Kibora, and Ms. Adjara Konkobo.
- August 13-18- Sten Hagberg and Molly Sundberg made a planning visit to the University of Rwanda, as part of the Sida Call for Bilateral Research Cooperation with the University of Rwanda.
- Sept 7- Afrikansk Filmklubb: *Keïta – the heritage of the griot*, Dani Kouyaté
- Sept 15- Friday Seminar: *On Queerness and Human Rights*, David Nnanna C. Ikpo, University of Pretoria.
- Sept 16- As part of Uppsala's Welcome Out pride festival of 2017, Forum for Africa Studies and RFSL co-hosted David Nnanna C. Ikpo, University of Pretoria, as guest speaker for the festivities this year.
- Sept 19- Sirkka Tshinigayamwe gave a seminar on 19 Sep 2017 at 13.15-15 in Blåsenhus room 21:239 on the topic *Grappling with adversatives in modern day Africa: The role of education, governments, health and culture*.
- Sept 21- Afrikansk Filmklubb: *Sia – the dream of the python*, Dani Kouyaté.
- Sept 22- Friday Seminar: *Togoloese and Ghanaian family schooling practices*, Miquel Ramon Reynes, University Camilo José Cela.
- Sept 25- Round-Table on *Bobo-Dioulasso – Capital of Resistance*, with Radio reporter Mariame Soma (Burkina Faso), Journalist Karolina Jeppson, and Sten Hagberg.
- Sept 26- Seminar with IMCH: *Preventing cervical cancer through HPV vaccination targeting adolescents in Mozambique*, Dr. Khátia Munguambe, Manhiça Research Center (CISM), and Eduardo Mondlane University, Mozambique.
- Oct 3- Dialogue Citoyen on *Société civile, syndicalisme et politique* in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, Co-hosted with Institut des sciences des sociétés, the Embassy of Sweden, and Centre de Gouvernance Démocratique.
- Oct 5- Afrikansk Filmklubb: *Ouaga Saga*, Dani Kouyaté.

- Oct 10-11- Uppsala Health Summit with key note speaker Prof. Paul Richards speaking about how people's science stopped the Ebola epidemic
- Oct 12- Public Lecture with Paul Richards 'När folkets kunskap bromsade ebola', Stadsbiblioteket
- Oct 17- Public Lecture on *Mary Douglas and African Violent Conflicts* with Prof. Paul Richards, Njala University.
- Oct 19- Afrikansk Filmklubb: *Soleils*, Dani Kouyaté.
- Oct 20- Friday Seminar: *Fieldwork in Sierra Leone during the Ebola epidemic: Practical, Ethical and Conceptual Challenges*, Esther Mokuwa (Wageningen University) and Prof. Paul Richards (Wageningen University, Netherlands and Njala University, Sierra Leone).
- Oct 31- Roundtable on *Conflict in Mali – regional challenges, local stakes*, Rachid Tlemcani (Univ. Algiers), Marie Deridder (Cath. University of Louvain), and Sten Hagberg
- Nov 3- Friday Seminar: *The European Migration Crisis: The EU-Mali Cooperation Agreement and Political Protest of Civil Society in Bamako, Mali*, Marie Deridder, Université catholique de Louvain, Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium.
- Nov 19- Forum Day on *Migration – the World in Motion*, with other Uppsala University Area Studies units and networks.
- Nov 21-24- Sten Hagberg participated in different planning and general project meetings at Eduardo Mondlane University, Maputo, Mozambique.
- Nov 27- Sten Hagberg visited the University of Zimbabwe, Harare, together with a delegation from Lund University.
- Nov 28-Dec 1- Sten Hagberg and Birgitta Essén participated with papers in the Tenth Anniversary of the Southern Africa-Nordic Centre (SANORD) Conference on the theme *The Role of Universities in Research & Technology Transfer to Improve Livelihoods in Southern Africa*, in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe.
- Dec 8- Friday Seminar: *African Theology and Black Theology as Political Tools*, Hans Prof. Engdahl, University of the Western Cape.
- Dec 14- Afrikansk Filmklubb: *Medan vi lever*, Dani Kouyaté.

## **The Board and Management of Forum for Africa Studies**

### The Board (from 1 July 2017)

Director: Professor Sten Hagberg

Faculty of Languages: Associate Professor Ashleigh Harris, Chair

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Faculty of Educational Sciences: Dr Véronique Simon

Faculty of Medical Sciences: Professor Birgitta Essén

Humanistiska Doktorandrådet: PhD-candidate Erik Bengtsson

Student representatives: Hilda Pettersson (-Sept. 2017); Alexander Haettman, Matilda Renman, and Henrik Sandell

### Management/Coordination

Sten Hagberg (20%)

Eren Zink (30%)

Molly Sundberg (20%)

Clementina Amankwaah (20%), sponsored by Dept. of Cultural Anthropology & Ethnology

### Visiting researchers at Forum for Africa Studies 2017

Dr. Marie Deridder, Université catholique de Louvain, Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium, Oct-Nov 2017

Dr. Sita Zougouri, Université Joseph Ki-Zerbo Ouagadougou 1, Burkina Faso, Nov 2017

Prof. Paul Richards, Wageningen Univ; Njala University, Netherlands & Sierra Leone, Oct 2017

Ms. Esther Mukowa, Wageningen University, Netherlands, Oct 2017

Prof. Alain Sissao, Institut des Sciences des Sociétés, Burkina Faso, March 2017

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