



DECOLONIZING RESEARCH METHODOLOGIES

UNIVERSITY OF DAR ES SALAAM
FIELDWORK SEMINAR

23rd October – 5th November 2023



WELCOMING NOTE TO PARTICIPANTS

Dear participants,

Welcome to the second Fieldwork Seminar on Decolonizing Research Methodologies which this time is held at the University of Dar es Salaam. The first fieldwork seminar was held at Uppsala in September 2022, where it brought together Burkinabe, Malian, Tanzanian, and Swedish researchers and postgraduate candidates, thus providing the initial framework for conceptual, theoretical, methodological, and practical work on decolonizing research methodologies.

The Decolonizing Research Methodologies program is a collaborative program organized jointly by the Society and Religion Research Center (SORRECE) of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, University of Dar es Salaam, Forum for African Studies at Uppsala University, The Department of Urban and Rural Development at the Swedish University of Agriculture, the Department of Social Anthropology at Stockholm University in Sweden, the Laboratory of rural studies on environment and social and economical development at the University of Nazi BONI (UNB), Bobo-Dioulasso, Burkina Faso and the Institut des Sciences Humaines, Bamako – Mali.

The aim of the fieldwork seminar is to critically engage with research methodologies within a decolonial framework. This fieldwork seminar, therefore, offers a platform for participants to explore key concepts, theories, and methods that challenge approaches to research within established academic hierarchies, practices, and curricula. The seminar is envisaged to provide participants with insights on alternative research methods and practices, through a combination of readings, project feedback sessions, and hands-on fieldwork experiences.

During the first week of the seminar, participants will be introduced to critical concepts, theoretical frameworks, and methods within the decolonial framework. Additionally, the seminar will explore the specific theme of *Religious coexistence and decolonizing research methodologies*, with regard of the Tanzanian context. This will go hand in hand with individualized coaching, with thorough feedback on submitted research papers or proposals. All participants are encouraged to actively engage in discussions with their colleagues and to reflect critically on the literature.

The second week will be devoted to fieldwork in Bagamoyo, focusing on our main topic. Bagamoyo has a long history of religious pluralism, not least through the spread of Islam and Christianity, from pre-colonial exchange with Muslim traders, to German colonial administration and Christian missionaries.

Participants will put into practice different fieldwork methods, in order to jointly with their interlocutors create a better understanding of religious coexistence. This field experience will not only offer the participants the experience of decoloniality in research methodology but will also enhance the understanding of local communities and ways of becoming and living in a pluralized society.

Welcome all to our 2023 Fieldwork Seminar!



Program

Further details on the agenda, schedules, and locations are to be found in the workshop agenda.

Sun 22/10	Welcoming of participants from Burkina Faso, Mali, and Sweden
Mon 23/10	Opening of the Fieldwork Seminar, Introductions, Plenary Session 1
Tues 24/10	Reading Group Sessions 1-2, Plenary Session 2, Visit to the Makumbusho National Museum, Dinner
Wed 25/10	Plenary Session 3, Reading Group Sessions 3-4
Thu 26/10	PhD Project Parallel Sessions
Fri 27/10	PhD Project Parallel Sessions Plenary Session 4
Sat 28/10	Departure to Bagamoyo (morning), Bagamoyo Festival of Arts and Culture
Sun 29/10	No arranged program
Mon 30/10	Introductory lecture of Bagamoyo, Fieldwork preparations and introductions
Tues 31/10	Fieldwork
Wed 1/11	Fieldwork
Thu 2/11	Fieldwork
Fri 3/11	Fieldwork Feedback Meeting, Departure to Dar es Salaam (evening)
Sat 4/11	No arranged programme
Sun 5/11	Departure of international participants

FIELDWORK SEMINAR:

Religious Coexistence and Decolonizing Research Methodologies

Saturday, October 21

Arrival of international participants

Sunday, October 22

Location: Hotel Wistas Inn

17:00-19:00	Welcoming of international participants
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Monday, October 23

Location: Old Council Chamber – University of Dar es Salaam Administration Block

08:00-08:30	Registration at Old Council Chamber
08:30-10:00	<p><u>Opening of Fieldwork Seminar</u></p> <p><i>Introductions</i> Dr. Thomas Ndaluka, Coordinator at the University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM) of Decolonizing research methodologies programme</p> <p><i>A research school programme for Decolonization in Practice</i> Prof. Sten Hagberg, Head of Programme, Uppsala University, Sweden</p> <p><i>A note from the Head of Department</i> Dr. Rosemarie Mwaipopo, Head, Department of Sociology and Anthropology at UDSM</p> <p><i>Welcoming Remarks</i> Prof. Christine Noe, Principal, College of Social Sciences at UDSM</p> <p><i>Remarks by the deputy head of Mission, head of development cooperation, Embassy of Sweden in Tanzania</i> Ms. Sandra Diesel</p> <p><i>Remarks by Guests of Honor</i> Vice-Chancellor Prof. William A.L. Anangisye</p>



10:00-10:30	Group Photo Coffee and Tea Break
10:30-11:30	<u>Opening Session – Partners’ Remarks</u> <i>A note from Burkina Faso</i> Prof. Patrice Toé, Université Nazi BONI, Burkina Faso <i>A note from Stockholm University, Sweden</i> Prof. Paula Uimonen, Stockholm University, Sweden <i>A note from Mali</i> Dr. Baba Coulibaly, Institut des Sciences Humaines, Mali <i>A note from SLU, Sweden</i> Prof. Flora Hajdu and Dr. Emil Sandström, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU), Sweden
11:30-12:30	<u>Plenary Session 1:</u> Keynote Lecture: <i>Decolonization of knowledge systems in the global south</i> Dr. Richard Sambaiga, University of Dar es Salaam
12:30-13:00	<u>General Discussion</u> Decolonizing Research Methodologies – What are the implications for research, higher education, and policy?
13:00-14:30	Lunch
14:30-16:00	<u>The 2023 Fieldwork Seminar</u> <i>Presentation of details, practices & logistics</i> Dr. Thomas Ndaluka Ms. Elina Reinivuo Dr. Oulia Makkonen Prof. Sten Hagberg
16:00-16:30	Sum-up of Day One and Closure
18:00-20:00	Welcome Cocktail at Hotel Wistas Inn

Tuesday, October 24

Location: Old Council Chamber, CoSS board room and MRPP

09:00-10:30	<p><u>Reading Group Sessions 1</u> (French/English): <i>Decolonization and Decoloniality – a conceptual conversation</i></p> <p><u>Reading:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Mbembe, A. 2016. Decolonizing the university: New directions. <i>Arts & Humanities in Higher Education</i> 15(1) 29–45.2. Mignolo, W.D. and Walsh, C.E. 2018. Introduction. <i>On Decoloniality: Concepts, Analytics, Praxis</i>. Duke University Press.3. Nyamnjoh, A.N. 2023. Is decolonisation Africanisation? The politics of belonging in the truly African university. <i>Social Dynamics</i> 49(2): 349-368.4. Tonda, J. 2012. L'impossible décolonisation des sciences sociales africaines. <i>Mouvements</i> 2012/4, 108-119.
10:30- 11:00	Coffee and Tea Break
11:30-13:00	<p><u>Reading Group Sessions 2</u> (French/English): <i>Knowledge and Knowledge Productions in Decolonial Practice</i></p> <p><u>Reading:</u></p> <p>5a. Deridder, M., E. Eyebiyi et A. Ménard 2022. Hiérarchies des savoirs et rapports de pouvoir dans les milieux académiques en contextes postcoloniaux : pour des <i>praxis</i> décoloniales et féministes. <i>Recherches sociologiques et anthropologies</i> 53(2), 1-34. http://journals.openedition.org/rsa/5576</p> <p>5b. Deridder, M., E. Eyebiyi and A. Ménard 2022. Presentation – Hierarchies in Knowledge Production and Power Relations in Academic Postcolonial Settings: Investigating Decolonial and Feminist Praxis. <i>Recherches sociologiques et anthropologies</i></p>

	<p>53(2), 35-66. http://journals.openedition.org/rsa/5604</p> <p>6. Fúnez-Flores, J.I. 2022. Decolonial and Ontological Challenges in Anthropological Theory. <i>Theory, Culture & Society</i> 39 (6), 21-41, 1-21.</p> <p>7a. Mignolo, W.A. 2011. Epistemic Disobedience and the Decolonial Option: A Manifesto. <i>Transmodernity: Journal of Peripheral Cultural Production of the Luso-Hispanic World</i> 1(2): 44-66.</p> <p>7b. Mignolo, W.A. 2021. Parce que la colonialité est partout, la décolonialité est inévitable. <i>Multitudes</i> 2021(3), 84, 57-67.</p> <p>8. Ouattara, F. 2022. Une anthropologue noire dans l'état d'un partenariat en Afrique subsaharienne. <i>Recherches sociologiques et anthropologiques</i> 53(2), 203-226. URL : http://journals.openedition.org/rsa/5809</p> <p>9a. Thiam, C., Frehiwot, M. 2023. La question du panafricanisme : liberté épistémique, production de savoirs et décolonialité. <i>Global Africa</i> 3, 44-58. https://www.globalafricasciences.org/numero-03/art-03-03-fr?lang=en</p> <p>9a. Thiam, C., Frehiwot, M. 2023. On Pan-Africanism: Epistemic freedom, knowledge production and decolonizing politics. <i>Global Africa</i> 3, 68-75, 60-73. https://www.globalafricasciences.org/numero-03/art-03-03-en?lang=en</p>
13:00-14:00	Lunch
14:00-15:00	<u>Plenary Session 2: Conceptual reflections and methodological practice – reporting from the reading group sessions 1 and 2</u>
15:15	Departure to the Museum
16:00-18:00	Visit to the Makumbusho National Museum

Wednesday, October 25

Location: Old Council Chamber, CoSS board room and MRPP

09:00-10:30	<p><u>Plenary Session 3</u>: Keynote Lecture by Dr. Thomas Ndaluka – <i>Religious Coexistence in Tanzania</i></p> <p><u>Reading</u></p> <p>10. Ndaluka, T. 2012. <i>Religious Discourse, Social Cohesion and conflict: Muslim-Christian relations in Tanzania</i>. Berlin: LIT Verlag. Introduction Chapter</p> <p>11. Ndaluka, T. 2020. Is Mimetic Desire a Root Cause of Religious Violence in Tanzania? An Analysis of Girardian – Mimetic Desire Theory. <i>Tanzania Journal of Sociology</i> 6, June 2020: 58-79.</p>
10:30-11:00	Coffee and Tea Break
11:00-13:30	<p><u>Reading Group Sessions 3</u> (Thematic Division): <i>Decolonizing Research on Religion</i></p> <p><u>Reading</u>:</p> <p>12. Chanson, P. 2021. Penser, dire, écrire, et décoloniser le religieux ? <i>Archipélies</i> [Online], 11-12. URL : https://www.archipelies.org/1034</p> <p>13. Kibora, L.O. et K. Langewiesche 2019. Qu'est-ce la « tradition » ? : Qu'appelle-t-on religion traditionnelle ? In <i>Rencontres religieuses et dynamiques sociales au Burkina Faso</i> (éd.) A. Degorce, L.O. Kibora et K. Langewiesche. Dakar : Amalion.</p> <p>14. van Klinken, A. 2020. Studying religion in the pluriversity: Decolonial perspectives, <i>Religion</i> 50(1), 148-155.</p> <p>15. Meyer, B. 2020. What Is Religion in Africa? Relational Dynamics in an Entangled World. <i>Journal of Religion in Africa</i> 50, 156–181.</p> <p>16. Prempeh, C. 2020. Decolonising African Divine Episteme: A <i>Critical Analysis of the Akan Divine Name of God</i> (Twereduampon</p>

	<i>Kwame</i>). <i>Journal of Religion in Africa</i> 52, 269-291.
13:30-14:30	Lunch
14:30- 16:30	<p><u>Reading Group Session 4</u> (Thematic Division): <i>Decolonizing Research on Religion – Tanzania in focus</i></p> <p><u>Reading</u></p> <p>17. Hunter, E. 2015. <i>Political Thought and the Public Sphere in Tanzania: Freedom, Democracy and Citizenship in the Era of Decolonization</i>. Cambridge. Selected chapters.</p> <p>18. Uimonen, P. and H. Masimbi. 2021. Spiritual Relationality in Swahili Ocean Worlds. <i>kritisk etnografi: Swedish Journal of Anthropology</i>, 4(2): 35-50.</p>
16:30-17:00	Sum-up of the day

Thursday, October 26

Location: Old Council Chamber, CoSS and MRPP

09:00-10:30	<p><u>PhD/postdoc projects group session 1</u> (4 students):</p> <p>45 min/student: 15 min presentation; 15 minutes 2 faculty discussants; 15 min. general discussion</p>
10:30-11:00	Coffee and Tea Break
11:00-13:15	<p><u>PhD/postdoc projects group session 2</u> (6 students):</p> <p>45 min/student: 15 min presentation; 15 minutes 2 faculty discussants; 15 min. general discussion</p>
13:30-14:30	Lunch
14:30-16:45	<p><u>PhD/postdoc projects group session 3</u> (6 students):</p>



	45 min/student: 15 min presentation; 15 minutes 2 faculty discussants; 15 min. general discussion
16:45-17:00	Sum-up of the day

Friday, October 27

Location: Old Council Chamber, CoSS and MRPP

09:00-10:30	<u>PhD/postdoc projects group session 4</u> (4 students): 45 min/student: 15 min presentation; 15 minutes 2 faculty discussants; 15 min. general discussion
10:30-11:00	Coffee and Tea Break
11:00-13:00	<u>Plenary Session 4: General Discussion – How to write a PhD in times of decolonization and decoloniality?</u>
13:00-14:30	Lunch
14:30-16:30	<u>Plenary Session 5: Anthropological Team Research Methodology</u> , Prof. Sten Hagberg <u>Reading:</u> 19a. Hagberg, S. 2021. Alternatives to Consultancy and NGOing: Developing Anthropological Team Research in West Africa. In: <i>NGOs and Lifeworlds in Africa: Transdisciplinary Perspectives</i> (eds) M.C. Kalfelis and K. Knodel. New York and Oxford: Berghahn. 19b. Hagberg, S. 2020. Le travail en équipe en zone rouge: Opportunités méthodologiques et épistémologiques des recherches de terrain au Burkina Faso et au Mali. <i>Études maliennes</i> 89, 72-83. Bamako: Institut des Sciences Humaines.
16:30-17:00	Sum-up of the day. Presentation of the four fieldwork teams

Saturday, October 28

Bagamoyo Town

09:00-12:00	Travelling to Bagamoyo
13:00-	Visiting the Bagamoyo Festival of Arts and Culture, October, 26-28

Sunday, October 29

Free day in Bagamoyo

Monday, October 30

Location: Stela Maris Hotel

08:30-09:00	Registration
09:00-10:30	<p><u>Plenary Session 6: Bagamoyo, past and present – introductory presentations</u></p> <p>Dr. Evaristi Magoti Cornelli: <i>Decolonising African Christian Sprituality</i></p> <p>Prof. Paula Uimonen: <i>Nation-building and Intercultural interaction at the Bagamoyo College of Arts college in Tanzania</i></p> <p><u>Reading:</u></p> <p>20. Uimonen, Paula. 2012. <i>Digital Drama. Teaching and learning art and media in Tanzania</i>. New York: Routledge. (e-book, ch. 1, 2, 8, 9)</p> <p>http://innovativeethnographies.net/digitaldrama</p> <p>21. Cornelli, E.M. 2018. Decolonizing African Christian Spirituality. <i>UTAFITI: Journal of African Perspectives</i> 13(1), 77-92.</p>
10:30-11:00	Coffee and Tea Break
11:00-13:30	Visiting Kaole Ruins and the Catholic Mission
13:30-14:30	Lunch
14:30-17:00	Fieldwork preparations of the four teams

Tuesday, October 31

Fieldwork in Bagamoyo District

8:00	Participants going to their respective locations of the fieldwork: Mapinga; Mlingotini; Saadani; and Kaole.
The rest of the day	<u>Fieldwork in four sites of Bagamoyo District</u> Mapinga Mlingotini Saadani Kaole

Wednesday, November 1: Fieldwork

Fieldwork in Bagamoyo District

8:00-9:00	<u>Reflective session</u> : Each fieldwork team in the village
The rest of the day	<u>Fieldwork in four sites of Bagamoyo District</u> Mapinga Mlingotini Saadani Kaole

Thursday, November 2: Fieldwork

8:00-9:00	<u>Reflective session</u> : Each fieldwork team in the village
9:00-16:00	<u>Fieldwork in four sites of Bagamoyo District</u> Mapinga Mlingotini Saadani Kaole
17:00	Back from Fieldwork – Accommodation at Stela Maris Hotel (All)
19:00	Farewell Dinner

Friday, November 3: Fieldwork Feedback

Location: TaSuBa (TBC)

9.00-11.00	Fieldwork teams working with observations and insights
11.00-11.30	Coffee and Tea Break
11.30-13.00	Seminar on Religious Coexistence in Bagamoyo with group presentations
13.30-14:30	Lunch
14:30-15:30	<u>Closing Ceremony</u> Presentation of Certificates Words of Farewell
16:00-18:00	Travel to Dar es Salaam

Saturday, November 4

Free Day in Dar es Salaam

Sunday, November 5

International participants traveling back

More about the programme:

<http://www.afrikastudier.uu.se/en/project/decolonizing-research-methodologies/>

