

# PROGRAM



## KITONG-KIASS INTERNATIONALES 3RRR-SYMPOSIUM

RESTITUTION, REHABILITATION und  
RECONCILIATION

**31.8.2022 - 2.9.2022**

The currently controversial issue of the return of stolen/looted African art treasures represents an opportunity for a differentiated and differently articulated dialogue between Africa and Europe, based on mutual respect. Art treasures from African countries that are held hostage in European and Austrian museums represent one dimension of the cultural ADN of African societies. The Top of contemporary African thinking meets from August 31<sup>st</sup> to September 2<sup>nd</sup> 2022 in Vienna to design possible solutions: **Position paper, recommendations for Austrian/European decision-makers from the perspective of the African diaspora in Austria.**

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**31.08.2022**

**Location:** AFRIEUROTEXT  
Buchhandlung, Lassallestrasse  
20 / 3, 1020 Wien

**Press Conference**  
With **ACHILLE MBEMBE**

**10:00 a.m.**

Cameroonian historian and political scientist, pioneer and theorist of postcolonialism and Afropolitanism. Mbembe highlights the aphoristic imaginative power of Africa as a way of contrapuntal thinking about our world. This aphoristic power finds its phenomenological expression in African art.

### Presentations

**Hawa Kebe** **2:00 - 3:30 p.m.**

**SETI: an emergent Women initiative**

SETI is aiming at: promoting successful initiatives of African women and its Diaspora; highlighting women's talents impacting their communities and beyond. **What is the story behind SETI?**

**Sophie Schasiepen** **4:00 - 5:30 p.m.**

**On the repercussions of racial science: The difficulty of talking about the dead**

A short overview of the research done on 'human remains from colonial contexts in Austrian collections' and discussion of possible next steps.

**Prof. Achille Mbembe** **6:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

**ABOUT HIS THINKING AND WRITING**

**01.09.2022**

**Location:** QUELLENSTRASSE 51, 1100 Wien, Central European University (C.E.U)

**Opening Speeches** **9:30 a.m.**

Words of Welcome from AFRIEUROTEXT and fresh Magazine (conception and organisation)

**Rectorate of the Central European University (C.E.U)** **10:15 a.m.**



**Mrs Saba Kassaya** **10:35 a.m.**  
Regional Director of Ethiopian Airlines Vienna and Eastern Europe

**Dr. Suleiman Dauda Umar** **10:50 a.m.**  
Ambassador of the Republic of Nigeria in Vienna/Austria

**Prof. Khadija von Zinnenburg Carroll** **11:15 - 12:15 a.m.**  
On Properties of Relation: A comparative global history of Austria's attitude to restitution

**Dr. Daniel Romuald Bitouh** **2:00 - 2:30 p.m.**  
In light of the complexity of the Restitution issue, should Austria bury its head in the sand?

**Roundtable Discussion I** **2:45 - 4:45 p.m.**

**Mireille Ngosso**, Austrian doctor, politician and activist. Member of the Vienna municipal council the state parliament

**Faika El-Nagashi**, Austrian politician, activist and member of the national parliament (Die Grünen)

**Tina Leisch**, works with film, text and theatre, political Activist, Internationalist

**Henrike Brandstötter**, Austrian politician, author and member of the national parliament (NEOS)

**NN:** Representatives of the Weltmuseum as well as other federal museums have been requested

**Prof. ACHILLE MBEMBE** **5:00 - 7:00 p.m.**

**ON RESTITUTION, REHABILITATION AND RECONCILIATION**

### Interventionen

**Quinta Tim Bih** **7:15 - 7:45 p.m.**

A socio-political analysis of some masks and sculptures from the savannahs of the northwest and north south of Cameroon.

**Mag. Mara Niang** **8:00 - 8:30 p.m.**

"Kumpo": A Mask from the Senegal and Gambia: cultural and socio-political meanings

The artist and art-theorist presents the **Kankourang** to us, a mask from Senegal, also called “Kumbo” in Gambia.

**02.09.2022**

Location: QUELLENSTRASSE 51, 1100 Wien, Central European University (C.E.U)

## Interventions

**Dr. Jonatan Kurzwelly** 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

*Calcified Identities and social justice: Essentialism as a political strategy for provenance research and restitutions of human remains*

Considering which historical wrongdoings provenance research and restitutions attempt to address and how effective they are in doing so.

**Lisa Tackie** 10:45 - 11:15 a.m.

*Traveling as a form of Resistance*

How does racism reflect a global system in the ways we move and travel in the world? With this question, Tackie wants to provide insight into my current research about Black Women in Austria and travelling as a form of resistance.

**Enoh Meyomesse** 11:30 - 12:15 a.m.

*The Mvet/Mvett: A powerful literary genre and a (total) artwork of the Beti-Fang linguistic- and cultural communities*

The epics of Myett are declaimed by community-poets (*mbômo mvett*) and at the same time encompass historical, romantic, socially critical as well as fictional variations. Finally follows their declamation in the style of a poetry recital.

**Oluayemi Olawale Ogunde** 12:30 – 1:00 a.m.

*Oduduwa-Art and Yoruba-Masks: cultural and socio-political meanings*

The presentation has the aim to illustratively portray chosen masks and to discuss their cultural and socio-political meanings.

**Núrel Bahí Reitz** 1:15 - 1:45 p.m.

*Remembering Genocide in Namibia*

Providing an overview of memory politics in Namibia and intending to foster a more thorough understanding of

foreign policy decisions' implications for the target societies' struggle for recognition.

**Noomi Anyanwu** 2:00 - 2:30 p.m.

*Black Voices Volksbegehren*

Since over 2 years the referendum has been working on a national plan of action against racism and has established itself as an anti-racist organisation for many communities.

**Mag.a Adaora Ofoedu** 2:45 - 3:15 p.m.

*Schwarze Frauen Community and its intersectional women-empowerment-work*

Supporting Black Women and children in differing life circumstances and creating a protected space, by empowering them to freely develop their potential.

**Dr. Daniel Romuald Bitouh** 3:20 - 3:35 p.m.

*Migrations, Economics and Digitalisation from an African Perspective. African Diaspora-Organisations as credible actors*

How can **the entrepreneurial potential, the experience of territory and the expertise** of African Diaspora-Organisations in Austria in this post-networking-time be utilized for the implementation of employment projects, initiatives or investments of African countries?

**Mag.a Téclaire Ngo Tam** 3:45 - 4:15 p.m.

*Masks of the Bassaá peoples of Southern Cameroon: cultural and socio-political significance*

In her presentation, Téclaire Ngo Tam aims to analytically present some formative works of art by the Bassáa people.

**Dr.in Ishraga Mustafa Hamid** 4:30 - 5:00 p.m.

*Diversity and Anti-Racism Work: Perspectives of Black Cultural Producers in Vienna*

Black People and People of Colour speak for themselves, whereas their varied perspectives on diversity politics will be addressed.

**Okokroko, Weingartner** 5:10 - 5:40 p.m.

*FIGHT THE FEVER: An appeal to decolonisation of Malaria, Scientific Production and health care*

A Non-Governmental-Organisation and its contributions to the goal of rebuilding the foundations of a postcolonial Africa in the areas of knowledge, medicine and health.

**Dipl. Madge Gill Bukasa** 5:50 - 6:20 p.m.

*African Archives*

Practical and technical insights about the possibilities of archiving African collections and about the cultural commemorations will be discussed and compared through the example of archiving of the journal “Die Bunten”.

**Roundtable Discussion II** 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

**Prof. Achille Mbembe:** cameronian historian and political scientist and theorist of postcolonialism. Professor at the Witwatersrand-University in Johannesburg, South Africa.

**Prof. Khadija von Zinnenburg Carroll:** artist and professor for global art history at Central European University

**Ambassador Dr. Suleiman Dauda Umar.** Ambassador of the Republic of Nigeria in Austria

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**Prof. ACHILLE MBEMBE** 8:30 - 9:00 p.m.

**MEETS THE AFRICAN DIASPORA IN AUSTRIA (QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS)**

**Closing with a Ngoni-Performance from the Artist Adama Dicko**