



RESEARCHING AFRICA: Moving beyond *researcher and the researched*

13th Annual Researching Africa Day Workshop
St Antony's College, Oxford
3 March 2012

9:00 – 9:30 am Registration – free; Tea & Coffee (Hilda Besse Building – Buttery)

9:30 – 10:30 am OPENING KEYNOTE (Nissan Lecture Theatre)

Dr. Noor Nieftagodien, University of the Witwatersrand & Oppenheimer Visiting Fellow at the University of Oxford: *Considering Public History and a case for substantive participation of subjects in the process of knowledge production* **Discussant: Professor William Beinart**

10:45 am – 12:15 pm PANELS 1 and 2

Panel 1: **DEFINING, ACCESSING AND INTERPRETING ARCHIVES (Fellows' Dining Room)**

Chair: **Dr. Jan-Georg Deutsch**

Sabine Dinslage, Frobenius-Institute, Goethe University, Frankfurt a.M.

From plantation manager to explorer

Luregn Lenggenhager, University of Zurich

Researching borders and space in Southern Africa: a reinforcement of dominant power structures?

Tanja Hammel, University of Basel

Advancing the frontiers of science: Botanizing women's constructions and circulation of knowledge in South Africa, 1820-1920

Jamie Miller, University of Cambridge

Archival research in South Africa

Panel 2: **INTERVIEWS, STORIES, AND KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTION WITH MARGINALISED POPULATIONS (Dahrendorf Room)**

Chair: **Dr. Shane Mac Giollabhui**

Natacha Filippi, University of Oxford

Oral History: Recovering the Voice of the 'Marginalized' in Colonial Africa?

Mollie Gerver, University of Oxford

Evaluating the right and risks of African asylum seekers in Israel who reveal their name

Nicki Kindersley, University of Durham

'One day there were gunshots in my village': Southern Sudanese autobiographical accounts of wartime displacement

12:15 – 13:15 pm Lunch

13:30 – 15:00 pm PANELS 3 and 4

Panel 3: **ETHICS, POWER, AND CONTEXT
Examining the consequences of methodological choices and politicised ethnography (Fellows' Dining Room)**

Chair: **Professor Jocelyn Alexander**

Gavin McArthur, University of Manchester

Skin that glitters': standing out in Zanzibar

Julianne P. Weis, University of Oxford

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Jon Schubert, University of Edinburgh

Ethics under fire

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**Panel 4: POST-COLONIAL RESEARCHERS NAVIGATING NEO-COLONIAL CONTEXTS
Access, reciprocity, and good intentions (Dahrendorf Room)**

Chair: Dr. Jonny Steinberg

Allison Coyle, University of Edinburgh

Researching Education: Moving between researcher and teacher

Dominic Davies, University of Oxford

NGOs and cultural imperialism: a postcolonial perspective

Anke-Maria Mueller

Researching Africa as "White First World Samaritan-...": self considerations to tackle of (post-colonial) dichotomies in development research

Mary-Anne Decatur, School of Oriental and African Studies

Ethics and the social context: Intervention and activism in the field: the case of female genital cutting

15:00 – 15:15 pm Tea & Coffee

**15:15 – 16:45 pm INTERACTIVE PANEL (Nissan Lecture Theatre)
BEYOND RESEARCHER/RESEARCHED
Transdisciplinary reflections on data collection and research dissemination**

Chair: Dr. Nicholas Cheeseman

Charlotte Cross, University of Sussex

Jake McKnight, University of Oxford

Lizzi Milligan, University of Bristol

Stephanie Terreni Brown, University of Edinburgh

This panel brings together four alumni of the MSc African Studies programme to ask how, and indeed if, research results can be made both relevant and sensitive enough to be 'given back' to the communities within which we worked. The session aims to highlight the challenges faced by researchers undertaking this type of work on both sides of the collaboration, but also to foreground examples of best practice.

16:45-17:00 pm Closing remarks, Dr. David Pratten (Nissan Lecture Theatre)

17:00 pm Drinks Reception (Hilda Besse Building – Buttery)