



Max-Planck-Institut für ethnologische Forschung Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology

INAUGURAL WORKSHOP OF THE OTTO-HAHN RESEARCH GROUP Gender, Migration and Social Mobility among Transnational West African Women

Workshop

26 – 28 October 2022

Organiser: Dr. Anaïs Ménard & Prof. Jacqueline Knörr (Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle/Saale)

Programme

Tuesday, 25 October 2022

Arrival Day – Informal Get Together

19.00 Nexus, Kohlschütterstraße 9, 06114 Halle (Saale)

Wednesday, 26 October 2022

09.00 – 09.30 *Introduction*
Presentation of Otto-Hahn Research Group

09.30 – 10.00 *Discussion*
Prof. Jacqueline Knörr (MPI for Social Anthropology)

Session 1 *Upward Social Mobility in Transnational Perspective*

10.00 – 11.00 *Labouring for social mobility: Gambian women and transnational migration*
Dr. Pamela Kea (University of Sussex)

11.00 – 11.30 *Coffee Break*

11.30 – 12.30 *Gendered Labors of Integration: Transmitting Transnational Middle Classness Between Dakar and Paris*
Dr. Chelsie Yount-André (University of Leiden)

12.30 – 13.30	<i>Lunch Break</i>
13.30 – 14.30	<i>'Social Circles' and Generational Entanglements: Upholding Social Status among Sierra Leonean Women in France</i> Dr. Anaïs Ménard (MPI for Social Anthropology)
14.30 – 15.00	<i>Discussion</i> Dr. David O'Kane
15.00 – 15.30	<i>Coffee Break</i>
Session 2	<i>The Micro-Politics of Self-Making in Diasporic Contexts</i>
15.30 – 16.30	<i>Friendships for Future: Middle-Classing Selves and Children in the Cameroonian Diaspora</i> Prof. Pamela Feldman-Savelsberg (Carleton College)
16.30 – 18.00	<i>Group sessions</i>
19.00 – 20.00	<i>Dinner (TBA)</i>
20.00 – 20.30	<i>Final Discussion</i>

Thursday, 27 October 2022

09.30 – 10.30	<i>Weaving Black and African Multiplicities in Germany: Migration, Race and Social Identity</i> Dr. Johanna Lukate (MPI for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity)
10.30 – 11.00	<i>Coffee Break</i>
11.00 – 12.00	<i>Integration of Ghanaian Women Migrants in Europe: An Intersectional Feminist Perspective</i> Kezia Aryeetey (MPI for Social Anthropology)
12.00 – 12.30	<i>Discussion</i> Dumitrita Lunca
12.30 – 13.30	<i>Lunch</i>

Session 3	<i>(Upward) Social Mobility among Female Remigrants in West Africa</i>
13.30 – 14.30	<i>Staving Off Downward Mobility: Female Entrepreneurs in the Emerging Care Market in Accra, Ghana</i> Prof. Cati Coe (Carleton University)
14.30 – 15.30	<i>Social Mobility among 'Re-migrant' Women Entrepreneurs in Ghana</i> Dr. Dorothy Takyiakwaa (University of Cape Coast)
15.30 – 16.00	<i>Coffee break</i>
16.00 – 18.00	<i>Group sessions</i>
19.00 – 20.00	<i>Dinner (TBA)</i>
20.00 – 20.30	<i>Final Discussion</i>

Friday, 28 October 2022

09.00 – 10.00	<i>Wealthy Godmothers: Ritual Gifts and Gendered Practices among Female Ressortissants to Upper Guinea</i> Prof. Erin Kenny (Missouri State University)
10.00 – 10.30	<i>Discussion</i> Prof. Wilson Trajano Filho (University of Brasilia)
10.30 – 11.00	<i>Coffee Break</i>
11.00 – 12.00	<i>Wrap-up</i>