

1904-2004 - DECONTAMINATING THE NAMIBIAN PAST

A COMMEMORATIVE CONFERENCE

Convener: Dr Wolfram Hartmann (UNamibia)

Date: 17-21 August 2004

Venue: University of Namibia, Windhoek Campus (Pioneer's Park)

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Tuesday 17TH AUGUST 2004

14:00 Registration starts in Gym Hall – Coffee & Tea
16:00 Opening Ceremony – Gym Hall
17:30 Opening Art Exhibition & Reception in Business School
19:00

19:00-21:30

KEYNOTE PANEL

Chairperson: Dr Wolfram Hartmann

We die day by day.

Mr Ewald U Katjivena

Revolt and identity: nation-building and the appropriation of Namibian history.

Mr Tom Fox

Certain uncertainties: or the ventures of a leftist historian into colonial apologetics. A Namibian "Historikerstreit".

Mr Werner Hillebrecht

What the Germans did to the Herero was almost a logical consequence of the colonial situation.

Dr Andreas Eckl

The colonial war of 1904: a debate gone astray.

Discussant: Dr Patricia Hayes

Wednesday 18th AUGUST 2004 - Otjomuise

08:30 - 10:30

PANEL I - GERMAN COLONIALISM I

Chairperson: Ms Ellen Namhila

Colonialism, War and the Working Class: Popular Mobilization in the *Reichstag* Elections of 1907

Dr John Phillip Short

Fantasies of exaltation: social class, pre-colonial discourse and German *Eingeborenenpolitik* in South West Africa (1984-1914) in comparative perspective.

Dr George Steinmetz

1904-2004 – "Plantations, reservation, and mission fields" Land conflicts on Mount Cameroon, 1884-1906".

Mr Jürg Schneider

Discussant: Dr Sara Pugach

10:30-11:00 Coffee/Tea

11:00-13:00

PANEL II - GERMAN COLONIALISM II

Chairperson: Dr Dag Henrichsen

"How post-colonial is today's Germany?"

Ms Antje Schumann

The German colonial wars and their aftermaths: Namibia and Tanzania, comparative approaches.

Prof Helmut Bley

Einheitssprachen in Namibia and Elsewhere: The Development of *lingua francae* and Colonial Control in Germany's African Empire.

Dr Sarah Pugach

Discussant: Dr Jeremy Silvester

13:00-14:00 LUNCH - Leisure Centre

14:00-16:00

PANEL III - BIOGRAPHIES/IDENTITY

Chairperson: Dr Nico Horn

Nehale Iya Mpingana.

Ms Ellen Ndeshi Namhila

Kaera. Compensation and land claims by a Namibian Woman, 1904-1914.

Dr Dag Henrichsen

German women and cleaning up the Namibian past: the significance of Helene von Falkenhausen.

Prof N Decker

Discourses of progress, identity and civilization: relations between sections of the white community in colonial Namibia.

Dr Christo Botha

Discussant: Dr Marion Wallace

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PANEL IV - LITERATURE I

Chairperson: Dr Marianne Zappen

Re-constructing a fictional pre-genocide Herero discourse? – an analysis of narrative structures in Giselher Hoffmann's novel *Die schweigenden Feuer* (1994).

Prof Janina Wozniak

Colonial fantasies: The native problem in the German imagination.

Prof Sara Lennox

Yesterday's future: conflict and catharsis in the New Namibian Novel.

Ms Helen Vale/Dr Volker Winterfeldt

Discussant: Dr John P. Short

18:30-19:30 Dinner - Leisure Centre

19:30 Space Theatre

Theatre Production "We thought we would be free"

Prof Aldo Behrens

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PANEL V- MISSION AND COLONIALISM

Chairperson: Mr Goodman Gwasira

Involvement of the Rheinisch Mission in the colonisation process.

Pastor Werner A Wienecke

Imagining religious geographies: initiatives and interventions of the Rheinisch Missionary Society during the colonial war in Namibia 1904-1908.

Pastor Hanns Lessing

Decontaminating the missionary past: experiences from St. Mary's Mission.

Ms Nancy Robson

Apartheid, education and political consciousness: lessons from a Namibian mission school.

Prof Christian A Williams

Discussant: Dr Carl Stauffer

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11:00-13:00

PANEL VI SOUTH AFRICAN COLONIALISM

Chairperson: Dr Christo Botha

On her heels, on her side: Ruth First in South West Africa.

Prof Barbara Harlow

Al Lowenstein and Southern Africa: Brutal Mandate and Other Mysteries.

Prof Christopher Saunders

The Namibian bush war of independence.

Prof Richard Dale

The South African defense force versus SWAPO and its allies: Operation Askari, 1983-1984.

Dr Gerhard J J Oosthuizen

Discussant: Prof. Bill Lindeke

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PANEL VII - MEMORY AND MEMORIALISATION I

Chairperson: Prof Manfred O. Hinz

Museums and memorial places in the process of decolonization in Namibia.

Ms Adelheid Wessler

Decontaminating objects?

Ms Larissa Foerster

A hundred years on: The war, memory and monuments.

Mr Goodman Gwasira

Decontaminating the museums past.

Ms Silke Seybold

Discussant: Dr Premesh Lalu

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PANEL VIII - MEMORY AND MEMORIALISATION II

Chairperson: Ewald U. Katjivena

“ Memorialisation processes in South Africa post-1990.

Mr Oupa Makhalemele

Namibian memory culture: challenges of fragmented historical experience.

Prof Reinhart Kössler

Post-colonial Political Discourse and Memory Culture a Century after the genocide – who honors whom?”.

Dr Henning Melber

Thinking Ahead: Nationalist Narratives and the story of the Killing of Hintsä.

Dr Premesh Lalu

Discussant: Dr George Steinmetz

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PANEL IX - LITERATURE II

Chairperson: Mr Tom Fox

Literature as colonizing and decolonizing agent – the case of Namibian racial imagery.

Dr Piet van Rooyen/ Prof Andre du Pisani

“On the other side : Strangers ?! “

Dr Marianne Zappen

The elusive monument. Can a praise poem count as a memorial?

Dr Anette Hoffmann

Discussant: Prof Mahlope

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PANEL X - RESISTANCE

Chairperson: Dr Andreas E. Eckl

Visiting resistance: Mandume and the South African occupation of Oukwanyama, 1915-1917

Prof Patricia Hayes

Protection, power and gender: some questions (not) raised by the historiography of Namibia in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

Dr Marion Wallace

The impact of the 1904 war on Kaokoland

Dr Jehura U Kavari

Resisting the official falsification and academic mystification of the Bondelswartz' resistance against colonialism.

Mr Jade Mc Clune

Discussant: Dr Kazuvire Veij

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PANEL XI - SURVIVING GENOCIDE

Chairperson: Dr Henning Melber

You tried to exterminate us, but we survived, and now we're writing the history: survival, resistance and revolution for the century to come.

Dr Yvette Abrahams

Unfinished business: the interface between victims and perpetrators in Southern Africa.

Dr Carl S Stauffer

"From Namibia (1904) to Rwanda (1994) - Comparing Genocides in the 20th Century"

Prof Benyamin Neuberger

Decontaminating the Namibian past – a psychological analysis.

Dr Kazuvire R H Veij

Preliminary understandings of anthropological research on the varied strategies by self-identifying Herero's to “heal the wounds” of the German colonial past.

Discussant: Dr Gudrun D. Kober

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PANEL XII - LAND AND JUSTICE

Chairperson: Prof Andre du Pisani

Human rights and Justice in the context of African conflict management and resolution systems.

Dr Shihaka Tsemo

Constitutional rights and pre-colonial rights: conflicting or complementary?

Dr Nico Horn

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Dr Sam K Amoo/Prof Sid Harring

Indigenous law and interpretation of African history: conflicting dilemmas.

Prof Effa Okupa

"Ehi rOvaherero" - Land claims and 19th Century Central Namibian History in Praise Songs

Dr Dag Henrichsen

Discussant: Dr Wolfgang Werner

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Mr Israel Kaunatjike

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PANEL XIII - DAMARA HISTORY - WORKSHOP

Chairperson: Prof Michael Bollig

The Hunt of //Heihab in 1903. Complementarity of archival evidence and oral anecdotal evidence.

Prof. Wilfrid Haacke

Genealogies, church registers and birth histories: Demography as a key to the history of everyday life.

Dr Julia Pauli

The local production of history. A proposal for a study on Damara history based on the local production of history.

Ms Jutta MacConnell

Discussant: Dr Ben Fuller

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Teaching history at school - a workshop

Ms Gisela Fasse, Dr Jeremy Silvester and Mr Werner Thaniseb

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PANEL XIV - REPARATIONS AND ETHICS

Chairperson: Dr Gudrun D. Kober

To err is human, to forgive African: Reflections on Wole Soyinka's The Burden of Memory the Muse of Forgiveness

Prof MB Ramose

"In view of difficult legal questions..." Political ethics and the German Herero war one hundred years later.

Prof Manfred O. Hinz

War, land, reparations and the struggle for wealth in Uganda

Dr Raphaela von Weichs

Reparations in Southern Africa – examining it's meaning and impact on survivors.

Mr Oupa Makhalemele

Back to the future: The path of reconciliation

Dr Carl S Stauffer

Colonialism and reparation – a comparative perspective for Namibia.

Prof Yoko Nagahara

Discussant: Dr Christo Botha

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PANEL XV - CONFERENCE REPORTS

Dr Premesh Lalu

Dr Patricia Hayes

Dr Gudrun Kober

Dr Kazuvire Veij

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