

Workshop on Emerging Approaches in Uganda Studies

The Institute of Advanced Studies, Common Ground

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Over the past ten years, the historiography of Uganda has been invested with new vigour. Building upon the increasing availability of private and public archives, and innovative ethnographic work, scholars have developed new areas of enquiry and have sought to rethink much of the work that was associated with the East African Institute of Social Research during the late 1950s and early 1960s. The purpose of this one-day workshop is to convene scholars who are actively working to rethink Uganda's past and current scholarship. All are welcome to attend.

930am

Welcome and Opening Remarks

940–1140am

Reconceptualising Colonial Spaces

- Adrian J. Browne (Durham University), Social anthropology and the politics of recognition: the case of Aidan W. Southall and Alur (Jonam) of north-western Uganda
- Kathleen Vongsathorn (University of Warwick), 'Deep, deep, deep in the village': exploring local responses to maternity centres in Karamoja and beyond, c. 1921-2017
- Alison Bennett (University College London and the British Museum), Collecting Uganda: rethinking colonial politics through objects
- Jonathon L. Earle (Centre College), 'As wide as the king's road in Mengo': time, space and the Uganda Railway in early colonial eastern Africa

1150am–120pm

Institutional Power in the Postcolony

- Tyler Zoanni (New York University), Doubt and disbelief in Africa: a Ugandan story
- Kate Bruce-Lockhart (University of Cambridge), 'A Space of Home? Competing Communities in the Uganda Prisons Service'
- Marissa Mika (University College London), Staying Alive: Documenting the Uganda Cancer Institute

130-215pm

Lunch

230–430pm

Contemporary Contestations

- Michaela Collord (University of Oxford), Explaining the institutional trajectory of Uganda's National Resistance Movement
- Nelson Kasfir (Dartmouth College), Rebel governance and rebel archives in Uganda
- George Roberts (University of Warwick), Uganda and the human rights 'revolution' of the 1970s
- Florence Brisset Foucault (Université Paris, Panthéon-Sorbonne), 'I ask everybody to be a soldier to his neighbour': a research agenda on the localised aspects of punitive politics in Buganda

430pm

Tea

450-620pm

Reflections on a Changing Field

- Michael Twaddle (Institute of Commonwealth Studies), Uganda studies: past and present
- Richard Reid (SOAS), Limits of national historiography in Uganda
- Carol Summers (University of Richmond), Workshop discussant

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