

SENTIMENTS OF JUSTICE IN AFRICA

Sensing the Normative at Shifting Scales

Recent scholarship on justice in Africa has highlighted both the specific normative framings of justice and the broader political, economic, social and cultural contexts, in which conflicts around justice are enmeshed. However, their affective and emotional dimensions – that is, the realm of *sentiments of justice* – has typically been neglected. Sentiments of justice are arguably crucial for apprehending the full power of normative orientations to attract or antagonise actors.

This conference deliberately expands the common preoccupation with divergent senses of justice into a more comprehensive interrogation of affectively and emotionally saturated sentiments of justice. It focusses in particular on the shifting scales, at which such normative orientations are affectively and emotionally perceived, constituted in bodily experiences as meaningful and thus grounded through multifarious interactions. The conference assembles empirically diverse contributions from multiple social fields and aims at charting the novel terrain of sentiments of justice in Africa in order to grasp the diversity of “moral sentiments” that animate real people, individually and collectively, in their daily lives.



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Wednesday, 26 September 2018

7:00 PM *Informal Get-Together*
Alter Krug, Königin-Luise-Straße 52, 14195 Berlin

Thursday, 27 September 2018

9:30 – 10:00 AM

Introduction
Olaf Zenker and Jonas Bens

PART I. SENTIMENTS OF JUSTICE AND THEIR POST/ COLONIAL STATES: OF CITIZENS AND OTHER SUBJECTS

10:00 – 10:45 AM

Shame, Suspicion, Humiliation, Nostalgia: About Some Moral / Emotional Categories at the Core of State Functioning and Public Services Delivery in Niger, and Beyond

Jean-Pierre Olivier de Sardan (École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Marseilles)

10:45 – 11:00 AM *Coffee Break*

11:00 – 11:45 AM

Land Reform, the Postcolonial State and Contested Sentiments of Justice in the Current Debate on Expropriation Without Compensation in South Africa

Olaf Zenker (Université de Fribourg)

11:45 AM – 12:30 PM

Sensing (Dis)Closure: Forensic Anthropology and Questions of Justice in Post-War Somaliland

Markus Höhne (Universität Leipzig)

12:30 – 2:00 PM *Lunch Break*

PART II. TRANSITIONAL SENTIMENTS OF JUSTICE: NORMATIVE DIS/ORDERS

2:00 – 2:45 PM

Making the African Court as an Affective Practice: Pan-Africanism and Its Emotional Regimes
Kamari Clarke (Carleton University, Ottawa)

2:45 – 3:30 PM

Humanitarian Ethics at the International Criminal Court
Sara Kendall (University of Kent)

3:30 – 4:00 PM *Coffee Break*

4:00 – 4:45 PM

Transitional Justice Proceedings as Sentiment Modulation Machines: The International Criminal Court in The Hague and Northern Uganda
Jonas Bens (Freie Universität Berlin)

4:45 – 5:30 PM

Unjust Infrastructures in Rural Northern Sudan: The Pain of Forced Eviction and the Call for (Trans)national Responsibility
Valerie Hänsch (Universität Bayreuth)

7:00 PM *Speaker's Dinner*
Luise Dahlem, Königin-Luise-Straße 40–42, 14195 Berlin

Friday, 28 September 2018

PART III. LOCALISING SENTIMENTS OF JUSTICE: RE/CENTERING IMAGINATIONS

10:00 – 10:45 AM

Victimhood, Victimisation and Victims' Hierarchies: Justice Reasoning and Emotions in Northern Uganda in the Context of the ICC Trial of Dominic Ongwen
Lioba Lenhart (Gulu University)

10:45 – 11:00 AM *Coffee Break*

11:00 – 11:45 AM

One Health in the Playing Field: West African Ebola Regimes and Divergent Scales of Justice
Anita Schroven (Max-Planck-Institut für ethnologische Forschung, Halle/Saale)

11:45 AM – 12:30 PM

A Constitution of the People? Reflections on the Production of Constitutional Sentiments in the Internationalised Constitution-Making Process in South Sudan
Katrin Seidel (Max-Planck-Institut für ethnologische Forschung, Halle/Saale)

12:30 – 2:00 PM *Lunch Break*

2:00 – 2:45 PM

Policing and Sentiments of Justice in Madagascar
Gabriel Scheidecker (Freie Universität Berlin)

2:45 – 3:30 PM

Affective Trajectories of Social Justice and Inclusion: Albinism Between Local Narratives and Normative Discursive Regimes
Giorgio Brocco (Freie Universität Berlin)

3:30 – 4:00 *Coffee Break*

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Closing Discussion and Publication Strategy