







Africa-Bayreuth International Alumni Network

PROGRAMME

Religion in Times of Transition:

The Case of the COVID-19 Pandemic in Africa

17 to 18 December 2021

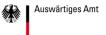
University of Bayreuth and on Zoom

as part of the conference series

Rolling Religion on the African Map
Beliefs, Practices and Contentions in Times of Transition











AGENDA

17 December 2021

09:00—09:30	Welcome Dr. Franz Kogelmann University of Bayreuth, Germany		
09:30—10:00	Keynote "Virus Became a God: COVID-19 Pandemic and Religious Legitimacy Crisis in Africa" Dr. Leo Igwe University of Cape Town, South Africa		
10:00—10:30	Discussion with the Keynote Speaker moderated by Dr. Serawit Bekele Debele University of Bayreuth, Germany		
10:30—11:00	Coffee Break		
11:00—12:45	Panel 1: The <i>Importance of Religion in Times of COVID-19</i> moderated by Dr. Lamine Doumbia MIASA, Accra, University of Ghana		
11:00—11:15	Performing the "Online Pulpit": Alternative Church Platforms in Times of COVID-19 in Kenya Dr. Samuel Ndogo Moi University, Eldoret, Kenya		
11:15—11:30	Religion and Commodification: The Ghanaian Churches' COVID- 19 Economy Dr. Genevieve Nrenzah University of Ghana, Accra, Ghana		
11:30—11:45	Beliefs and Uncertainty: Consequences of COVID-19 on Everyday Religious Life in Zimbabwe Dr. Ivan Marowa University of Zimbabwe, Harare, Zimbabwe		





11:45—12:00	COVID-19 and the Deconstruction of the Concept of 'Church' Dr. Magdaline Wafula Moi University, Eldoret, Kenya	
12:00—12:15	The Growing Importance of Religion and Challenged Role of the State in Times of COVID-19: The Case of Goma (DR Congo) Dr. Blaise Muhire DR Congo	
12:15—12:45	Round Table with the Speakers	
12:45—14:00	Lunch Break	
14:00—14:45	Panel 2: The Influence of COVID-19 in Everyday Religious Life moderated by Dr. Chikas Ishaku-Tsilpi University of Jos, Nigeria	
14:00—14:15	Religion in the Times of Pandemic: The Tunisian Case Dr. Ramzi Ben Amara University of Sousse, Tunisia	
14:15—14:30	"Save the Lord Our Saviour!" The Plague, Collective Panic and the Crisis of Judment in the Times of "Everything Goes" Dr. Moulay Driss El Maarouf Sidi Mohamed Ben Abdellah University, Fès, Morocco	
14:30—14:45	COVID-19 and Church Attendance Behaviour Trends: Evidence from Ghanaian Pentecostal Churches Dr. Justice Arthur Pentecost University, Accra, Ghana	
14:45—15:00	Religion Meets COVID-19: Analyzing Language Use in Online Mass Dr. Simon Nganga Moi University, Eldoret, Kenya	
15:00—15:30	Round Table with the Speakers	

Coffee Break

15:30-16:00





16:00—17:30	Panel 3: Spirituality, Prayer and Healing in Times of COVID-19 moderated by Dr. Jane Ayeko-Kümmeth Friedrich-Alexander Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg, Germany		
16:00—16:15	"No Evil Shall Befall Me and No Disease Shall Come Near My Homestead": Religious Construction of Disease and Aladura Response to COVID-19 in Nigeria Dr. Timothy Baiyewu Jos, Nigeria		
16:15—16:30	The COVID-19 Pandemic and Religion in Nigeria: The Vaccine Myth Dr. Lohna Bonkat-Jonathan National Institute for Legislative and Democratic Studies, Abuja, Nigeria		
16:30—16:45	"Compulsory Vaccination Is from the Pit of Hell": Content and Discourse Analysis of Religious Sermons on COVID-19 in Nigeria Dr. Baba Mai Bello University of Maiduguri, Nigeria		
16:45—17:00	Finding COVID-19 Cure: The Orisa Devotees' Response to a Global Pandemic in Yoruba Society Dr. Adeyemi Balogun Osun State University, Nigeria		
17:00—17:30	Round Table with the Speakers		
17:30—18:00	Summary of the Conference Day moderated by Dr. Samuel Ndogo		

Moi University, Eldoret, Kenya





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10:00—10:15	Opening: The Future of afriBIAN (with or "without" COVID-19) Mirjam Straßer, M.A. University of Bayreuth, Germany				
10:15—11:45	Working Groups with participants on site and online Collecting data of alumni / Not losing track Attracting new afriBIAN members Developing project ideas Strengthening the feeling of community Encouraging members to initiate projects Finding funding opportunities				
	WG 1: With COVID-19	WG 2: With(out) COVID-19	WG 3: Without COVID-19		
	Virtual (Networking) Events	Hybrid (Networking) Events	Physical (Networking) Events		
	Dr. Lamine Doumbia MIASA, Accra, University of Ghana	Dr. Louis Ndong Cheikh Anta Diop University, Dakar, Senegal	Dr. Ramzi Ben Amara University of Sousse, Tunisia		
11:45—12:30	Presentation of the Working Groups' Results				
12:30—14:00	Lunch Break				
14:00—15:30	Letting afriBIAN Grow: Alumni Meet Future Alumni moderated by Edidiong Charles Ibanga and Mirjam Straßer University of Bayreuth, Germany				
15:30—16:00	Coffee Break				
16:00—17:30	Allocation of Tasks / Preparations for the Next Conference in Fes moderated by Dr. Ramzi Ben Amara University of Sousse, Tunisia				
17:30—18:00 Closing Words					
10.00	Dr. Franz Kogelmann University of Bayreuth, Ger	rmany			