

Swahili Conference at SOAS

Saturday 14th October 2017 | 9.30am - 6.30pm

Brunei Gallery Lecture Theatre | SOAS University of London

Registration – 9.30am-10am

Welcome introduction - 9.55-10.00 - Dr Chege Githiora (SOAS), conference convenor

Panel 1 – 10am-12 – Swahili language and Linguistics

Lutz Marten (SOAS) - Morphosyntactic variation in Old Swahili

Maya Abe (Osaka University, Japan) - Grammatical change in the ethnic languages induced by contact with Swahili: A case of Mbugu (Ma'a)

Martin Walsh (Cambridge University, UK) - Evidence for early Malay and Malagasy loanwords in Swahili

Nico Nassenstein (Mainz University, Germany) - Kiswahili in West Nile (Uganda): Notes on its function and Realization

Chair: Chege Githiora (SOAS)

Lunch Break – 12.00-1.30pm in Brunei Suite

Panel 2 – 1.30-3.30pm – Cultural perspectives and Modernity

Ida Hadjivayanis (SOAS) - Virtually Local : Social Media among Zanzibari women in London

Felicitas Becker (Gent University/Cambridge University) - The personal is political: Islamic preachers and their audiences in Tanzania

Thembi Mutch (Sussex University, UK) - Politics of the Porch; or why mobile phones allow Islamic women to have a voice

Jamie Thomas (Swarthmore College, US) - Contesting Wazungu in Tanzania: Chinese nationals joke in Swahili

Chair: Angelica Baschiera (SOAS)

Tea Break – 3.30pm-4pm

4.00 – 4.15 **Ibrahim Hussein prize – short presentation**

Panel 3 – 4.15pm-6.15pm - Culture and Society

Nathalie Arnold (Hampshire college, US) - Abeid Subi Ate the Drum: wizardly language and power in Pemba, Zanzibar

Chege Githiora (SOAS) - On Translating 'Kaburi bila Msalaba'

Helle Goldman (Norwegian Polar Institute) - Using colonial agricultural records in anthropological fieldwork in rural Pemba

Mai Omar (African research and studies, Cairo University) - The Role of Swahili in the African American Thought: Kwanzaa

Chair: Ida Hadjivayanis (SOAS)