



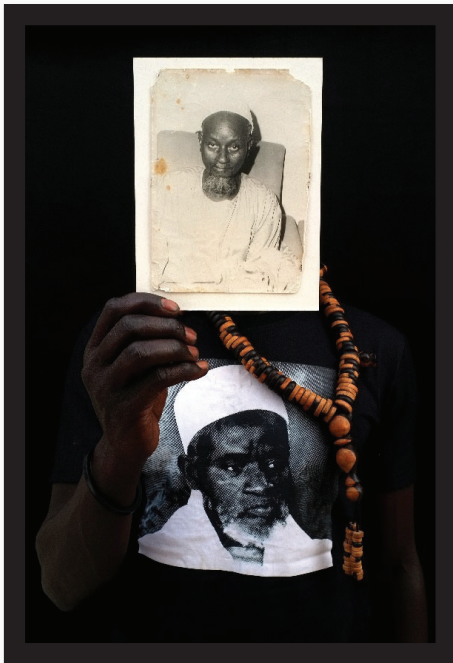
The Fragmentation of Religious Authority in Muslim Africa

An International Workshop

Thursday–Saturday, October 10–12, 2019

Indiana University Europe Gateway, Berlin

Keynote address by Prof. Dr. **Stefan Reichmuth**, Ruhr-Universität Bochum



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Thursday, October 10

16:30 – 17:00 Arrival

17:00 – 18:30 Keynote address by Prof. Dr. **Stefan Reichmuth** (Ruhr-Universität Bochum):
The West African Islamic Revolutions (ca. 1775-1850): Part of a Muslim
Revolutionary Age?
Introduced by **John Hanson** (Indiana University)

18:30 – 20:30 Reception

Friday, October 11

09:00 – 09:30 Registration, refreshments

09:30 – 09:45 **Ron Sela** (Indiana University): Opening remarks

09:45 – 12:00 SESSION I. Chair & discussant: **John Hanson** (Indiana University)

09:45-10:30: **Sean Hanretta** (Northwestern University)
Authoritative Bundles: Material, Practice, and Ritual Transformation
among Muslims in Ghana

10:30-11:15: **Wendell Marsh** (Rutgers University–Newark)
Contesting Genealogies of Authority

11:15-12:00: **Hanna Nieber** (University of Bayreuth)
Authority with Textual Materials: Power of the Written Qur'an

12:00 – 13:15 Lunch for all conference attendees

13:15 – 15:30 SESSION II. Chair & discussant: **Terje Østebø** (University of Florida)

13:15-14:00: **Halkano Abdi Wario** (Egerton University)
'Woe Unto You Evil Scholars': Politics of Religious Authority
Delegitimization in a Jihadi Magazine in East Africa

14:00-14:45: **Kimberly Wortmann** (Wake Forest University)
Parallel and Intersecting Networks of Ibadhi Islam: The Renewed
Algerian Presence in Tanzania

14:45-15:30: **Benedikt Pontzen** (University of Bayreuth)
"Speaking for Islam": Malams and 'Ilm in a Zongo

15:30-16:00 Coffee break

16:00-17:30 SESSION III. Chair & discussant: **Rüdiger Seesemann** (University of Bayreuth)

16:00-16:45: **Beth Buggenhagen** (Indiana University)
From Photographic Portrait to Devotional Image: Photography and
Muslim Authority in *Bingo* Magazine

16:45-17:30: **Joseph Hill** (University of Alberta)
WhatsApp, Shaykh? Varieties of Networked Religious Authorities in the
Fayḍa Tijāniyya

19:00 Dinner for presenters

Saturday, October 12

09:30 – 10:00 Registration, refreshments

10:00 – 12:15 SESSION IV. Chair & discussant: **Benjamin Soares** (University of Florida)

10:00-10:45: **Kai Kresse** (ZMO Berlin) and **Kadara Swaleh** (Pwani University)
Contested Religious Authority on the Swahili Coast, Seen Through the
Work of Three Muslim Scholars

10:45-11:30: **Dorrit van Dalen** (Leiden University)
Authority and al-Tarjumā

11:30-12:15: **Alexander Thurston** (University of Cincinnati)
Buddah Ould al-Busayri and the Fragmentation of Sacred Authority in
Postcolonial Mauritania

12:15-13:30 Lunch for all conference attendees

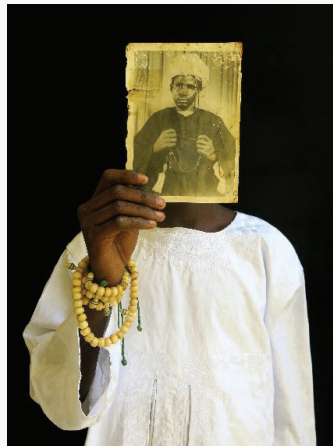
13:30-15:00 Session V. Chair & Discussant: **Marloes Janson** (SOAS)

13:30-14:15: **Fulera Issaka-Toure** (University of Ghana)
Hierarchies of Muslim Religious Authorities and Female Agency in Accra,
Ghana

14:15-15:00: **Britta Frede** (University of Bayreuth)
Islamic Authority, Education and Tradition in Contemporary African
Cities: Female Perspectives

15:00: Concluding remarks

19:00 Dinner for Presenters



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