

CURRICULUM VITAE

Academic Position

- 11/2023 – 04/2024 **Research Fellow**, ‘Africa Multiple’ Excellence Cluster at University Bayreuth/
Germany
Focus: Decentering international(ised) Peace Mediation in Africa
- 05/2023 – 10/2023 **Research Fellow**, Excellence cluster ‘Religion & Politics’, Münster University/
Germany.
Focus: Legal Pluralism & Coloniality: Politics of Recognition of Religious Diversity
in Africa
- Since 09/2022 **Associate Researcher**, Dept. ‘Law & Anthropology’, Max Planck Institute for
Social Anthropology Halle S./Germany
Focus: *Max Planck Law*, ‘Law & Africa’ Group
- 03/2021 – 08/2022 **Senior Research Fellow**, Dept. ‘Law & Anthropology’, Max Planck Institute for
Social Anthropology Halle S./Germany
Focus: Application of an *International Max Planck Research School* (IMPRS)
- 01/2020 – 02/2021 **Associate Researcher**, Dept. ‘Law & Anthropology’, Max Planck Institute for
Social Anthropology Halle S./Germany
- 11/2012 – 12/2019 **Research Fellow**, Dept. ‘Law & Anthropology’, Max Planck Institute for Social
Anthropology Halle S./Germany
Focus: South Sudan’s and Somaliland’s State-making and Constitutional Genesis in
the Age of Global Legal Pluralism
- 06/2017 – 02/2018 **Research Fellow**, Otto Suhr Institute of Political Science, Freie University
Berlin/Germany
Focus: Academic Coordinator for Joint Network Rule of Law support [RSF Hub]
in collaboration with the Federal Foreign Office of Germany
- 09/2015 – 08/2016 **Postdoc Fellow**, Käte Hamburger Kolleg/Centre for Global Cooperation
Research, Research Unit ‘Global Governance Revisited’, Duisburg/Germany
Focus: Role of External Actors on Constitution-Making in South Sudan and
Somaliland: A Comparative Perspective

Academic Education

- 11/2015 – 02/2021 **Habilitation studies**, Faculty of Law, Economics and Business, Martin Luther
University of Halle-Wittenberg/Germany
Thesis: Internationalised Constitution-Making as Tool for Negotiating Statehood
and Rule of Law: South Sudan’s and Somaliland’s Constitutional Genesis in the
Context of Plural Legal (Dis-) Ordering
Venia Legendi: Legal Anthropology, Legal Sociology, Legal Comparison
Degree: PD Dr. phil.

- 01/2007 – 05/2012 **Doctorate studies**, Institute of Asian and African Studies (IAAW), Humboldt University of Berlin (HU Berlin)/Germany
Thesis: Rechtspluralismus in Äthiopien: Interdependenzen zwischen islamischem und staatlichem Recht [Legal Pluralism in Ethiopia: Interdependencies between Islamic law and state law], Berlin State's scholarship
Degree: Ph.D. phil.
- 04/2003 – 11/2006 **Regional Studies Asia/Africa**, IAAW HU Berlin/Germany
Focus: History and Society of East & North-East Africa, Law and Politics in Africa; Islamic Law; Customary Law; Language and Education Policy
Degree: B.A. Regional Studies Asia/Africa
- 10/1996 – 03/2005 **Law Studies**, Humboldt University of Berlin, Rostock University/Germany, University of Athens)/Greece
Focus: Criminology, Legal Sociology, International Law
Degree: Dipl.-Jur. (1. state examination)

Supplementary Education and Training

- 03/2020 – 06/2020 **Certified (business) Mediator**, *Mediationsagentur Berlin*, Berlin/Germany
- 12/2017 Specialisation on **Rule of Law Toolbox for Crisis Management and Peace Operations: Concepts, Practices and Trends**, *Center for International Peace Operations (ZIF)*, Berlin/Germany
- 10/2014 – 06/2015 **Study of Mediation and Mediative Kommunikation** [Zertifikationsstudium Mediation, univ.], *Institut für Mediative Kommunikation und Diversity-Kompetenz (IMK)* an der *Internationalen Akademie für innovative Pädagogik, Psychologie und Ökonomie (INA)* at Freie University Berlin/Germany
- 04/2014 Specialisation on **Mediation and Negotiation in the Field**, ZIF, Berlin/Germany
- 06/2013 Summer Course **Constitution-Building in Africa**, Central European University, Budapest/Hungary
- 03/2011 **University Teaching and Learning**, HU Berlin/Germany
- 03/2007 **Project Management**, HU Berlin/Germany

International Studies & Fieldworks

- 05/2017 – 06/2017 Juba/South Sudan
- 11/2016 – 12/2016 Nairobi/Kenya and Addis Ababa/Ethiopia
- 10/2015 – 11/2015 Hargeisa and Lasanod/Somaliland
- 04/2015 – 06/2015 Juba and Rumbek/South Sudan, Addis Ababa and Mekelle/Ethiopia
- 03/2013 – 05/2013 Juba and Rumbek/South Sudan, Addis Ababa/Ethiopia
- 03/2011 – 04/2011 Khartoum/Sudan, Juba/Southern Sudan
- 03/2010 – 04/2010 Addis Ababa/Ethiopia
- 03/2009 – 05/2009 Addis Ababa, Dirre Dawa, Harar/Ethiopia

10/2008 – 01/2009 Addis Ababa, Dirre Dawa, Harar/Ethiopia
02/2008 – 08/2008 Addis Ababa, Dirre Dawa, Harar/Ethiopia
08/2007 – 01/2008 Trivandrum/India
03/2006 – 04/2006 Ethiopia: “*Education Policy*”
08/2005 – 10/2005 Ethiopia: “*Education Policy*”
02/2004 – 04/2004 Sociohistorical studies, Cambodia
02/2003 – 04/2003 Sociohistorical studies, Myanmar
08/1999 – 08/2000 Law Studies at University of Athens, Greece

Work Experiences

06/2017 – 01/2018 **Rule of Law Advisor** to the *Federal Foreign Office of Germany, Directorate-General for Humanitarian Assistance, Crisis Prevention Stabilisation and Post-Conflict Reconstruction*, Berlin/Germany
Focus: Rule of Law and Transitional Justice, Strategy development

10/2017 – 09/2019 **International Expert** to *Max Planck Foundation for International Peace and the Rule of Law*, Heidelberg/Germany
Focus: Constitutional reform and Rule of Law in Sudan

11/2009 – 07/2011 **Legal Advisor** to *Borneo Orangutan Survival e.V.* (BOS Deutschland), Berlin
Focus: International law, land law, contract law, labour law

10/2005 – 07/2007 **Company Lawyer** at the “Regis24 GmbH” (Corp. Ltd), Berlin/Germany
Focus: Contract law, labour law

04/2005 – 03/2006 **Student Employee** at Humboldt Univ., IAAW, Berlin/Germany
Focus: Project on “*Changes in the Language and Education Policy in Ethiopia*”

03/2005 – 07/2005 **Legal Advisor** for German Red Cross Society, International Cooperation, section Africa, Headquarters Berlin/Germany
Focus: Co-operation Agreements Development, EU Project in Darfur, Sudan and Tsunami-Aid in Africa

Fellowships, Fundings, Recognition

Fellowship, ‘Africa Multiple’ Excellence Cluster at Bayreuth Academy of Advanced African Studies, University Bayreuth/ Germany, 2023/24

Fellowship, Excellence Cluster ‘Religion & Politics’ at Münster University/ Germany, 2023

Fellowship, Käte Hamburger Kolleg/Centre for Global Cooperation Research (KHK/GCR21) at University Duisburg-Essen/Germany, 2015-16

Fellowship, Collaborative Research Center (SFB) 700 ‘Governance in Areas of Limited Statehood’ at Freie University Berlin/Germany, 2017-18

Elsa-Neumann PhD-Scholarship, Federal State of Berlin, 2007-11

Project Scholarship, German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), 2009

Project Scholarship, Humboldt University of Berlin, 2005-06

Project Scholarship, German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), 2006

Alternate candidate for professorships

Full professorship ‘Globalisierung und Rechtspluralismus’ [Globalisation and Legal Pluralism], Department of Law, University of Vienna / Austria [“Listenplatz”], 11/2020

Assistant Professor on Law and Society, Universität Leiden, Van Vollenhoven Institute for Law, Governance and Society, Leiden/ Netherlands 04/2020

Assistant Professor with expertise in law as well as the social sciences, Leiden University College The Hague, Faculty of Governance & Global Affairs, The Hague/Netherlands, 05/2021

Relevant Academic Memberships

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| 2020 – Present | <i>International Sociological Association, Research Committee on Sociology of Law (RCSL), Working Group “Legal Pluralism”</i> |
| 2017 – Present | <i>United Nations Association of Germany (DGVN)</i> |
| 2011 – Present | <i>Commission on Legal Pluralism</i> |
| 2009 – Present | <i>Association for Arabic and Islamic Law</i> |
| 2006 – Present | <i>African Law Association, Board Member</i> |
| 2004 – Present | <i>The Horn of Africa Research Association (WAKHVA), Board Member</i> |

Language Skills

German (mother tongue) / English (fluent) / Greek (basics) / Amharic (basics) / Arabic (basics) / Russian (basics) / Spanish (basics) / Swahili (basics)

Berlin, 21.03.2023



PUBLICATIONS

MONOGRAPHS

Forthcoming

Internationalised Constitution-making. Between Destruction and Creation of Rule of Law in South Sudan and Somaliland.

2013

Rechtspluralismus in Äthiopien: Interdependenzen zwischen islamischem Recht und staatlichem Recht, Recht in Afrika 4, Köln: Rüdiger Koeppe Verlag.

EDITED VOLUMES AND SPECIAL ISSUES

Forthcoming

Decolonisation of Plural Legal Orders, Decentering Epistemological Paradigms (co-ed. M. Ramstedt), Special Issue, *The Oñati Socio-Legal Series*.

Elgar Concise Encyclopedia of Law and Anthropology (co-ed. M. Sapignoli and E. Relaño Pastor), *Elgar*.

2020

Normative Spaces and Legal Dynamics in Africa (co-ed. H. Elliesie), Routledge.

2015

Emerging South Sudan – Negotiating Statehood (co-ed. T. Sureau), (Special issue of *Journal of Southern African Studies (JEAS)*), British Institute in Eastern Africa (BIEA), London.

BOOK CHAPTERS AND JOURNAL ARTICLES

Forthcoming

Personal Status Laws in Ethiopia: a country witnessing tensions with the principle of equality, Halperin, J-L. et.al. (eds) *Handbook on Equality and Plural Personal Status Laws*, Routledge.

Geschlechter(un)gleichheit und patriarchale Strukturen im islamischen Familienrecht, Berghahn, S. and Schultz, U. (eds.) *Rechtshandbuch für Frauen- und Gleichstellungsbeauftragte*

2022

Justitia ohne Schwert? Zum Spannungsfeld von Mediation und Justiz. Rechtswissenschaften. Zeitschrift für rechtswissenschaftliche Forschung 3: 381-402.

Migration Law and Governance in Africa between Aspiration and Realities: Insights from South Africa, Nigeria, Ethiopia, and Morocco. In: Javier Cremades and Christina Hermida (eds.). *Encyclopedia of Contemporary Constitutionalism*. Springer, Cham. https://doi-org.ezproxy.eth.mpg.de/10.1007/978-3-319-31739-7_198-1

Constitution Making (co-author F.v. Lier). In: Marie-Claire Foblets, Mark Goodale, Maria Sapignoli, and Olaf Zenker (eds.). *The Oxford Handbook of Law and Anthropology*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, pp. 573–591.

2021

Comparative Methods in Legal Anthropology: Thick comparison through (cultural) translation, in: Maurice Adams and Mark Van Hoecke (eds.) *Comparative Methods in Law, Humanities and Social Sciences*, Edward Elgar Publishing, pp. 96-120.

Constitution Making (co-author Felix-Anselm van Lier), in: Foblets, M.-C. et al (eds.) *The Oxford Handbook of Law and Anthropology*, Oxford Publ. Online: <https://www.oxfordhandbooks.com/view/10.1093/oxfordhb/9780198840534.001.0001/oxfordhb-9780198840534-e-34?print=pdf>

2020

Local Law and Dispute Resolution Mechanisms under Negotiation in Emerging South Sudan, in: Moscati, M. et al. (eds.) *Comparative Dispute Resolution*, Edward Elgar Publishing, pp. 543-555.

Normative spaces in Africa: constructing, contesting, renegotiating, and adapting dynamics (co-author H. Elliesie), in: *Normative Spaces and Legal Dynamics in Africa* (co-ed. H. Elliesie), Routledge, pp. 1–16.

2019

Constitutional Recognition of Islamic Family Law and Shari'a Courts in Ethiopia: Governmental Strategies to Co-regulate the Plural Family Law Arena. In: Norbert Oberauer, Yvonne Prief, and Ulrike Qubaja (eds.). *Legal Pluralism in Muslim Contexts*, Brill, pp. 139–171.

2018

Rule of Law Promotion in Translation: Technologies of Legal Knowledge Transfer in Emerging South Sudan's Constitution Making, in: T. Berger and A. Esguerra (eds.) *Translation in World Politics. Power, Relationality, and Difference in Global Cooperation*, Routledge, pp. 76–92.

When the State is Forced to Deal with Local Law: Approaches and Challenges for State Actors in South Sudan, in: Hoehne, M. and O. Zenker (eds.) *Processing the Paradox: When the State has to Deal with Customary Law*, Ashgate Publishing, pp. 109–138.

The Process of Drafting a Citizen Driven Constitution in South Sudan: Which Role for the Public?, in: Federico, V., T. Abbiate and M. Böckenförde (eds.) *Does Public Participation Help? A critical analysis of participation in African constitution-making processes*. Routledge, pp. 210–226.

2017

The Constitution of Zol Meskin? Zur verfahrensmäßigen Erzeugung gefühlter Legitimität im internationalisierten Verfassungsprozesses im Südsudan, in: Bens, J. and O. Zenker (eds.) *Gerechtigkeitsgefühle*, Transcript, pp. 191-213.

Legal Systems of Ethiopia, in: Uhlig U. et al. (eds.) *Ethiopia: History, Culture and Challenges*, Michigan State University Press, pp. 258–260.

Heterogenität normativer Ordnungen: Wessen Recht gilt es zu erhalten? Überlegungen zu den Grenzen eines normativen Pluralismus (with M. Ramstedt), in: Uwe Gepp and Reinhold Schardt (eds.) *Neue Konflikte, neue Friedensethik?: Tagung der Evangelischen Akademie Loccum*, 26. – 28. Februar 2016. Rehburg-Loccum: Evangelische Akademie Loccum, pp. 28–41.

2015

Egypt's Constitution-Making process: A Bumpy Road, in: Marauhn, T. and H. Elliesie (eds.) *Legal Transformation in North Africa and South Sudan*, Eleven International Publishing, pp. 23-38.

The Current State of Research on contemporary Islam in Ethiopia: A Critical Assessment, in: Elliesie, H. (ed.), *Multidisciplinary Views on the Horn of Africa*, Köln, pp. 73–89.

2009

Results of the Ethiopian Reform in Language and Education Policy, in: C. Griefenow-Mewis (ed.), *On Results of the Reform in Ethiopian Language and Education Policies*, pp. 59-126.

ARTICLES / WORKING PAPERS/ REVIEWS / BLOGS / COMMENTS

2023

Misguided External Engagement in Somalia and South Sudan (co-authors MV. Hoehne and T. Scharrer), *The Security Times* 2, Online: <https://www.the-security-times.com/election-day-is-payday/>

2022

Somalia und Südsudan: Demokratieexport in der Sackgasse (co-authors MV. Hoehne and T. Scharrer), *Blätter für deutsche und internationale Politik* 67(4), pp. 29-32.

2019

“They cannot influence by remote control”: Brief reflections on international rule-of-law engagement in emerging South Sudan, *Global Cooperation Research – A Quarterly Magazine* 3/2019, Käte Hamburger Kolleg/Centre for Global Cooperation Research, pp. 6-8. Online: https://www.gcr21.org/fileadmin/website/publications/Quarterly_Magazine/GCR21_Quarterly_Magazine_3-2019_October-ONLINE_-_light.pdf

„Keine Rechtsstaatlichkeit ohne Rechtspluralismus“, *PeaceLab* Blog. Online: <https://peacelab.blog/2019/01/keine-rechtsstaatlichkeit-ohne-rechtspluralismus>

2017

Involvement and Impact of External Actors on Constitution Making in South Sudan and Somaliland: A comparative observation, *Global Cooperation Research Papers* 18, KH-CGCR. Online: <https://www.gcr21.org/en/publications/research-papers/2198-0411-gcrp-18/>

2016

Review of Menhofer, B. and D. Otto (eds.): *Recht nach dem Arabischen Frühling: Beiträge zum islamischen Recht IX*, *Zeitschrift für Recht und Islam*, pp. 315–321.

Normative space production in translation or How to analytically grasp migration of normative ideas, in: Böckenförde, M. et al. (eds.) *Multi-Disciplinary Mosaic: Reflections on Global Cooperation and Migration*, *Global Dialogues* 13, Käte Hamburger Kolleg/ Centre for Global Cooperation Research, pp. 17-20. Online: <https://www.gcr21.org/en/publications/global-dialogues/2198-0403-gd-13/>

2015

Introduction: Peace and constitution making in emerging South Sudan on and beyond the negotiation (with T. Sureau), in: Seidel, K. and T. Sureau (eds.) *Emerging South Sudan – Negotiating Statehood*, Special collection of *Journal of Eastern African Studies* 9(4), pp. 612–633.

State Formation through Constitution Making in Emerging South Sudan: Unveiling the Technicity of the Rule of Law, *Recht in Africa - Law in Africa - Droit en Afrique* 18, pp. 3–16.

Review of Manfred Öhm: 'War and Statehood in South Sudan', Baden-Baden: Nomos 2014, in *Africa Spectrum* 50/3, GIGA Hamburg, pp. 148–50.

Response to Christian Boulanger's paper 'Law and Development as Practise and as Theory – from Self-Estrangement to Alienation?', *Rechtswirklichkeit - Das Blog des Berliner Arbeitskreises Rechtswirklichkeit*. Online: <https://barblog.hypotheses.org/862>

“In the name of ‘rule of law’”, *Völkerrechtsblog*. Online: <https://voelkerrechtsblog.org/in-the-name-of-rule-of-law/>

2012

Secularism and State-recognized Legal Pluralism in Ethiopia: Relationship between Islamic Family Law and State Law, *Law in Africa* 2, pp. 223-237.

2011

The ‘Transitional Constitution of the Republic of South Sudan’: Ein kontroverses Dokument des jüngsten Mitglieds der Staatengemeinschaft, *GAIR-Mitteilungen 2011 (Journal of the Association for Arabic and Islamic Law*, H. Elliesie and P. Scholz (eds.), pp. 92-97. Online: <http://www.gair.de/wp-content/uploads/2011/10/GAIR-Mitteilungen-2011.pdf>

2009

Changes in Ethiopia’s Language and Education Policy – Pioneering Reforms?, in: S. Ege, H. Aspen, Birhanu Teferra, S. Bekele (eds.) *Proceedings of the 16th International Conference of Ethiopian Studies* 1, Trondheim, pp. 1125-1138.

2008

Review of Charles Mwalimu: The Nigerian Legal System. Public law, New York, NY [u.a.] 2007, in: *Orientalistische Literaturzeitung (Academic Oriental Literature Journal (OLZ))* 103/1, Berlin, pp. 142-146.

LECTURING AND TEACHING

Winter Semester 2022/23

Rechtsvergleichung [Comparative Law] (jointly with D. Hanschel and A-C. Mittwoch), Faculty of Law and Economics, Martin-Luther University Halle-Wittenberg, Halle S./Germany

Recht & Ethnologie [Law & Anthropology] (jointly with: M-C. Foblets, A. Höland, D. Hanschel), Faculty of Law and Economics, Martin-Luther University Halle-Wittenberg, Halle S./Germany (23 Nov 2023)

Legal Anthropology – An Introductory Guide to Legal Pluralism, Oñati International Institute for the Sociology of Law/Spain (24 Oct – 4 Nov 2022)

Summer Semester 2022

Whose ‘Rule of Law’? A new perspective on questions of law and sustainable development, (jointly with M. Boeckenfoerde, G. Frankenberg), Future.Academy Studienstiftung des Deutschen Volkes, SOAS University of London/UK (14-24 Sep 2022)

Managing Diversity, Constitution Building in Africa – CEU Summer University, Budapest/Hungary (29-30 June 2022)

Introducing Islamic Law, Department of Legal Studies, Central European University, Vienna/Austria (14 & 16 Feb 2022)

Winter Semester 2021/22

Rechtsvergleichung [Comparative Law] (jointly with D. Hanschel and A-C. Mittwoch), Faculty of Law and Economics, Martin-Luther University Halle-Wittenberg, Halle S./Germany

Umweltrechte aus der Sicht des Völker-, Europa- und Verfassungsrechts [EnvironmentL Law] (jointly with D. Hanschel), Faculty of Law and Economics, Martin-Luther University Halle-Wittenberg, Halle S./Germany

Legal Anthropology – An Introductory Guide to Legal Pluralism, Oñati International Institute for the Sociology of Law/Spain (18-29 Oct 2021)

Internationalised Constitution-Making – Rule-of-Law in South Sudan?, Università degli studi di Milano/Italy (21 May 2021)

Winter Semester 2020/21

Legal Anthropology – An Introductory Guide to Legal Pluralism, Oñati International Institute for the Sociology of Law/Spain (19-30 Oct 2020)

Winter Semester 2018/2019

Introduction to Legal Anthropology, Faculty of Law, University of Augsburg/Germany (26-27 Oct 2018)

Winter Semester 2017/18

Introduction to Legal Anthropology, Faculty of Law, University of Augsburg/Germany (19-20 Jan 2018)

Summer Semester 2017

Reflections on Translocal Peace making: How can universal principles and particular practices meet in emerging South Sudan?, Public Lecture Series on ‘Examining Translocal Peacemaking Efforts’, Catholic University Juba/South Sudan (June 2017)

Winter Semester 2016/17

Introduction to Legal Anthropology, Faculty of Law, University of Augsburg/Germany (13-14 Jan 2017)

Constitution making in emerging South Sudan as Peace-Building & Rule of Law tool, Institute for Peace and Security Studies, Addis Ababa University/Ethiopia (December 2016)

Summer Semester 2016

Staatsbegriff und Staatlichkeit im Kontext pluraler Rechtswirklichkeiten am Horn von Afrika, Institute of Anthropology, Leipzig University/Germany (Jun 2016)

Is a constitutional pluralism an illusion in the age of manufactured (‘post conflict’) constitution making? The case of South Sudan, University College Roosevelt, Middelburg/Netherlands (8 Apr 2016)

Winter Semester 2015/16

Insights into Legal Anthropology: State legal pluralism in Ethiopia: A balancing act?, Lasanod University and Hargeisa University/Somaliland (8 and 14 Nov 2015).

An International Course on Legal Pluralism, Indian Institute of Technology Bombay, Mumbai/India (10-12 December 2015)

Introduction to Legal Anthropology, Faculty of Law, University of Augsburg/Germany (29-30 Jan 2016)

Summer Semester 2015

Secularism, Religion and "Accommodating Diversity": Ethiopia's constitutional recognition of Islamic law and Sharia courts, Forum of Political Science and Strategic Studies and Mekelle University Wray Witten Law Forum, College of Law and Governance, Mekelle University/Ethiopia (12 June 2015)

The disorders of 'the rule of law': South Sudan's constitution-making processes, African Studies Centre, Oxford University/UK

Winter Semester 2014/15

Introduction to Legal Anthropology, Faculty of Law, University of Augsburg/Germany (28-29 Nov 2014)

Summer Semester 2014

Kulturelle Übersetzung in der Rechtsethnologie (jointly with M. Ramstedt), Dept. Anthropology and Philosophy, Martin-Luther University Halle-Wittenberg, Halle S./Germany

Negotiating Law: Dynamics of selection and translation (jointly with S. Bedoya Sánchez), Faculty of Law, HU Berlin/Germany

Translating Between Legal Cultures: Cultural Translation and International Law (jointly with M. Ramstedt), Summer University on Retaliation, Mediation and Punishment, Max Planck Institute, Halle S./ Germany (30 Jun – 5 Jul)

Summer Semester 2012

Processes of 'State Collapse' and State Emergence in the Region Horn of Africa, Institute of Asian and African Studies of HU Berlin/Germany

Winter Semester 2008/09

Comparing Political and Legal Systems: Ethiopia and Germany, Dept. Political Science and International Relations, Addis Ababa University/Ethiopia

Summer Semester 2006 – Summer Semester 2004

Project-Seminar on "Language and Education Policy in Ethiopia", Institute of Asian and African Studies of HU Berlin/Germany

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

PRESENTATIONS, LECTURES AND PUBLIC TALKS

2022

Legal Pluralism and Coloniality. a decolonial inquiry, *Colloquium Political Philosophy and Legal Philosophy*, Münster University (10 Nov 2022)

Postcolonial Reading of Peace Mediation in African Conflict Settings: lessons learned for inclusive-transformative approaches, *Global Meeting on Law & Society, Rage, Reckoning, & Remedy*, Lisbon/ Portugal (13-16 Jul 2022)

Decentering Theories: connections, loose ends, and the way ahead, *Decentering Theories: Intercultural philosophy, comparative political theory, postcolonial studies and decolonial thought in dialogue*, University Koblenz-Landau, Koblenz/ Germany (25 Jun 2022)

Internationalized Constitution-making: (Un)making the rule-of-law in South Sudan, *Colloquium Lets talk about Conflict*, Center for Conflict Studies, Phillips University Marbug (10 Jan 2022)

2021

Balancing Unity and Plurality: Dynamics of State Recognition of Islamic Law in Ethiopia, *Annual Conference of the African Law Association on 'Law & Islam in Africa'*, jointly with Friedrich-Alexander-University Erlangen-Nürnberg /Germany (12-13 Nov. 2021)

„Starting with confusion will end up in confusion“ – Reflektionen zur internationalen Rechtsstaatlichkeitsförderung im Südsudan, *Online-Vortragsreihe „Neue Perspektiven auf das Horn von Afrika – lokale sozial-politische Dynamiken“*, WAKHVA – Wissenschaftlicher Arbeitskreis Horn von Afrika e.V. WAKHVA (17 Jun 2021)

Constitutional Experiments in Post-Colonial Africa: In Search of 'Unity in Diversity'?, Challenging the Rule of Law: The African Laboratory, Conference of the African Studies Association on Africa challenges (7 Jun 2021)

Mediation und Justiz aus rechtssoziologischer und rechtsanthropologischer Perspektive. Zum Verhältnis zweier semi-autonomer sozialer Felder, *Public Habilitation Lecture*, Faculty of Law, Economics, Business, Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg (10 Feb 2021)

2020

Travelling Law – Constitution-Making in emerging South Sudan, *International Institute for the Sociology of Law (IISL)*, Oñati/Spain (29 Oct 2020)

2019

Legal Plurality and Contested Land Claims in the Sudan and the African Continent, *Support to an Inclusive Constitutional Reform in the Sudan, Workshop Decentralization and Land Issues from a comparative perspective, South Kordofan*, Max Planck Foundation for International Peace and the Rule of Law/ EU, Sudan, Khartoum/Sudan (24-26 Sept 2019)

Constitutionalising Diversity as Tool for Balancing 'Unity and Diversity', *Constitution Building in Africa-CEU Summer University, Mid-course Workshop on Updates on recent national developments*, CEU Budapest/Hungary (5 Jul 2019)

Internationalised Constitution Making as Tool for Negotiating Statehood and Rule of law: South Sudan's and Somaliland's Constitutional Genesis in the Context of Plural Legal Order(ing), Habilitation project, Faculty of Law, Economics and Business, Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg (1 Jul 2019)

Diversity and Contested Land Claims in the Sudan and the African continent, *Support to an Inclusive Constitutional Reform in the Sudan, Workshop Decentralization and Land Issues from a comparative perspective, Blue Nile State*, Max Planck Foundation for International Peace and the Rule of Law/ EU, Khartoum/Sudan (1-4 May 2019)

Constitution-making Experiences in Post-colonial Africa: In search of Unity and Diversity, *Strengthening the Constitutional Process in Sudan, Workshop on Constitutional Heritage of Sudan*, Max Planck Foundation for International Peace and the Rule of Law/ Federal Foreign Office of Germany, Khartoum/Sudan (26-28 Feb 2019)

2018

How to Deal with the Interconnection of Land Tenure – Legal Pluralism – (Post-)Conflict in Sudan?, *Support to an Inclusive Constitutional Reform in the Sudan, Workshop Decentralization and Land Issues from a comparative perspective, Darfur*, Max Planck Foundation for International Peace and the Rule of Law, Sudan (16-18 Oct 2018)

On the Production of Constitutional Sentiments in the Internationalised Constitution Making in South Sudan. A constitution of the People?, *Conference on Sentiments of Justice in Africa: Sensing the Normative at Shifting Scales*, Berlin/Germany (26-28 Sept 2018)

Eine Einführung in Rechtsstaatlichkeitsförderung-im-Kontext: Lessons Learned, *Runder Tisch der Rechtsstaatlichkeitsförderung im Auswärtigen Amt*, Freie University (RSF Hub) and the Federal Foreign Office, Berlin/Germany (22 Jan 2018)

2017

Legal Pluralism in Practice: Islamic Law in Ethiopia, *Specialisation Course 'Rule of Law Toolbox for Crisis Management and Peace Operations: Concepts, Practices and Trends'*, Center for International Peace Operations (ZIF), Berlin/Germany (3 Dec 2017)

Constitutionalising Identities: Challenges and Solutions in Regional Perspective, *Workshop on Strengthening the Rule of Law in Sudan: Analysis of Provisions of the Interim Constitution of the Republic of the Sudan of 2005 and Implementing Legislation relating to Identity*, Max Planck Foundation for International Peace and the Rule of Law, Khartoum/Sudan (17-19 Oct 2017)

Comparative Methods in Legal Anthropology: Thick comparison and translation as a heuristic approach for a Post-Comparative Perspective, *Public Lecture Series on 'Methodology of Comparative Disciplines Lecture'*, Queen Mary University of London/UK (11 Oct 2017)

Reflections on Translocal Peace Making: How can Universal Principles and Particular Practices meet in emerging South Sudan?, *Public Lecture Series on 'Examining Translocal Peacemaking Efforts'*, Catholic University South Sudan, Juba/South Sudan (25 May 2017)

2016

Rule of Law Promotion in Translation: Technologies of Legal Knowledge Transfer in South Sudan's Constitution Making', *Workshop Translation in World Politics*, Potsdam University, Potsdam/Germany (27-28 Oct 2016)

Constitutional-recognised Islamic Law and Sharia Courts in Ethiopia: State Attempts to Co-regulate the Highly Contested Family Law Arena, *Interdisciplinary Approaches to Legal Pluralism in Muslim Context*, Exzellenzcluster Religion und Politik, Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster/Germany (6-7 Oct 2016)

The President's Tenure Extension via the Transitional Constitution, 2011 (Amendment Bill, 2015) – Mission accomplished and impossible, *Constitution Building in Africa - CEU Summer University, Mid-course Workshop on Updates on recent national developments*, CEU Budapest/Hungary (16-18 Jul 2016)

Rule of Law Promotion from a Plural Legal Perspective: How to Integrate Local Knowledge and Expertise?, *Rechtspluralismus statt Institutionenexport: Lokale Ansätze und Akteure in der Rechtsstaatlichkeitszusammenarbeit*, *Tagung der Evangelischen Akademie*, Loccum/Germany (8-10 Jun 2016)

Heterogenität normativer Ordnungen: Wessen Recht gilt es zu erhalten?, *Neue Konflikte, neue Friedensethik?*, *Tagung der Evangelischen Akademie Loccum*/Germany (26-28 Feb 2016)

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Perspektiven der Entwicklungskooperation: Reflections on Emerging South Sudan's Ownership in light of the 'Development Industry', *Interdisziplinäre Fachtagung zur Strukturentwicklung im Südsudan*, Universität Erfurt/Germany (22-23 Jan 2016)

2015

Rule of Law Promotion: Technologies of Legal Knowledge Transfer in Emerging South Sudan', *International Conference of the Commission on Legal Pluralism*, Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay, Mumbai/India (14-16 Dec 2015)

Rule of Law Promotion in South Sudan: Reflections on its Promises and its Effects, *Die Versprechungen des Rechts*, HU Berlin/Germany (9-11 Sept 2015)

Verfassungsrechtlich anerkanntes islamisches Recht und die Scharia-Gerichtsbarkeit in Äthiopien: Ein prozeduraler Ansatz?, *Die Versprechungen des Rechts*, HU Berlin/Germany (9-11 Sept 2015)

Confronting Challenges in the Context of Constitution Building in Africa. The Case of South Sudan, *International Conference on Constitution Building in Africa*, CEU Budapest/Hungary (22-25 Jul 2015)

The Emerging State of South Sudan - Quo vadis? - Constitution making in the Context of Legal Pluralism, *Workstattgespräche Law and Society Institute*, HU Berlin, Berlin/Germany (7 Jul 2015)

The Disorders of “the Rule of Law”: South Sudan's Constitution-Making Processes, *Horn of Africa Seminar*, African Studies Centre, University of Oxford/UK (10 Mar 2015)

2014

State Formation through Constitution-making in emerging South Sudan: Unwrapping the technicity of the rule of law’, *International Conference on Justice in Sudan and South Sudan*, Durham University/UK (15-16 Dec 2014)

State Formation through Constitution-making: South Sudan’s constitutional Genesis in light of international frameworks’, *Annual Conference of the African Law Association* (jointly with Willy Brandt School of Public Policy, University of Erfurt), Erfurt/Germany (7-8 Nov 2014)

Constitutional Recognition of Islamic law and Sharia Courts in Ethiopia: Towards a Procedural Approach?, *ZiF Speaker Series*, Center for Interdisciplinary Research, Bielefeld/Germany (held on 22 July 2014)

Constitution-making in Emerging South Sudan: Towards a Constitution of *zol meskin?*, Workshop on *Constitution Building in Africa*, CEU Budapest/Hungary (4-6 Jul 2014)

2013

Negotiation Normative Spaces: Introductory thoughts, Workshop on *Negotiation Normative Spaces: Insights from and into African judicial Encounters*, MPI Halle S./Germany (7-9 Nov 2013)

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The Potential of Constitutional Recognition of Religious and Local Normative and Judicial Orders: Insights from Ethiopia and South Sudan, *IUAES/Commission on Legal Pluralism Conference, Evolving Humanity, Emerging Worlds*, Manchester/UK (5-10 Aug 2013)

Negotiating South Sudanese ‘Nationality’: Diversity & Unity Strategies in Translation, *Law & Society Meeting, Power, Privilege, and the Pursuit of Justice: Legal Challenges in Precarious Time*, Boston/USA (30 May-2 Jun 2013)

State-recognized Sharia courts in Ethiopia: State Attempts to Co-regulate the Highly Contested Family Law Arena, *5th European Conference on African Studies, African Dynamics in a Multipolar World*, Lisbon/ Portugal (27-29 Jun 2013)

South Sudan’s Genesis in the Context of Legal Pluralism, *Second Exploratory Meeting – Department ‘Law and Anthropology’*, Halle S./Germany (22-25 May 2013)

2012

South Sudan on the Cross-roads: How the State Builds on Local Knowledge, *50th Anniversary Conference of the Centre of African Studies: Cutting Edges and Retrospectives*, Edinburgh/GB (6-8 Jun 2012)

2010

The Current State of Research on Contemporary Islam in Ethiopia: A Critical Assessment, *III. Forschungskolloquium zum Horn von Afrika*, Freie University Berlin/Germany (20-21 Oct 2010)

2009

Secularism and State-recognised Legal Pluralism in Ethiopia: Relationship between Islamic and State Law, *Conference on Secularism, Nationalism and Human Rights. Law and Politics in Middle East and Europe*, Tel Aviv University, Tel Aviv/Israel (20-21 Dec 2009)

Relationship between Islamic Administration of Justice and State Law in Ethiopia, *XVII International Conference of Ethiopian Studies*, Addis Ababa/Ethiopia (2-6 Nov 2009)

2007

Changes in Ethiopia's Language and Education Policy – Pioneering Reforms?, *XVI International Conference of Ethiopian Studies*, Trondheim/Norway (2-7 Jul 2007)

Wandel in der äthiopischen Sprach und Bildungspolitik im Kontext der UN Millennium Development Goals, *Tagung des Deutsch-Äthiopischen-Vereines*, Kassel/Germany (Mar 2007)

CO-ORGANISATIONS

Penal on Decolonisation of Plural Legal Orders (jointly with M. Ramstedt), Global Meeting on Law & Society, Rage, Reckoning, & Remedy, Lisbon/ Portugal (13-16 Jul 2022)

Annual Conference of the African Law Association on 'Towards a New World Trade Order: Perspectives on Africa', jointly with University of Münster/Germany (9-10 Nov 2018)

Runder Tisch der Rechtsstaatlichkeitsförderung im Auswärtigen Amt Nichtstaatliche Akteure in der Rechtsstaatlichkeitsförderung, jointly Freie University (RSF Hub) and the Federal Foreign Office, Berlin/Germany (22 Jan 2018)

Annual Conference of the African Law Association on 'Law for Development: Strengthening Social Protection Systems in Africa', jointly with Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, Berlin/Germany (11-12 Nov 2016)

Young Research on the Horn of Africa Workshop, Horn of Africa Research Association (WAKHVA) jointly with ZMO, Berlin/Germany (12 Sep 2016)

Rechtspluralismus statt Institutionenexport: Lokale Ansätze und Akteure in der Rechtsstaatlichkeitszusammenarbeit (jointly with Käte Hamburger Kolleg/Centre for Global Cooperation Research and Evangelische Akademie Loccum/Germany (8-10 Jun 2016)

Legal Transfer and Development in Africa. Annual Conference of the African Law Association (jointly with Hochschule Harz), Wernigerode/Germany (6-7 Nov 2015)

'Law and Development' in Africa: Between Empowerment and Conditionality. Annual Conference of the African Law Association (jointly with Willy Brandt School of Public Policy, University of Erfurt), Erfurt/ Germany (7-8 Nov 2014)

Normative Spaces in Africa. 40th Anniversary Conference of the African Law Association (jointly with African Law Society, Martin Luther University Halle S. /Wittenberg, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology), Halle S./Germany (8-9 Nov 2013)

Negotiation Normative Spaces: Insights from and into African judicial Encounters, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle. S./Germany (7-8 Nov 2013)

Emerging South Sudan: Negotiating Statehood (jointly with T. Sureau), Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle. S./Germany (22-24 Sept 2013)

38th Annual Conference 2012 of the African Law Association (jointly with Institute of African Studies, Humboldt-University of Berlin) Berlin/Germany (9-10 Nov 2012)

Borders and Border Crossing – New Perspectives on the Horn of Africa, Academic Research Association Horn of Africa (WAKHVA) /ZMO, Berlin/Germany (30 Sept 2011)

On Results in Ethiopia's Language & Education Policy, Addis Ababa University/Ethiopia (6-7 Apr 2006)

PARTICIPATIONS

Roundtable on Rule of Law Support. Towards Postcolonial, People-centered, and Intersectional approaches. Considering Feminist Perspectives on Rule of Law Support, Foreign Office of Germany, Berlin/Germany (22 Feb 2023)

'Law and Africa', *Max Planck Law Annual Conference 'Solidarity'*, Berlin/ Germany (17-18 Nov 2023)

Workshop 'Postcolonial Perspectives on Constitutional Assistance', RSF-Hub, Berlin/Germany (14 Nov 2022)

BMZ- Conversations on the Promotion of Democracy and Rule of Law, Ministry for Development, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, Berlin/Germany (9 Mar 2022)

Runder Tisch der Rechtsstaatsförderung zu 'Rechtsstaatsförderung nach Umbrüchen', Foreign Office of Germany, Berlin/Germany (25 Nov 2021)

BMZ Conversations on the Promotion of Democracy and Rule of Law, The Progress on SDG16 in light of International IDEA's "Global State of Democracy Report" 2021, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, Berlin/Germany (30 Sep 2021)

Runder Tisch der Rechtsstaatsförderung zu 'Niedrigschwelliger Zugang zu Recht', Foreign Office of Germany, Berlin/Germany (14 Dec 2018)

Expert Meeting on 'South Sudan – After the Peace – Again', SWP Berlin/Germany (15 Nov 2018)

Workshop 'The Gulf /Horn of Africa and Red Sea Region', SWP Berlin/Germany (15 Dec 2017)

International Conference 'Futures of Global Cooperation, Käte Hamburger Kolleg/ Centre for Global Cooperation Research, Duisburg/Germany (8-10 Nov 2017)

Expert group Meeting on Transitional Justice and Atrocity Prevention, United Nations, Geneva/Switzerland (13-14 Nov 2017)

Konferenz Zugehörigkeiten: Affektive, moralische und politische Praxen in einer vernetzten Welt, DGV, FU Berlin/ Germany (5 Oct 2017)

Rule of Law & Supporting Legitimate Governance Structures, Tschadsee-region Senior Officers Meeting, Federal Foreign Office of Germany, Berlin/Germany (6 Sep 2017)

Global Peacebuilder Summit, Berlin/Germany (11 Sep 2017)

Internationale Abschlusskonferenz des DFG Sonderforschungsbereiches 700 Governance in Räumen begrenzter Staatlichkeit, Freie University Berlin/Germany (22-24 Jun 2017)

12. Regionale Konferenz zu Frieden und Sicherheit am Horn von Afrika: Towards an Agenda for Collective Security in the Horn of Africa, FES/SWP, Nairobi/Kenia (31 Oct -2 Nov 2016)

11th Annual Expert Meeting on Regional Security Policy at the Greater Horn of Africa, FES/SWP, Nairobi/ Kenia (3-4 Nov 2015)

Negotiating Humanitarian Action on the Frontlines, First Annual Meeting of Frontline Humanitarian Negotiators and Mediators, Geneva/Switzerland (25-26 Oct 2016)

Security activities of external actors in Africa: trends and challenges, UNECA, Addis Ababa/Ethiopia (23 Apr 2015)

Pursuing Justice in Africa Conference, Centre for Research in the Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities, University of Cambridge, Cambridge/UK (27-28 Mar 2015)

Germany as Mediator: Peace Mediation and Mediation Support in German Foreign Policy, Conference, Federal Foreign Office, Berlin/Germany (25 Nov 2014)

National Reconciliation and Peace Making in Sudan: Challenges and Opportunities, Berghof Foundation, Berlin/Germany (22 Aug 2014)

European Association of Social Anthropologists (EASA) 2014 Biennial Conference 'Collaboration, Intimacy & Revolution: innovation and continuity in an interconnected world', Tallinn/Estonia (1-3 Aug 2014)

Sudan and South Sudan: Two Countries, One System?, DGAP / MICT, Berlin/Germany (25 Apr 2014)

Südsudan: fragiler Staat am Abgrund?, Deutsche Gesellschaft für die Vereinten Nationen, Berlin/ Germany (6 Mar 2014)

States, Citizens, and Conflicts: Governance Despite the State in the Horn of Africa, Friedrich Ebert Foundation and SWP, Berlin/Germany (29-30 Oct 2013)

On Mediation: Forms, Models and Theories, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology Halle/Germany (11-12 Oct 2013)

Transitional Justice in the Somali Setting: Insights from the Horn of Africa and the Diaspora, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology Halle S./Germany (12-13 Aug 2013)

Jahrestagung des Arbeitskreises für Überseeische Verfassungsvergleichung, Freie University Berlin, Berlin/ Germany (5-7 Jul 2013)

Interrelated Conflicts in a Northeast Africa Border Region (Azomia 1), Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology Halle/Germany (14-16 Feb 2013)

Temporalities of Law, Conference, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology Halle/Germany (28-30 Nov 2012)

Legal Transformation in North Africa and Decentralization in Africa, African Law Association / Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law, Heidelberg/Germany (4-5 Nov 2011)

Decision Making on Pluralist Normative Ground: On the Governance of Disparate Tradition, Religious and Statutory Laws in Pluralist Societies, Social Science Research Centre (WZB), Berlin/Germany (17-19 May 2011)

Formelles/Informelles Recht und wirtschaftliche Entwicklungen in Afrika, African Law Association, University of Leipzig/Germany (5-6 Nov 2010)

Elections and Conflict Management in Africa, Roundtable Workshop, Institute for Security Studies Addis Ababa/Ethiopia (19 Jun 2008)

On the Success and Future Perspective of the African Union and their Instruments, Institute for Security Studies, Addis Ababa/Ethiopia (21-22 Mar 2008)

Darfur and the Crisis of Governance in Sudan, Addis Ababa University/Ethiopia (21-22 Feb 2008)

Divided They Stand: The affordance of state borders in the Horn of Africa, Workshop, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle/Germany (7-8 Sep 2006)