

## HUMAN REMAINS FROM AFRICA IN GÖTTINGEN UNIVERSITY COLLECTIONS: PROVENANCES, REPATRIATION, COLLABORATION

Joint Workshop

National Museum of Tanzania & University of Göttingen, Germany

*19.05.2023 & 20.05.2023*

*Venue: National Museum of Tanzania, Dar es Salaam, 5 Shaaban Robert St.*

### PROGRAM

Friday, 19.05.2023

**08:00 – 8:45**      **ARRIVAL / REGISTRATION**

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**09:00 – 10:00**      **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION**

Introduction of the Workshop and Participants

*Adson Ndyanabo, Dr. Holger Stoecker & Sofia Leikam*

Welcoming Remarks

*Dr. Noel Lwoga, General Director National Museum of Tanzania*

Greeting Address

*H.E. Regine Hess, German Ambassador to Tanzania*

Workshop Opening Speech

*Dr. Hassan Abbas, Permanent Secretary Ministry of  
Natural Resources and Tourism*

**10:00 – 10:30**      Break – Group Photo

**10:30 – 12:00**      **PANEL 1: GERMAN COLONIALISM IN TANZANIA AND COLONIAL KNOWLEDGE**

*Chair: Alma Simba, University of Dar es Salaam, History Department*

10:30 – 11:00      People and Culture in the Human Remains Context in Tanzania  
*Emanuel Temu, Director of Culture, Ministry of Culture*

11:00 – 11:30      Making Colonial Knowledge. Scientific collecting during German Colonial Rule in East Africa  
*Dr. Richard Hölzl, Ethnological Museum, Munich, Germany*

11:30 – 12:00      The history of 'collecting' Human Remains during German colonial period in German East Africa  
*Dr. Pastory Bushozi, University of Dar es Salaam, Department for Archeology and Heritage*

**12:00 – 13:30**      Lunch Break

**13:30 – 15:30**      **PANEL 2: ANCESTRAL REMAINS FROM TANZANIA IN GÖTTINGEN**

*Chair: Dr. Richard Hölzl, Ethnological Museum Munich, Germany*

13:30 – 14:00      Sensitive Provenances: Collaboratively Addressing the History and Future of Ancestral Remains from Colonial Times in Göttingen's University Collections  
*Prof. Dr. Regina Bendix, University of Göttingen, Germany*

- 14:00 – 14:30 Ancestral Remains from Tanzania in Göttingen Collections. Provenances and historical contexts  
*Dr. Holger Stoecker, University of Göttingen, Germany*
- 14:30 – 15:00 Results of Bio-Anthropological assessments on Ancestral Remains from Tanzania  
*Katharina Stötzel, University of Göttingen, Germany*
- 15:00 – 15:30 Community Awareness and Restitution of Isanzu Ancestors' Human Remains from the University of Göttingen Collections to Mkalama District, Tanzania  
*Alma Simba & Dr. Maximilian Chami, University of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania*

15:30 – 16:00 Coffee Break

**16:00 – 17:30 PANEL 3: HUMAN REMAINS IN GÖTTINGEN COLLECTIONS – INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVES**

*Chair: Dr. Sophie Schasiapien, University of the Western Cape, Cape Town, South Africa*

- 16:00 – 16:30 Making Collections visible – Audiovisual Perspectives on the Collections and on Provenance Research in Göttingen  
*Sofia Leikam, University of Göttingen, Germany*
- 16:30 – 17:00 Human Remains from Cameroon in Göttingen  
*Mikael Assilkinga, University of Dschang, Cameroon & Technical University of Berlin, Germany*
- 17:00 – 17:30 The Repatriation of Palauan Ancestral Remains  
*McMichael Mutok, Division of Archaeology – Ministry of Human Resources, Culture, Tourism and Development, Republic of Palau*

Saturday, 20.05.2023

**09:15 – 9:45 ARRIVAL**

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**10:00 – 12:00 PANEL 4: COMMUNITY PERSPECTIVES AND GENERAL DEBATE ON ANCESTRAL REMAINS**

*Chair: Dr. Maximilian Chami, University of Dar es Salaam, Department of Archaeology and Heritage Studies*

- 10:00 – 10:30 Isanzu ethnic group's awareness and perspectives on the restitution of the Ancestor Remains back to the community  
*Kilala Lunzegere, Cultural Officer, Mkalama District Council, Singida*

- 10:30 – 11:00 Marajesho – Towards the return of the hanged leaders of the Wachaga, Wameru and Waarusha  
*Konradin Kunze, Flinn Works, Germany/Tanzania*
- 11:00 – 11:30 Holding onto collections. The implications of the new repatriation policy for Human Remains from burial sites  
*Robyn Humphreys, University of the Western Cape, Cape Town, South Africa*
- 11:30 – 12:00 Ethics and politics of collections of Human Remains  
*Dr. Jonatan Kurzwelly, University of Göttingen, Germany*

12:00 – 13:30 Lunch Break

**13:30 – 15:30 PANEL 5: PROVENANCE RESEARCH AND RESTITUTION**

*Chair: Dr. Jonatan Kurzwelly, University of Göttingen, Germany*

- 13:30 – 14:00 Process of Restitution of Cultural Objects from colonial contexts, Laws and Policies concerning the restitution of Cultural Objects in Tanzania  
*Dr. Christowaja L. Ntandu, Director of Antiquities, Ministry of Natural Resources*
- 14:00 – 14:30 Collaborative Provenance Research of Museum Collections  
*Dr. Oswald Masebo, University of Dar es Salaam, History Department*
- 14:30 – 15:00 The Rate of Return of Cultural Objects from Colonial context and National Museum Plan on Restitution of Cultural Objects  
*Dr. Noel B. Lwoga, Director General, National Museum of Tanzania*
- 15:00 – 15:30 Talk on the Karanga Aotearoa Restitution Program (recorded)  
*Dr. Te Herekiele Herewini, Te Arikirangi Mamaku-Ironside & Susan Thorpe, Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa*

15:30 – 16:00 Coffee Break

**16:00 – 17:30 PANEL 6: HOW TO MOVE ON – FUTURE PLAN FOR REPATRIATION**

*Chair: Prof. Dr. Ciraj Rassool, University of the Western Cape, Cape Town, South Africa*

- 16:00 – 16:30 International Conventions concerning restitution of Human Remains  
*Erick Kajiru, Principal UNESCO Cultural Officer, UNESCO National Commission*
- 16:30 – 17:00 Human Remains Debate in Tanzania and Future Restitution Plan  
*Dr. Musa Sadock, University of Dar es Salaam, History Department*
- 17:00 – 17:30 Perspectives on the Handling and Storage of Human Remains in Tanzania  
*Dr. Amandus Kwekason, Principal Researcher, National Museum of Tanzania*

**17:30 – 18:00      CLOSING DISCUSSION**

Closing remarks and testimonials of experience

*Prof. Dr. Ciraj Rassool, University of the Western Cape, Cape Town, South Africa*

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**19:00 – Open End      Come-together at the Goethe Institute in Dar es Salaam**

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