

20th – 21st November 2014

10th International Janheinz Jahn Symposium

“Reviewing the past, negotiating the future: the African *bildungsroman*”

Johannes Gutenberg University (JGU), Mainz

Conference location:

Red Infobox (near the Department of Anthropology and African Studies, Forum 6)

Jakob-Welder-Weg 9

Campus of Johannes Gutenberg University, Mainz

Provisional programme (please note that the order of presentations may be changed in the final programme)

Thursday, 20th November 2014

15:00 Opening ceremony with welcoming addresses

- Thomas Bierschenk, Dean of the Faculty of Historical and Cultural Studies, JGU, Mainz
- Matthias Krings, Head of the Department of Anthropology and African Studies, JGU, Mainz
- Anja Oed, Head of the Jahn Library for African Literatures, Department of Anthropology and African Studies, JGU, Mainz

15:45 Ericka Hoagland (Stephen F. Austin State University, Nacogdoches, Texas):

Postcolonialising the *bildungsroman*

16:15 Kwadwo Osei-Nyame (SOAS, London):

The *bildungsroman* and African history: examples from African and African Diasporan literature

16:45 Rose Sau Lugano (University of Florida at Gainesville, Florida)

The Swahili female *bildungsroman*

18:00 **Dinner, Heiliggeist Mainz** (<http://www.heiliggeist-mainz.de>)

Departure from the conference location at 17:30. The restaurant is near the city hall where the reading will take place.

20:00 **Reading with Emmanuel Dongala** (Bard College at Simon’s Rock, MA / Republic of Congo), Mainz City Hall

Friday, 21st November 2014

09:00 Jan Budniok (University of Hamburg) & Andrea Noll (JGU, Mainz / University of Hildesheim)

Ghanaian funeral brochures as popular variants of the *bildungsroman*

09:30 Anne Schumann (University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa / Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire):

The coming of age of the sacrificed generation: *zouglo* songs as *bildungsroman* in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire

10:00 Troy Blacklaws (Goethe University, Frankfurt/Main / Johannesburg / Luxembourg):

John Wayne in Sophiatown: the young hero's journey to manhood in apartheid prose

10:30 Coffee break

11:00 Susanne Gehrman (Humboldt University, Berlin) & Charlott Schönwetter (Humboldt University, Berlin):

The African child soldier novel – anti- or alternative *bildungsroman*?

11:30 Anja Oed (JGU, Mainz):

Narrating violence, trauma, and youth in the contemporary African *bildungsroman*

12:00 Ogaga Okuyade (Niger Delta University, Nigeria):

Traversing geography, attaining cognition: the structural utility of journey in the postcolonial African *bildungsroman*

12:30 Lunch break

13:30 Ranka Primorac (University of Southampton, UK):

African *bildung*, subjectivity and time: from locally published fiction to Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie's *Americanah*

14:00 Stefanie Reuter (Humboldt University, Berlin):

Developing a critical consciousness while becoming a subject: Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie's *Americanah*

14:30 Thorsten Schüller (JGU, Mainz):

Alain Mabanckou's *Demain j'aurai vingt ans* and *Lumières de Pointe-Noire* between auto-fiction and *bildungsroman*

15:00 Closing remarks

15:15 End of formal programme, coffee

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