

# Africa Days at Uppsala University

## *Strengthening Research Collaborations with Africa in Challenging Times*

When: Monday 9 June 13.15-20.00 – Tuesday 10 June 9.30-15.30

Where: Uppsala University Main Building, Lecture-Hall IX, Biskopsgatan 3, Uppsala

### **Monday 9 June 2025**

#### **13.15 Opening Session**

*Words of Welcome*, Prof. Kajsa Ahlstrand, Chairperson, Forum for Africa Studies  
*UU's Strategic Africa Initiative*, Prof. Anders Hagfeldt, Vice-Chancellor  
*Uppsala School for Africa Studies*, Prof. Sten Hagberg, Director Forum for Africa Studies  
*UU's Africa Higher Education and Research Engagements – Report from a Mapping Exercise*, Dr. Kajsa Hallberg Adu and Dr. Jecinta Okumu, Research Coordinators, Forum for Africa Studies

#### **14.30 Coffee Break**

#### **15.00 Collaborative Research Presentation, Humanities and Social Sciences**

*Towards an anthropology of social and political transformations in Mali: Ethnography, training, and engagement*, Prof. Yaouaga Félix Koné, Institut des Sciences Humaines, Mali, and Prof. Sten Hagberg, Dept. of Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology

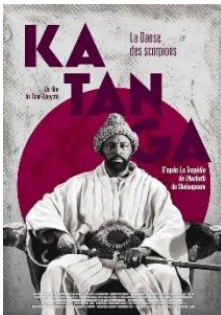
#### **15.45 Collaborative Research Presentation, Science and Technology**

*Designing collaborative hybrid learning: The case of the Kujenga course developed to onboard PhD students in seven African countries*. Panel: Prof. David J Sumpter, Dept. of Information Technology, Dr. Titilope F Ajayi, Founder & Co-Director, Higher Education Leadership Project-Africa, Otema Yirenyki and Kweakyie Afi Blebo, co-founders of the Because She Can organisation. Moderator: Dr. Kajsa Hallberg Adu, Forum for Africa Studies

#### **16.30 Refreshments**

#### **17.00 Swedish Film Premiere**

*Katanga – The dance of the scorpions* (2025), the prestigious Golden Stallion Awarded Film at the Pan-African Film and Television Festival of Ouagadougou (FESPACO) by Burkinabe Film Director Dani Kouyaté, who will engage with the audience after the screening.



## Tuesday 10 June 2025

- 9.30 **Collaborative Research Presentation, Medicine and Pharmacology: Transdisciplinary frameworks of collaboration across disciplines, institutions and countries: Examples from GUILD-ARUA clusters of excellence**, Dr. Jecinta Okumu, Forum for Africa Studies
- 10.15 **Coffee Break**
- 10.45 **Research project presentations by early career scholars**
- Obstetric uncertainties: navigating perinatal and maternal technologies in Mozambique*, Márcia Manhique, Dept. of Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology
- Navigating continents and disciplines: Doing transdisciplinary PhD work on Gender, Health and Sustainability within Sweden, Uganda and Kenya*, Jasmine Arcilla, Centre for Gender Research, and Dept. of Women's and Children's Health
- Development of New Cathode Materials for organic batteries*, Jean Bosco Nkuranga, Dept. of Physics
- Tracing Performance through Audiovisual Archives: A case study on West African Koteba theatre*  
Dr. Oulia Makkonen, Dept. of English
- Wordalisation: Represent data into words*, Amandine Caut, Dept. of Mathematics
- 12.00 **Lunch at Café Alma**
- 13.00 **International Science Programme**  
Dr. Bengt Ove Turesson, and Prof. Carla Puglia
- 13.30 **Other Opportunities for strengthened collaborations**
- SLU Global, Dr. Sara Gräslund  
The Nordic Africa Institute, Dr. Eleanor Fisher  
Swedish-South African University Forum (SASUF), Erasmus+ International Credit Mobility (ICM), Helin Bäckman Kartal, Research and Partnership Support  
Southern Africa-Nordic University Centre (SANORD), Sten Hagberg  
African Student Association in Uppsala, TBC
- 14.30 **Key Note Lecture: Democracy and Academic Spaces: Political Parties' Invasion of Higher Education in Africa**, George Bob-Milliar, Associate Prof. in African Studies (Politics & History) at the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST), Ghana; Adjunct Prof. at the Centre for Africa Studies, Copenhagen University; and Visiting Fellow at Nordic Africa Institute
- 15.20 **Closing Remarks of Africa Days at Uppsala University**
- 15.30 **Farewell Fika**

### Questions?

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