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Annual Report 2022 for Uppsala University's Forum for Africa Studies

Transforming our Engagements with Africa



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Introduction

Uppsala University's Forum for Africa Studies is a centre with a broad mandate to develop and strengthen research and higher education initiatives in, on, and with Africa. The Forum is organizationally located within the Department of Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology, but with the broad aim to engage with research and higher education across disciplines, faculties, and disciplinary domains at Uppsala University. It should facilitate contacts and the exchange of research information within and outside the university, and with universities and research institutes on the African continent. The Forum organizes lectures, seminars, round-tables, film screenings, workshops, as well as undergraduate courses in African Studies. It runs research projects in collaboration with different stakeholders. Furthermore, the Forum leads a number of collaborative projects with partners in African countries, including Mozambique, Burkina Faso, Tanzania, and Mali. During the pandemic, it developed many online events, building on already existing virtual seminar series (UU/UEM Virtual Seminars in Africa Studies, and the Francophone Séminaire virtuel du LACET).

In 2022, Uppsala University's Forum for Africa Studies invested lots of energy and commitment in three new projects: the VR-funded Decolonizing Research Methodologies with Burkina Faso, Mali, and Tanzania; the Sida-funded Citizen Perspectives in Mali, and the UU/Vice-Chancellor's Strategic Funding on strengthening Forum as a hub for the whole university around a Graduate School in Africa Studies. During the year, the Forum hosted, co-hosted or sponsored 28 public events, including symposia, conference panels, research seminars and book launches. Most importantly, we organized a two-and-a-half week Launching Seminar with 25 participants from eight African countries; the seminar included joint fieldwork in Gotland. This annual report summarizes activities carried out in the year of 2022. The appendices include a list of all activities and meetings, a list of people involved, and a list of externally funded projects.

Organization and Scope

Uppsala University's Forum for Africa Studies (*Forum för Afrikastudier vid Uppsala universitet*) aims to facilitate collaboration, communication and research between scholars and institutions inside and outside of Uppsala University, as to favor the consolidation of research environments, the development of courses focusing on Africa, and collaborations with colleagues at African universities and research institutes. It functions as a platform for interdisciplinary exchange, critical reflection, collaborative work, and publication.

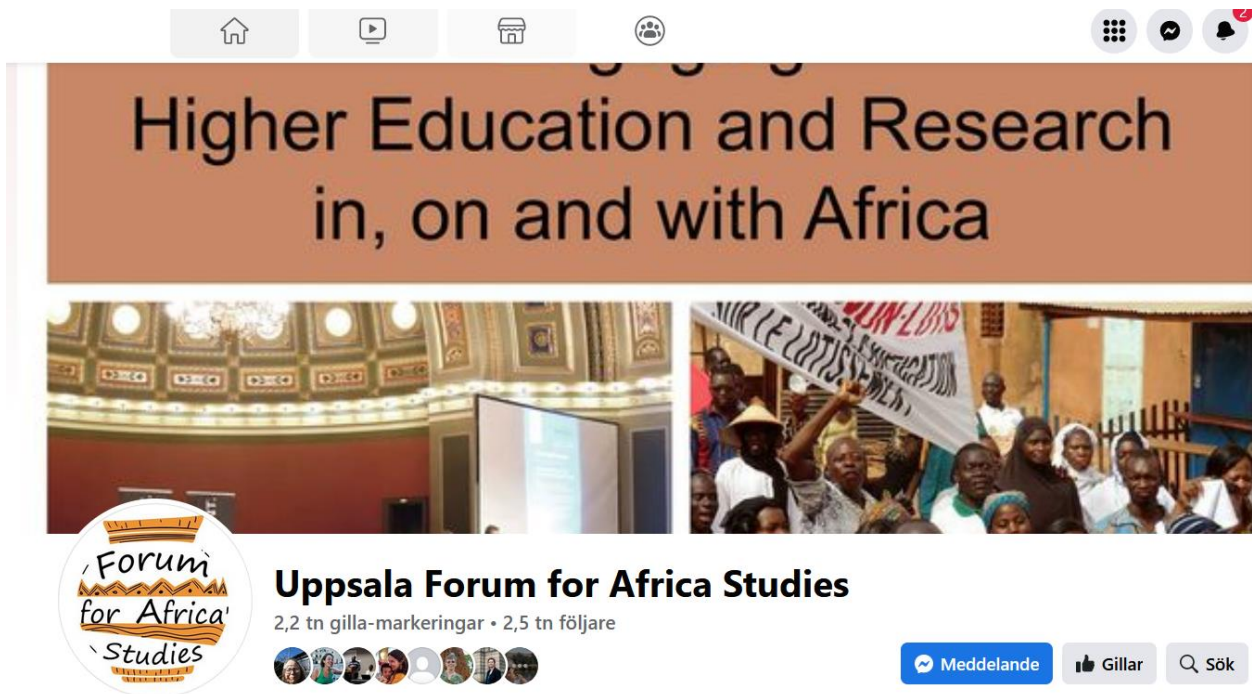
Until 31 December 2022, Forum's Board had one representative of each faculty¹ within the Humanities and Social Sciences, as well as one joint representative of the faculties of Medicine and Pharmacy. In addition, PhD-students and undergraduate students have their representatives (Appendix 2). Between July 2018 and December 2022, Véronique Simon, Senior Lecturer of Education, has been the Board's Chairperson. The Board meets four to five times per year. From January 2023, the Forum has a broader mandate at Uppsala University with representatives from the three disciplinary domains: Humanities and Social Sciences; Medicine and Pharmacy; and Science and Technology.

¹ The faculties within Humanities and Social Sciences at Uppsala University include Arts, Educational Sciences, Languages, Law, Social Sciences, and Theology.

The daily management is led by Director (Sten Hagberg) in collaboration with the Coordinators: Oulia Makkonen, and Ulrika Trovalla. In 2022, Forum's chairperson, Véronique Simon, led the project that aimed to host a series of activities on racism against education (exhibition, panel conversation, etc.). In the Spring of 2022, The Forum had a master student in Cultural Anthropology as intern: Hassam Sultan. During the year the Forum was continuously engaged in research and research training projects in Mozambique, Burkina Faso, Tanzania, and Mali.

Inside and outside of the university

The Forum for Africa Studies works actively with communication through its website (www.afrikastudier.uu.se) and its [Facebook page](#), as well as its email list with more than 300 subscribers. We have 2,000 followers on Facebook. Our Facebook-publications about events and activities often reach more than 1,000 viewers, and occasionally up to 5,000. We also collaborate with the University's Communications Unit in relation to media coverage and public relations.



The Forum is increasingly present at events and workshops in Africa. Three networks are particularly worth mentioning in this regard. The first network includes the myriad of activities and initiatives carried out in West Africa and with West African partners. The Francophone research lab entitled [Laboratoire d'Anthropologie Comparative, Engagée et Transnationale \(LACET\)](#) is an institutional framework between the Forum for Africa Studies (Sweden), the Institut des Sciences des Sociétés (Burkina Faso) and the Institut des Sciences Humaines (Mali). Second, the Forum collaborates with the West African research network Mande Studies Association (MANSA), as Sten Hagberg, is the MANSA President until the end of 2023.

A second network is the research and research training with Mozambique. The Forum participates in three collaborative research training programs with Eduardo Mondlane University (Mozambique) under the auspices of Sida. The main programme focuses on [Municipal Democracy and Local Development in Mozambique](#) (Cultural Anthropology) and others concern [Bio-Cultural Heritage](#) (Archaeology, Cultural Anthropology), and [Population Dynamics and Socioeconomic Wellbeing](#) (Global Health, Cultural Anthropology). Since 2019, the UU/UEM Virtual Seminar in Africa Studies is a major breakthrough in fostering a joint research environment between Uppsala and Maputo.

A third category of networks include several innovative projects in higher education that were on stand-by during the pandemic: the Southern African-Nordic Centre (SANORD); the ERASMUS+ project with El Manar University of Tunis, and the ERASMUS+ project with the Nazi Boni University, Bobo-Dioulasso, Burkina Faso. Sten Hagberg and Oulia Makkonen participated in the SANORD Conference at the University of Limpopo in December 2022.

Major Events

Since its launching in March 2012, Forum has hosted some 300 public events, including seminars, lectures, round-tables, film-screenings, book launches, symposia, and international conferences. In 2022, we were involved 28 public activities and events (Appendix 1).

Launching Seminar

The Launching Seminar of the Research School Programme Decolonizing Research Methodologies aimed to bring together participants from the six partner universities: Université Nazi Boni, Burkina Faso; Institut des Sciences Humaines, Mali; University of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania; Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Sweden; Stokholm University, Sweden; and Uppsala University, Sweden. In total, the Seminar included 25 participants from seven African countries (Appendix 5). The Seminar consisted of 15 days of intense course on decolonization in practice and on fieldwork methodology. It was exploratory in the sense that PhD-students, postdocs, and faculty engaged in a training and learning process that aims to develop courses and curricula of the programme's coming field courses. Seminar, lectures, round-tables, workshops, walk-and-talks, were all combined with fieldwork in four Gotlandic parishes: Burgsvik, Klintehamn, Östergarn, and Fårösund.



Seminar at Stockholm University as part of the Launching Seminar on Decolonizing Research Methodologies (above). The Bursvik team visiting the Southern tip of Gotland (right).



Webinar

On 27 January, Forum co-hosted a Webinar on Sahelian Insecurities & Opportunities. It was a round-table on Political Stakes, Community Conflicts, and Citizen Mobilisations, co-organized by Forum for Africa Studies, Laboratoire d'Anthropologie Comparative, Engagée et Transnationale, and Mande Studies Association (MANSA). Speakers were Diana Ayeh, Virginie Baudais, Ludovic O. Kibora, Yaouaga Félix Koné, Mariame Sidibé, and Aly Tounkara. Unfortunately, the Webinar was attacked by Nazi cyber warriors with child pornographic, racist, and extremely violent images, sounds, and screams. The Forum staff nevertheless succeeded to create a new link, and we were able to have an important round-table with 90 (real) participants. However, the attack was a violent reminder of how vulnerable we are when hosting public academic activities. A police report was filed in, but with no concrete results. All Forum staff took a training course in cyber security at Uppsala University. In June 2022, Vice-Chancellor Anders Hagfeldt and Vice Rector Tora Holmberg wrote an op-ed in [Aftonbladet](#) as a consequence of this and other cyber attacks.

Local Democracy Academy

Between 6 and 10 June, the Swedish International Centre for Local Democracy (ICLD) and the Forum for Africa Studies co-hosted the conference [Local Democracy Academy – connecting research and practice](#), at Uppsala University's Campus Gotland. Some 70 researchers from 50 universities in 30 countries attended. The theme was “Transformative local governments: bringing people and politics together.” Read more [here](#)



Participants of the Local Democracy Academy arriving in Visby on 6 June 2022.

Burkina Faso seen from below

On Thursday 23 June 2022, a workshop was hosted by the LACET, the Forum, and the Institut des Sciences des Sociétés, entitled [LE BURKINA FASO VU PAR LE BAS: ATELIER SUR LA RECHERCHE ENGAGÉE ET LES DÉFIS DE SOCIÉTÉ](#), in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso. The purpose was to present research results and jointly reflect on how research engagements can better grapple with and contribute to address challenges in society and culture. The event was also the 25 years celebration of the collaboration between the Department of Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology (nowadays carried by Forum), and the Institut des Sciences des Sociétés.²

Friday Seminar in Africa Studies

The Friday Seminar in Africa Studies, as in the previous years, has been a multidisciplinary endeavor. With the effects of the pandemic lessening, in 2022, the seminar series were organized *in situ*, online and in hybrid form. The presentations focused on such topics as religion and popular culture, security, citizen perspectives, mission museums, power and informality in urban Africa, health and use of local medicinal plants, designing birth cohorts and many more. Participants and presenters joined from universities and countries such as Mali, Burkina Faso, Ghana, Somalia, Nigeria, Ethiopia, as well as Europe and the Nordic countries.

The Friday Seminar in Africa Studies continued its tradition of keeping presentations and discussions informal and inclusive in nature. The seminars continue to be open to the public and do not require registration regardless of format. The wider reach has contributed to the already engaged discussions and to a broadening of perspectives.

Health Politics and Culture in Africa

The [Health, Politics and Culture in Africa](#) has been run between 2015-2021, as an academic initiative fostering scholarly and scientific collaborations across disciplinary, institutional, and national boundaries that are of importance for matters related to health and well-being. The project was supported by the Vice Chancellor's Office, and brought together researchers, faculties, and students from the social science, humanities, and medical and pharmaceutical faculties at Uppsala University. The project has furthermore strengthened and expanded collaborations and partnerships with universities, research institutions, other organizations, and individual researchers in Sweden and on the African continent and elsewhere.

The project has included a wide range of activities: producing, organising and developing research applications, program applications, publications, seminar series, workshops, panels, symposia, seminars, and joint courses as well as supervising, hosting guest researchers, sponsoring conference participation, and being part of the Programme Committee of Uppsala Health Summit. Over the years, the project has developed international/interdisciplinary research networks, research projects, publication initiatives, research training cooperation, and undergraduate teaching cooperation. There have been seven key thematic areas: Population Dynamics and Socioeconomic Well-being in Mozambique; Infectious and Noncommunicable Diseases; Health governance; Antimicrobial Resistance in Africa; Sexual and Reproductive Health; Suspicious Medical Matters; and Skin Lightening: Navigating Situated Geographies of Colourism.

² The first Academic Convention – or MoU – was signed by the Parties in August 1996.

A Special Issue on [Suspicious Medical Matters](#) was published in Nordic Journal of African Studies with Ulrika Trovalla as guest editor.

Research Training Collaboration in Mozambique

The Forum for Africa Studies is involved in three research partnerships with Mozambique (2017-2024).

Strengthening Municipal Democracy and Local Development

The Forum for Africa Studies coordinates one programme in partnership with Eduardo Mondlane University (UEM) and the Dept. of Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology at Uppsala University. Two PhD students in Cultural Anthropology (Paulo Mahumane and Book Sambo) are supervised by Sten Hagberg. In May 2022, Fernando Manjate successfully defended his PhD thesis in Cultural Anthropology entitled [SOMETHING GOOD BUT NOTHING TO BE PROUD OF: Inheritance and Succession Practices, and Sociopolitical Stakes in Times of Decentralization in Marracuene, Mozambique](#). The programme also involves curriculum development, support to local master and PhD programmes in Maputo, as well as, virtual seminars.

The UU/UEM Virtual Seminar was launched on 25 February 2019, and three seminars were organized in 2022: 1) 9 March, UU/UEM Virtual seminar in Africa Studies: *Fieldwork in times of COVID* with Dr. Carla Braga, Dept. of Archaeology and Anthropology, UEM, Prof. Sten Hagberg Dept. of Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology, UU and PhD students Book Sambo, Paulo Mahumane and Fernando Manjate; 2) 19 May, UU/UEM Virtual seminar in Africa Studies: *How to write academic articles* with Prof. Sten Hagberg Dept. of Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology, Uppsala University; and 3) 19 October UU/UEM Virtual seminar in Africa Studies: *SOMETHING GOOD BUT NOTHING TO BE PROUD OF Inheritance and Succession Practices, and Sociopolitical Stakes in Times of Decentralization in Marracuene, Mozambique*. Thesis presentation with Dr. Fernando Manjate.

In November 2022, Sten Hagberg and Oulia Makkonen went on mission to the UEM in Maputo, Mozambique, to discuss further activities, including the seminar, the recruitment of postdocs, and the organisation of an international conference. Unfortunately, the postdocs and the conference have been cancelled due to the Swedish Government's cutting of research collaboration with low income countries.

Population Dynamics and Socioeconomic Wellbeing

The project is carried out in partnership with Eduardo Mondlane University, Umeå University, University of Witwatersrand, the Dept. of Women's and Children's Health, the Dept. of Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology, and the Forum for Africa Studies at Uppsala University with PhD student Márcia Manhique, Cultural Anthropology. Board member Birgitta Essén is coordinating program activities in Global Health at the Department of Maternal and Child Care.

Biocultural Heritage in Mozambique

In partnership with the Dept. of Archaeology and Ancient History, and the Dept. of Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology, Forum is in charge of training a PhD student in Cultural Anthropology: Jossias Humbane. Board member Anneli Ekblom coordinates this program of the Dept. of Archaeology and Ancient History.

Burkina Faso seen from below

Between 2018 and 2022, Forum (Sten Hagberg) led a project to support Sweden's development cooperation strategy in Burkina Faso through annual studies "from below" on specific topics. The [Burkina Faso seen from Below](#) aimed to conduct annual thematic studies and to provide regular support and advice to the Embassy of Sweden in Burkina Faso. Forum implemented the project in partnership with the Institut des Sciences des Sociétés in Burkina Faso. In March, the book « *Femmes de devant !* »: *Combat du leadership féminin* was presented at a public event in Ouagadougou with some 100 women activists interacting with the researchers. In June, a concluding workshop was hosted to end the project, combined with a 25 years anniversary of collaboration between the Department of Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology at Uppsala University, and the Institut des Sciences des Sociétés in Ouagadougou.

Laboratoire d'Anthropologie Comparative, Engagée et Transnationale (LACET)

In 2018, the Forum for Africa Studies (Uppsala), the Institut des Sciences des Sociétés (Ouagadougou) and the Institut des Sciences Humaines (Bamako) founded a Francophone research laboratory on engaged, comparative and transnational anthropology. Departing from these three institutions, the LACET aims to foster strong and dynamic research environments engaging with pertinent societal challenges. The research lab operates "on a shoestring" (*lacet*=shoestring) with a minimal budget but maximum engagement!

The LACET functions as an umbrella and academic framework, as to formalize and foster stronger bonds and better opportunities between researchers and institutions, while staying flexible and open to any collaboration with other actors. Since 2019, the LACET is established as an international research laboratory called [Le Laboratoire d'Anthropologie Comparative, Engagée et Transnationale](#).



LACET Members participated in the workshop on Burkina Faso seen from below in June 2022.



The Uppsala University team at SANORD at the University of Limpopo in December 2022

The LACET has quickly emerged as one of the most dynamic research networks in West Africa. It allows Uppsala University to play a key role in fostering research and research training in innovative ways, as a way to work to decolonize research and higher education.

The exhibition on Human Zoos

In 2022, the Forum for African Studies in collaboration with [Fredens Hus](#) has worked to set up the Swedish version of the exhibition *Zoos humains – l’invention du sauvage* (*Human zoos – att uppfinna den vilde* which was originally organized by Fondation Thuram and Achac’s research group. Lilian Thuram, co-curator of the exhibition and a soccer player born in Guadeloupe who was one of the heroes behind France’s World Cup and European Championship victories in 1998 and 2000, is a partner with Forum since 2017.

The exhibition tells the story of women, men and children from Asia, Africa, Oceania, the Americas and in some cases from Europe who were displayed at universal and colonial exhibitions and fairs, in circuses, cabarets and zoos, and in itinerant “exotic” villages. For nearly five centuries (1490-1960), these people were exhibited as “savages” in Europe, the United States, and Japan. These large-scale displays of people were specific to the West and to the colonial powers and served to confirm a hierarchy between people according to skin color and physical features, the legacy of which can still be felt today. Achac and Lilian Thuram have designed the exhibition in such a way that it explains the origins of prejudice. The past must be deconstructed and understood so that a person’s skin color and culture can no longer serve as a pretext for rejection or discrimination.

The Forum’s contribution consists of coordinating the project between the various partners (Fondation Thuram, Fredens hus, ACHAC, Uppsala University), the translation of the exhibition’s panels into Swedish, contact with all copyright owners for the exhibition’s images, and the planning of various events (panel discussions between Lilian Thuram and Opera Singer Barbara Hendricks, symposium with the theme of using archive material, film screenings, etc.), which is planned to take place in 2023. The project has been coordinated by Dr. Véronique Simon, Chair of Forum’s Board.

Collaboration within the U4Society and ENLIGHT Networks

The U4Society is a university network consisting of five European universities with similar institutional profiles and interests, notably Uppsala University, Göttingen University (Germany), Ghent University (Belgium), University of Groningen (Netherlands), and University of Tartu (Estonia). It engages in a variety of collaborative activities in research and education, such as joint summer and winter schools, conferences, and workshops.

Since 2018, the Forum has been involved in developing collaborations within the field of African Studies. During 2020, a larger European network was created that partly builds on U4Society, called the ENLIGHT Network. It encompasses the universities of the Basque Country, Bordeaux, Bratislava, and Galway, in addition to the five U4Society universities. Together with partners at universities at Göttingen, Ghent, and Groningen, the Forum applied for funding to organize a digital seminar series *Discussing Diversity, Inclusion and Racism*, entitled “Diversity - Identification, Grievability and the Limits of a Conversation”. The series aimed to engage all ENLIGHT partner universities and started in the Fall of 2021, and in March 2022, Forum hosted a seminar with Dr. hc. Lilian Thuram –Thuram Foundation against Racism – and Dr. Patricia

Lorenzoni – the Centre for Multidisciplinary Studies on Racism (CEMFOR) –discussed “diversity” and its challenges.

Southern African-Nordic Centre (SANORD)

The Forum for Africa Studies is actively involved in SANORD. This was strengthened by Uppsala University’s organization of the 2016 SANORD Conference where the Forum took the lead. In December, Forum’s director, Sten Hagberg, and its coordinator Oulia Makkonen attended the SANORD Conference at the University of Limpopo, South Africa, with papers. Hagberg also participated in the plenary round-table at the Conference opening.

Publications

In 2017, the Forum for Africa Studies launched the publication series [Uppsala Papers in Africa Studies](#), with the aim to publish, disseminate and make better known Africa research carried out at Uppsala University. Uppsala Papers in Africa Studies is published online and as hard copy. The collaborative dimension – across disciplinary borders and in joint research work with African colleagues – is a leading ambition of the series. Publication languages are English, French and Swedish. To date, six issues have been published, and they are downloaded in a very high scale.

Courses in African Studies

In the Spring of 2022, Forum’s Sten Hagberg and Ulrika Trovalla led the course African Studies (30hp). Other Forum members involved were Anneli Ekblom, Ashleigh Harris, and Oulia Makkonen. As an attempt to orient students, [a list of courses focusing on Africa](#), is available at Forum’s web site.

Other externally funded projects

The Forum is involved in a number of individual research projects. Coordinator Ulrika Trovalla is involved in an externally funded research project on the materiality of suspicion in city landscapes in Zambia and Nigeria. Anthropologist Marie Deridder obtained a Marie Skłodowska-Curie Post-Doctoral Fellowship entitled NEGOMOBI: Negotiating Mobility in Mali and Burkina Faso 2020-2023. The Research School Programme Decolonizing Research Methodologies was granted support from Swedish Research Council 2022-2025. The Citizen Perspectives on Societal Challenges in Mali was granted support from Sida for 2022-2026.



Désiré Ballo (left) at the Embassy of Sweden in Mali visited Uppsala University in October to discuss the Citizen Perspectives in Mali project with the Forum team. The signing took place at the Embassy in Bamako in August (below) between Head of Development Cooperation at the Swedish Embassy in Mali, Richard Bomboma, and Sten Hagberg (below).



Strategic work: Uppsala Graduate School in Africa Studies

Since early 2021, Forum has been intensely involved in strategic work as to secure future developments of the centre. A main strategy has been to work on the Uppsala Graduate School in Africa Studies as to develop, consolidate, and further strengthen a transdisciplinary cluster in research, higher education, and institutional collaboration in and with Africa at Uppsala University. The graduate school aims to provide the appropriate institutional and academic framework for consolidating and creating synergies between the multitude of activities and projects, initiatives and networks. The Research School Programme [Decolonizing Research Methodologies \(2022-25\)](#) linking together researchers from UU, SLU, and SU, with universities and research institutes in Burkina Faso, Mali, and Tanzania, is a core group of partner universities – and their PhD Students – around which the graduate school will be developed.

The Graduate School will be organized around seminars, courses and supervision team arrangements, and will rely on various funding sources, including the bilateral research collaboration with Mozambique, and other ongoing sandwich programmes (Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda, etc.), and Forum’s Sida funded five-year collaborative programme with Mali entitled *Perspectives citoyennes des défis de société au Mali*, linking together Malian and Swedish research groups.

Concluding remarks

The Forum for Africa Studies has grown since its creation in September 2011. Since the launching in March 2012, the Forum has organised or co-organized 300 events, that is, seminars, lectures,

round-tables, workshops, and conferences. In 2022, the centre hosted/co-hosted 27 public activities and events (Appendix 1). The scope has evolved from a general mandate of making visible Uppsala University's research in and on Africa to the role as facilitator and active partner in various projects and programmes. While collaboration and commitment are central tenets in Forum's mission, externally funded research projects are key to developing the centre in terms of research and research training, teaching and public outreach.

The core funding of the Forum for Africa Studies has remained remarkably low when considering the many activities and projects in which Forum is involved. In 2022, Hagberg (0%), Makkonen (30%), and Trovalla (30%) have been running the secretariat. The Chairperson of the Forum for Africa Studies (Véronique Simon) worked 10% with the Lilian Thuram-project.

From January 2023, the Forum is transformed into a University broad centre with additional funding from Vice-Chancellor's strategic funding. The [new mission](#) has been broadened and expanded. A [new board](#) has been appointed to take on that new task. And this new Adventure has already begun. Stay tuned!

Appendices

Appendix 1: List of Events 2022

-Friday 14 January, Friday Seminar in Africa Studies: *Mediating Suspicion in Religious Parody Media in Contemporary Ghana* with Joseph Oduro-Frimpong, from the Centre of African Popular Culture, Ashesi University, Ghana.

-Thursday 27 January, Webinar: *Sahelian Insecurities & Opportunities – A Round-Table on Political Stakes, Community Conflicts, and Citizen Mobilisations* with Diana Ayeh, Virginie Baudais, Ludovic O. Kibora, Yaouaga Félix Koné, Mariame Sidibé, and Aly Tounkara.

-Tuesday 1 March, Film screening: *Sia - the Dream of the Python* (Burkina Faso) by Dani Kouyaté, followed by a discussion with the director.

-Wednesday 9 March, UU/UEM Virtual seminar in Africa Studies: *Fieldwork in times of COVID* with Dr. Carla Braga, Dept. of Archaeology and Anthropology, UEM, Prof. Sten Hagberg Dept. of Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology, UU and PhD students Book Sambo, Paulo Mahumane and Fernando Manjate.

-Friday 18 March, Book launch and public debate: *"FEMMES DE DEVANT!": Combat du leadership féminin au Burkina Faso* in Ouagadougou. 100 participants.

-Tuesday 22 March ENLIGHT Webinar Series on Discussing Diversity, Inclusion and Racism: *Diversity - Identification, Grievability and the Limits of a Conversation* with Dr. hc. Lilian Thuram, Fondation Thuram contre le racisme and Dr. Patricia Lorenzoni, the Centre for Multidisciplinary Studies on Racism (CEMFOR).

-Friday 1 April Friday Seminars in Africa Studies: *"Helping" and "Saving" Africa – Piece by Piece* with Dr. Rebecca Loder-Neuhold.

-Monday 4 April Film screening: *Keïta! L'Heritage du Griot* (Burkina Faso) by Dani Kouyaté, followed by a discussion with the director.

-Monday 11 April Film screening: *Ouaga Saga* (Burkina Faso) by Dani Kouyaté, followed by a discussion with the director.

-Friday 13 May, Friday Seminar in Africa Studies and book launch: *Power and Informality in Urban Africa: Ethnographic Perspectives* with Annika Björnsdotter Teppo (Uppsala University), Laura Stark (University of Jyväskylä), Esther Danso-Wiredu (University of Education, Winneba), Cristiano Lanzano (Nordic Africa Institute), Susanna Myllylä (University of Eastern Finland), Cristina Udelsmann Rodrigues (Nordic Africa Institute), Caroline Wamala Larsson (Stockholm University), Segen Yainshet (Addis Ababa University).

-Friday 13 May, student roundtable *Conducting research on/in Africa* with Jasmine Matthey (English literature, Uppsala University), Alexander Öbom, (Cultural Anthropology, Uppsala University), Oskar Rahm, (Human Rights, Uppsala University) Keith Nyende, (Peace and Development Work, Linnaeus

University), Hossam Sultan (Cultural Anthropology, Uppsala University), Sten Hagberg, (Cultural Anthropology, Uppsala University).

-Wednesday 18 May, Film screening Film Screening and Q&A with filmmaker Salad Hilowle under the theme *Afro-Swedish Relations: A Cinematic Exploration*.

-Thursday 19 May, UU/UEM Virtual seminar in Africa Studies: *How to write academic articles* with Prof. Sten Hagberg Dept. of Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology.

-Monday 6-Friday 10 June, Local Democracy Academy, *Local Democracy Academy – connecting research and practice*, co-hosted with Swedish International Centre for Local Democracy (ICLD) at Uppsala University's Campus Gotland.

-Monday 13 June, Seminar in Africa Studies: *Brokers of Research in Times of War (and No-War)* with Jimmy Otim, Gulu University, and Sverker Finnström.

-Thursday 16 June, Seminar in Africa Studies: presentation of the new Research School Programme *Decolonizing Research Methodologies: Empirical Data Collection, Fieldwork Relations, Ethical Challenges, and Transnational Approaches*, with Prof. Sten Hagberg and Dr. Oulia Makkonen.

-Thursday 23 June, Workshop: *Burkina Faso seen from below at INSSSS*, Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, organized by Forum for Africa Studies and The LACET (Laboratoire d'Anthropologie Comparative Engagée et Transnationale) with Siaka Gnessi, Adjara Konkobo, Ludovic Kibora, Amado Kaboré, Bintou Koné, Eulalie Zongo, Pascaline Kaboré, Sten Hagberg and Baba Coulibaly.

-Thursday 30 June, presentation of the new Research School Programme *Decolonizing Research Methodologies: Empirical Data Collection, Fieldwork Relations, Ethical Challenges, and Transnational Approaches* at Université Nazi Boni, Bobo Dioulasso.

-Friday 23 September, Friday Seminar in Africa Studies: *Préservation des ressources phytogénétiques comme moyen de gestion durable et de conservation des plantes médicinales: lecture d'une stratégie d'intervention dans le village de Zoango au Burkina Faso*, with Dr. Ymba Awa Ouédraogo Department of Anthropology, Université Nazi Boni, Bobo Dioulasso, Burkina Faso.

-Launching Seminar 26 September-11 October 2022, *Decolonizing Research Methodologies*, Uppsala University (see appendix 5).

-Tuesday 27 September, Round-table and launching of the Research School Programme on Decolonizing Research Methodologies: *Rethinking Epistemologies and Research Practices* with Baba Coulibaly (Institut des sciences humaines de Bamako), Thomas Ndaluka (University of Dar es Salaam), Emil Sandström (SLU), Laura Stark (University of Jyväskylä), Patrice Toé (Nazi Boni University), Paula Uimonen (Stockholm University), Sten Hagberg (Uppsala University).

-Wednesday 28 September, Public lecture: *Homosexual, transgender, third gender, or...? Dilemmas and insights from the Global South* with Prof. Laura Stark, University of Jyväskylä.

-Monday 10 October, Open Seminar: *Citizen Perspectives on Security & Safety Challenges in Gotland* at Gotland's Museum, Visby as part of the Decolonizing Research Methodologies: *Rethinking Epistemologies and Research Practices* programme.

-Wednesday 19 October UU/JEM Virtual seminar in Africa Studies: *SOMETHING GOOD BUT NOTHING TO BE PROUD OF Inheritance and Succession Practices, and Sociopolitical Stakes in Times of Decentralization in Marracuene, Mozambique*. Thesis presentation with Dr. Fernando Manjate.

-Thursday 20 October, Seminar on Research Collaboration in Mali as part of the new collaborative programme on *Citizen Perspectives in Mali* with Mr. Désiré Ballo, Programme Officer in charge of democracy, human rights, and civil society at the Embassy of Sweden in Bamako, Mali; Prof. Sten Hagberg, Director of Forum for Africa Studies; and Dr. Oulia Makkonen, Coordinator of Forum for Africa Studies.

-Monday 14 November, Round-table: *The resurgence of coups d'état in West Africa* with Prof. Kwesi Aning (Kofi Anan International Peacekeeping Training Centre, Ghana) Assoc. Prof. Jesper Bjarnesen (Nordic Africa Institute), Dr. Mariame Sidibé (Université des sciences juridiques et politiques de Bamako), and Prof. Sten Hagberg (Uppsala University).

-Friday 18 November, Friday Seminar in Africa Studies: *Designing Birth Cohort Studies in Zimbabwe at the Intersection of Social studies and Medicine* with Nomathemba B. Sibanda, National University of Science and Technology, Bulawayo, Zimbabwe.

-Wednesday 14 December, *Citizen Perspectives in Mali: International Symposium on Way(s) Forward*, with Prof. Maria Grosz-Ngaté, (Indiana University), Prof. Sten Hagberg (Uppsala University) Ms. Bintou Koné, (University of Bayreuth and Institut des Sciences Humaines de Bamako) Dr. Mariame Sidibé (Université des Sciences Politiques et Juridiques de Bamako, and the Plateforme d'Analyse, de Suivi et d'Apprentissage au Sahel).

Appendix 2: The Board and Management of the Forum for Africa Studies 2022

The Board

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Appendix 3: Externally funded projects hosted or co-hosted by the Forum for Africa Studies

- Four research training programs with Mozambique, totaling 8 MSEK (2017-22). Coordinator: Sten Hagberg. NB The total amount of the programmes in which Forum is involved is 40 MSEK.
- One commissioned research program 'Burkina Faso seen from below', totaling 4,3 MSEK (2018-22). Project leader: Sten Hagberg
- Two ERASMUS+-projects: Nazi Boni University, Burkina Faso, totaling 600.000 SEK (2019-22), (Coordinator Sten Hagberg) and El Manar University, Tunisia, administered by the International Division (2018-23).
- One Marie Skłodowska-Curie Post-Doctoral Fellowship entitled NEGOMOBI: Negotiating Mobility in Mali and Burkina Faso, totaling 305,778 euros (2020-2023). Project leader: Marie Deridder.
- Decolonizing Research Methodologies-project is funded by Swedish Research Council (VR), and aims to support the creation, organization, and the implementation of an interdisciplinary research school with Burkinabe, Malian, Swedish, and Tanzanian partners. 6 MSEK
- Perspectives citoyennes des défis de société au Mali* is a five-year project funded by the Embassy of Sweden in Mali on behalf of Sida 2022-2026. It is led by the Forum for Africa Studies at Uppsala University, and will be implemented in collaboration with Swedish and Malian partners.

Appendix 4: Guest researchers

- Dr. Mariame Sidibé, Université des Sciences Juridiques et Politiques de Bamako, Mali: Nov-Dec 2022
- Dr. Awa Ymba Ouédraogo, Université Nazi Boni de Bobo-Dioulasso, Burkina Faso: Sept-Oct 2022
- Prof. Maria Grosz-Ngaté, Indiana University, USA: Dec 2022
- Dr. Nomathemba Sibanda, National University of Science and Technology, Bulawayo, Zimbabwe: Nov. 2022
- Prof. Laura Stark, University of Jyväskylä, Finland: Sept. 2022
- Prof. Lars Buur, Roskilde University, Denmark: May 2022

Appendix 5: List of participants of Launching Seminar on Decolonizing Research Methodologies

Participating Universities and Research Institutes

[Forum for Africa Studies](#) at Uppsala University (Coordinator);

[Dept. of Urban and Rural Development](#), Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences;

[Dept. of Social Anthropology](#), Stockholm University

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[Institut des Sciences Humaines](#), Bamako, Mali;

[Society and Religion Research Centre](#), University of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

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