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*Annual Report 2018 for Forum for Africa Studies, Uppsala University*

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*Uppsala University's Forum for Africa Studies, launched in March 2012, is a network for Africa researchers with a broad mandate to cover Africa research and higher education initiatives. On 1 July 2017, the Forum for Africa Studies became a center within the Department of Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology. The Forum for Africa Studies aims to support research and higher education on Africa at Uppsala University and to facilitate contacts and the exchange of research information within and outside of the university. It also engages with universities and research institutes in Africa. The Forum organizes lectures, seminars, round-tables, film screenings, workshops, and undergraduate courses in African studies. It is leading research and research application processes, fostering knowledge exchange and collaborations across researchers and students, disciplines and perspectives, actors and institutions. In 2018, the Forum for Africa Studies hosted, co-hosted or sponsored some 40 public events, including symposia and conference panels. In addition, Forum representatives participated in a number of important meetings, both with various personalities visiting the University, and as part of project applications processes. This annual report summarizes activities carried out in the year of 2018; Appendix 1 includes a complete list of all activities and meetings of the Forum for Africa Studies.*

### **Organization and Scope**

The Forum for Africa Studies is led by Director Sten Hagberg (Professor of Cultural Anthropology) in collaboration with two Coordinators. In 2018, Molly Sundberg and Ulrika Trovalla coordinated activities organized by Forum, including the strategic project Health, Politics and Culture in Africa. A PhD-student in Cultural Anthropology (Anna Baral) was Forum's assistant January-June 2018. The Board is composed of one representative of each faculty within the Humanities and Social Sciences, as well as one representative of the faculties of medicine and pharmacy; PhD-students and undergraduate students have their representatives (Appendix 2). The Board's Chair-person was Ashleigh Harris, Associate Professor of English, until June 2018. In July 2018, Véronique

Simon, Senior Lecturer of Education, was appointed as Chair. The Board meets five to six times per year.

### **Inside and outside of the university**

Forum for Africa Studies plays a leading role in communication through the website and Facebook page, as well as the email list with some 300 subscribers. Events and activities often reach more than 1,000 viewers with our Facebook-publications. We also collaborate with the University's Communications Unit in relation to media coverage etc. The successful collaboration with Upsala Nya Tidning has also extended Forum's public outreach.

The Forum is increasingly present at events and workshops in Africa; to strengthen and increase relationships with academic actors and institutions is a strategic goal. West African research networks have been particularly successful: in Mali, Burkina Faso, and Ghana. The involvement in collaborative programmes with Eduardo Mondlane University has been a key activity during the year. The application process for the research collaboration with Rwanda was another important activity carried out by Forum's Molly Sundberg, Sten Hagberg, Paul Lane, and Anneli Ekblom.

### **Major Events**

Since the start in March 2012, Forum for Africa Studies has hosted or co-hosted more than 180 public events, including seminars, lectures, round-tables and film-screenings. In 2018, we were involved some 40 activities and events, most of which included the active involvement of the Forum management team.

On 8 May, Forum organized a public screening and a roundtable discussion on the lessons and legacies of the 1994 genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda. The event was co-organized with the Embassy of Rwanda in Sweden, in commemoration of the genocide. The film screened was "Ghosts of Rwanda," a documentary of the genocide produced by Greg Barker in 2004. The roundtable was moderated by Karen Brounéus (Dept. of Peace and Conflict Research, UU) and included H.E. Christine Nkulikiyinka (Rwanda's Ambassador to Sweden); Richard Myrenberg (journalist at Swedish Radio); Anne Kubai (Centre for Disciplinary Studies on Racism, UU); Jean-Bosco Habyarimana (Dept. of Global Studies, Gothenburg University); and Molly Sundberg. Some 70 persons attended the event.





On 31 October, the Forum for Africa Studies and Fredens Hus organized “Your Struggle Too: A Story of Sweden and South Africa’s Anti-Apartheid Leaders” at Fredens Hus, Uppsala Castle. The event featured an art exhibit, a seminar and the launch of the book “Tambo Lenyoka: Enduring friendships – Olof Palme and Thabo Mbeki,” a collection of poems written by Lindiwe Mabuza, South Africa’s ambassador to the UK and Germany. Lindiwe Mabuza read from her book, and Tor Sellström (Nordic Africa Institute) and Anders Bjurner (senior diplomat) participated in the panel discussion, which was moderated by Angela Mvumba Sellström (Dept. of Peace and Conflict Research, UU). Also participating were Véronique Simon (Chair of Forum) and Linda Forsberg (Fredens Hus). 23 persons attended the event.

In October 2018, Forum (via Sten Hagberg and Molly Sundberg) co-authored and submitted a full application to Sida for a five year research training program involving Uppsala University and University of Rwanda, funded by the Swedish foreign aid budget. The proposal concerned the training of three PhD candidates, two postdocs, joint research projects, and Master level course curriculum development within the theme of “Strengthening Anthropological and Archaeological Research on Democracy, Security and Biocultural Heritage in Rwanda.” The application process was preceded by a visit to the University of Rwanda in Kigali by Sten Hagberg and Molly Sundberg in 2017, and the submission of a Letter of Intent, jointly authored by researchers at the above-mentioned departments at the two universities, also in 2017. In January 2019, a negative decision was taken by Sida and thus no funding was allocated to the project.



On 12 November, Forum for Africa Studies co-hosted a roundtable with Upsala Nya Tidning on *Varför tillåts trasistiska organisationer i Sverige?* Sten Hagberg (UU) and Maria Ripenberg (UNT) jointly chaired the roundtable with Ingrid Helmius (UU), Mohamed Hassan (Uppsala kommun), Maureen Hoppers (Axfoundation, Barnkultur), Helene Lööw (UU), Peter Nobel (ex Secretary General of Swedish Red Cross, ex Discrimination Ombudsman), and Evin Ismael (the daily Arbetet, UU).

On 19-21 September Forum for Africa Studies convened two double-panels on Security from below (Sten Hagberg) and Suspicious Medical Matters (Ulrika Trovalla) with colleagues from all over the world (USA, South Africa, Mali, Burkina Faso, Denmark, Nigeria, Cameroon, Togo, United Kingdom, Italy, Ghana).

### **Friday Seminar in Africa Studies**

The Friday Research Seminar series of 2018 involved a range of Africanist scholars based in Africa, Sweden and Belgium. Given Forum's growing engagement in large-scale research and educational collaborations with African universities (Mozambique, Burkina Faso, and Rwanda), the frequency of seminars were slightly scaled down during the autumn semester. Throughout the year, seminars were still organized on a regular basis in a diversity of scientific disciplines, such as medicine, archaeology, literature, religion, and anthropology. Topics spanned across infrastructure (Nigeria and Burkina Faso), student migration, Kwame Nkrumah's Rhetoric of Resistance (Ghana), vacuum extraction during child birth (Tanzania), health barriers in LGBTI communities (Ethiopia), and comedy films and the production of stereotypes (Kenya), historical architecture, the relevance of research, contemporary African texts, film as a tool for discussing sensitive issues, and witchcraft (Sub-Saharan Africa). Most seminars were held in English, though one, addressing issues in Francophone Burkina Faso, was held in French. The Friday Seminar in Africa Studies continued its tradition of keeping presentations and discussions informal and inclusive in nature. Most seminars attracted an engaged and interested audience that raised insightful questions and contributed to a vibrant scholarly discussion.



### **Health Politics and Culture in Africa: New Networks and Projects**

The Health, Politics and Culture in Africa project is an initiative that fosters scholarly and scientific collaborations across disciplinary, institutional and national boundaries that are of importance for matters related to health and well-being on, and with, the African continent. The initiative brings together researchers, faculty and students from the faculties of social sciences, humanities, medicine and pharmacology to create inter- and transdisciplinary platforms and networks for teaching, supervision and research.

Furthermore, the initiative strengthens and expands collaborations and partnerships with universities, research institutions and other organizations on the African continent and elsewhere. The networking efforts (meetings, travels, etc.) is key to develop the initiative for interdisciplinary research.

The Health, Politics and Culture in Africa project addresses a number of sub-themes that include health governance, the double burden of disease, media representations of health and Africa, antimicrobial resistance (AMR), and reproductive health.

The year of 2018 has been part of a great variety of interdisciplinary activities, spanning from seminars on vacuum extraction in Dar es Salaam, activism work to overcome health barriers for the Ethiopian LGBTI community, lectures on suspicions around Misoprostol in Burkina Faso, what medical anthropology can do to the field of global and reproductive health, conferences on care for cancer, workshops on female genital cutting, global and migration related reproductive health, female genital cutting, and the materiality of suspicion in African cities, to a panel focusing on suspicious medical matters. The following highlights could be mentioned:

- On 18-19 April, Forum participated in the *Swedish Global Health Conference 2018* at Karolinska Institutet, Stockholm. The question raised at this conference included how can Sweden contribute to the Sustainable Development Goals. The Forum for Africa Studies was represented through Birgitta Essén, one of the Health, Politics and Culture in Africa project's scientific leaders, who was part of a panel discussing *Gaps and opportunities in Global Health Research*;

- On 14-15 June, Forum took part in organising the *Uppsala Health Summit*, which is a recurring international policy arena for dialogue on challenges for health and healthcare, and how we can overcome them. The 2018 theme was *Care for Cancer*. The Forum for Africa Studies' Molly Sundberg and Ulrika Trovalla were on the Programme Committee of the Summit and had an advisory role when it came to keeping a global perspective on the above-mentioned issues at the same time as raising the profile of the social sciences and humanities in a workshop otherwise dominated by the medical sciences;
- On 19-21 September, Ulrika Trovalla organized a panel on *Suspicious Medical Matters* during the Nordic Africa Days. The panel took a starting point in what happens when trust is eroded in matters of health, disease, and medicine, as they touch people where they are the most vulnerable. It was a highly interdisciplinary panel with participants from Oncology, Political Science, African Studies, History, Literature, English Research, Archaeologist and Anthropologists and with participants from Denmark, France, Ghana, Nigeria, South Africa, Sweden, Togo and the United Kingdom;
- On 8-9 of February, Ulrika Trovalla and Molly Sundberg together with the Health, Politics and Culture in Africa project's former coordinator, Eren Zink, presented the project's cross-disciplinary work at a national workshop on *Medical Humanities in Practice: Challenges and Opportunities* held in Uppsala. The workshop gathered scholars from Uppsala University and several universities across the world which are engaged in medical humanities;
- On 4 May, Forum was part of organising the *Ninth network meeting on global and migration related reproductive health*. Birgitta Essén was organising the workshop. The meeting focused on how to convince decision makers of the importance of evidence-based research to aid;
- On 26-28 October, Forum for Africa Studies and International Maternal and Child Health at Uppsala University and Centre for Sexology and Sexuality Studies at Malmö University jointly hosted the *Ninth network meeting on research on female genital cutting* in Höör, Sweden. The theme of this year's conference was *Female Genital Cutting: The Global North & South* and presentations focused on themes including sexuality and reproductive health in relation to female genital cutting, and how research, healthcare and interventions can be designed to work in an optimal way;
- On 9-11 December, the Forum for Africa Studies, together with the Centre for Middle Eastern studies at Lund University, were part of organising the workshop *African Cities and the Materiality of Suspicion*, in Lusaka, Zambia. Bringing together 17 scholars on African cities, with several focusing on medical matters, this workshop took a starting point in what city life is like when suspicion comes to underlie everyday interactions with the familiar world.

The Health, Politics and Culture in Africa project organized lectures during the Friday Seminar in African Studies. They included an anthropological comparative analysis of Ebola and Witchcraft, medical perspective on institutional gaps and attitudes and perception on vacuum extraction in Tanzania, activism work to overcome health barriers for the Ethiopian LGBTI community, and the using of film in teaching students about sexual and reproductive health rights.

### **Research Training Collaboration in Mozambique**

The Forum for Africa Studies is involved in research partnerships with Mozambique (2017-2021). The application process began in late 2015, but it was only in 2018 that the programmes could start. Forum for Africa Studies was a key partner in three partnerships:

- *Population dynamics and socioeconomic well-being*, in partnership with Eduardo Mondlane University, Umeå University, University of Witwatersrand, and the Dept. of Women's and Children's Health, the Dept. of Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology, and other departments at Uppsala University.
- *Strengthening Municipal Democracy and Local Development*, in partnership with Eduardo Mondlane University and the Dept. of Anthropology at Uppsala University.
- *Biocultural Heritage in Mozambique*, in partnerships with the Dept. of Archaeology and the Dept. of Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology at Uppsala University.

Sten Hagberg participated in two meetings in Maputo in April and October 2018. Lots of work was spent on planning and recruitment activities.



Two PhD-students in Cultural Anthropology were recruited in the Fall of 2018: Book Sambo and Paulo Mahumane. The Forum for Africa Studies' role is to strengthen interdisciplinary research capacity by supporting research communication and training across the various partner institutions. Sten Hagberg participated in a curriculum development workshop for a PhD programme in Population and Health Policies in October 2018. Molly Sundberg worked to launch the Virtual Seminar in Africa Studies during the Fall of 2018.

### **Burkina Faso seen from below**

The Forum for Africa Studies (Sten Hagberg) was commissioned to lead a three-year programme in social sciences aiming to support Sweden's development cooperation strategy in Burkina Faso through studies "from below" on specific topics (security, women leadership,

social inclusion). The programme consists of one annual thematic study and regular support and advice to the Embassy. The Forum for Africa Studies collaborates with Institut des Sciences des Sociétés of the Centre national de la recherche scientifique et technologique, Burkina Faso, as subcontractor in conducting the programme.

In 2018, the contract was signed and the first annual study conducted on *Security from Below: Citizen perceptions, and perspectives on Security challenges in Burkina Faso*. The rationale was to conduct an anthropologically informed mapping and analysis of the main safety and security challenges at the local level in selected municipalities in Burkina Faso. The point of departure was that people's perceptions of security/insecurity are important to integrate in any security analysis, and that understanding security from below is likely to put the military security focus in perspective.



The overall objective was to generate an increased understanding of the realities and perspectives of the citizens regarding the safety and security challenges at the local level through anthropological field research in 13 municipalities across Burkina Faso. Anthropological fieldwork was conducted in June-July. A post-fieldwork writing workshop was organized in October, and the preliminary report was presented at a validation workshop in Ouagadougou on 12 December. The three year programme has an approved budget of 4,3 million SEK

#### **Institutional collaborations, research networks and visits**

Institutional collaborations play an increasingly important role in the daily work of Forum. In addition to the collaboration with University of Eduardo Mondlane and partnerships in Mali and



Burkina Faso, Forum has taken initiatives to build lasting partnerships with other African universities.

Rwanda: Forum submitted a Letter of Intent for a research collaboration with the University of Rwanda. It was approved and we were invited to write a full application. The application was submitted on 31 October 2018. In January 2019, however, we received the decision from Sida that the application was rejected, despite good reviews and a positive evaluation.

Zambia: Forum for Africa Studies was part of organising a workshop in Lusaka on the theme of *African Cities and the Materiality of Suspicion*. Dr. Ulrika Trovalla, coordinator of Forum's project Health, Politics and Culture and one of the persons behind the workshop, is also affiliated with the Southern African Institute for Policy and Research in Lusaka.

Visits: Forum participated in the visits to Uppsala University of various personalities, including the Ambassador of Rwanda, and the Minister for Higher Education of the Gambia.



## Publications: Uppsala Papers in Africa Studies

In 2017, Forum for Africa Studies launched the new 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 simultaneously published online and in hard copy. The scope of the series ranges from collaborative studies and research reports, via symposium papers and collections of think pieces in relation to public debate, to transdisciplinary studies and solid ethnographic papers longer than the conventional article format. The collaborative dimension – over disciplinary borders and in joint research work with African colleagues – is a leading ambition of the series. Publication languages are English, French and Swedish. Series Editor is Sten Hagberg. In 2018, one issue was published, and another was in preparation.

- Uppsala Papers in Africa Studies 3: [Nothing will be as before!': Anthropological perspectives on political practice and democratic culture in 'a new Burkina Faso'](#), by Sten Hagberg, Ludovic Kibora, Sidi Barry, Siaka Gnessi, Adjara Konkobo. Uppsala Papers in Africa Studies 3, 2018, Uppsala University.
- Uppsala Papers in Africa Studies 4: [Démocratie par le bas et politique municipale au Sahel](#), edited by Sten Hagberg, Ludovic O. Kibora, and Gabriella Körling. Uppsala Papers in Africa Studies 4, 2019, Uppsala University.

The series is distributed to journals and bookstores, and sold at Uppsala University:  
<https://acta.mamutweb.com/Shop/List/-Uppsala-Papers-in-Africa-Studies/159/1>



## Courses in African Studies

In 2018, Forum was involved in the 15hp course, African Studies, offered in English by the Department of Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology since long time back.<sup>1</sup> The new one-semester course in African Studies (30hp), that first taught in the Fall of 2017, was reworked to be taught in the Spring of 2019. Ulrika Trovalla and Sten Hagberg spent much work on course development with regards to the full-time course. Fortunately, the students found their way to the course: some 30 applied to the course as a first-hand option.



## Conclusion

The Forum for Africa Studies has grown exponentially since the launching in March 2012. Its scope has gradually expanded from making visible Uppsala University's research in and on Africa to a more general facilitating role and active partner in various projects and programmes, most notably those with Mozambique, and Burkina Faso.

The core funding of Forum for Africa Studies is continuously low. Hagberg (20%), Sundberg (20%) and Trovalla (30%) are running the secretariat. Since the mid-2018, the Dept. of Education is supporting the Chair of Forum for Africa Studies with 5% teaching reduction (Véronique Simon). Until June 2018, the former Chair (Ashleigh Harris) was supported by the Dept. of English to work with, amongst other things, the Forum (10%). The low core funding does imply that the activities are to some extent guided by external funding. A more consistent core funding would definitely open up for stronger institutionalization of the Forum for Africa Studies.

Forum has also been successful in obtaining external grants. In 2018, the total amount of external funding was some 12 million SEK for Mozambique (five years) and Burkina Faso (three years) programmes.

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<sup>1</sup> While the Department of Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology is in charge of these courses, they draw upon interdisciplinary research networks of Forum for Africa Studies.



## Appendices

### Appendix 1: List of Activities 2018

Jan 26- Friday Seminar: *Infrastructure as a Divination Tool: Whispers from the Grids in a Nigerian City*, Ulrika Trovalla and Eric Trovalla, Dept. of Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology, Uppsala University.

Feb 2- Friday Seminar: *'I am so so very not sure': University Students in Ghana and Their International Migration Aspirations*, Kajsa Hallberg Adu, Ashesi University College, Ghana.

Feb 8-9- Workshop: *Medical Humanities in Practice: Challenges and Opportunities*, Uppsala University, Ulrika Trovalla and Molly Sundberg presented the Health, Politics and Culture in Africa project under the heading of *Forum for Africa Studies, Uppsala University: Medical Humanities and Research and Teaching Cooperation with Partners in Developing Countries*.

March 9- Friday Seminar: *The Roles of Built Environments in the Urban Pasts of Sub-Saharan Africa*, Monika Baumanova, Dept. of Archaeology and Ancient History, Uppsala University.

March 23- Friday Seminar: *Witchcraft in Comparative Perspective*, Nikolas Århem, Dept. of Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology, Uppsala University.

April 2-3- Planning Workshop in Ouagadougou for the programme *Burkina Faso seen from below*: Sten Hagberg (UU), Ludovic Kibora (Institut des sciences des sociétés, INSS), Sidi Barry (INSS), Yacouba Cissao (INSS), Bintou Koné (Institut des sciences humaines de Bamako), Amado Kaboré (INSS), Mariatou Zongo (INSS), and Siaka Gnessi (INSS).

April 6- Friday Seminar, *'Institutional gaps'. A qualitative study on attitudes and perception on vacuum extraction in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania*, Henrik Makokha-Sandell, International Maternal and Child Health, Uppsala University.

April 18-19- Conference: Forum participated in the Swedish Global Health Conference 2018 at Karolinska Institutet, Stockholm. Forum for Africa Studies was represented through Birgitta Essén, who was part of a panel discussing "Gaps and opportunities in Global Health Research".

April 16-20- Sten Hagberg participated in the Annual Review Meeting, Eduardo Mondlane University, Mozambique.

April 26- Public Lecture: "The Black Ox has nowhere to feed and the White Ox has all the pastures": Resurrecting The Land Question in South Africa Today, Prof. Gillian Hart, University of California, Berkely, USA; University of Witwatersrand, South Africa

April 27- Friday Seminar: *'Let my People Go!' Kwame Nkrumah's Rhetoric of Resistance in Motion of Independence in the Gold Coast*, Eric Opoku Mensah, Dept. of Communication Studies, University of Cape Coast, Ghana.

May 8- Roundtable and Film Screening: *Ghosts of Rwanda: Lessons and Legacies 24 Years after the Genocide*, H.E. Ms Christine Nkulikiyinka, Rwanda's Ambassador to Sweden, Richard Myrenberg, Swedish Radio; Anne Kubai, Centre for Disciplinary Studies on Racism, Uppsala University; Tom Mulisa, Dept. of Law, Uppsala University; Karen Brounéus, Dept. of Peace and Conflict, Uppsala University; Sten Hagberg and Molly Sundberg, Dept. of Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology, Uppsala University.

May 9- Joint Seminar: *How do people construct borders and boundaries, especially in times of uncertainty?: The Living Dead: Tales of Ebola Survivors in Bundibugyo District*, Jerome Ntege, PhD Candidate in Social Anthropology, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Makerere University; and *Polluted Bodies and Borders: Crossing the Acholi Ritual Boundaries after War and Displacement*, Stevens Aguto Odongoh, PhD Candidate in Social Anthropology, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Makerere University.

May 25- Friday Seminar: *The Relevance of Research: Or is Another Policy Report what Africa Needs?*, Terje Østergaard, Nordic Africa Institute.

May 29- Author Talk: Sten Hagberg presented the book 'Nothing will be as before': Anthropological perspectives on political practice and democratic culture in 'a new Burkina Faso'.

June 1- Friday Seminar: *Contemporary African Texts and Contexts: Decolonizing the Archive, Genre and Method*, Lynda Gichanda Spencer, Rhodes University, South Africa.

June 8- Friday Seminar: *Engaging Film as a Reflective Surface to Encourage Dynamic, Intersectional Encounters*, Charlene van der Walt, School of Religion, Philosophy and Classics, University of Kwa-Zulu Natal, South Africa.

June 12-13- U4 Workshop at Göttingen University (attended by Molly Sundberg) to plan collaboration in African Studies between Uppsala University, Göttingen University, Ghent University, and University of Gröningen.

June 12-13- Pre-Fieldwork Workshop in Ouagadougou for the programme *Burkina Faso seen from below*: Sten Hagberg (UU), Ludovic Kibora (Institut des sciences des sociétés, INSS), Sidi Barry (INSS), Yacouba Cissao (INSS), Bintou Koné (Institut des sciences humaines de Bamako), Amado Kaboré (INSS), Mariatou Zongo (INSS), and Siaka Gnessi (INSS).

June 14-15- Summit: Uppsala Health Summit with the theme of *Care for Cancer*. Forum for Africa Studies Ulrika Trovalla and Molly Sundberg played a key role in reviewing abstracts and preparing the summit.

Sept 13- Film Screening: *Sinking Sands*, by Leila Djansi, in collaboration with the Section of Rhetoric, Dept. of Literature.

Sep 14- Friday Seminar: *Activism work to overcome health barriers for the Ethiopian LGBTI community*, Negede Gezahegn Gebremeskel, Cofounder and former executive director of DANA Social Group (grassroots LGBTI organization, Ethiopia).

Sept 17- Film Screening: *Agwaetiti Obiütö (Island of Happiness)*, by and with its Director Onyeka Nwelue.

Sept 18- Lecture: *Suspicious around Misoprostol. A socio-anthropological study in Burkina Faso*, Dr. Fatoumata Ouattara-Traoré from the Institut de Recherche pour le Développement, France and UMR Laboratoire Population et Développement, Togo held an open lecture that also was part of the Master Programme in Global Health. The lecture was held at Rudbecklaboratoriet, Uppsala and was organized by Forum for Africa Studies and Department of International Maternal and Child Health.

Sept 19-21- Nordic Africa Days: Two double-panels hosted by the Forum for Africa Studies:

- *Security from below: Civil society, self-defence movements and the rule of law* (convened by Sten Hagberg) with papers by Sten Hagberg (UU), Joseph Hellweg (Florida State University), Heidi Bojsen (Roskilde University), Ismael Compaoré (Joseph Ki-Zerbo University of Ouagadougou), Dany Franck A. Tiwa (University of Hamburg, Germany; University of Kent, UK; University of Utrecht), Aimé Raoul Sumo Tayo (University of Yaoundé I), SidyLamine Bakayoko (Institut des sciences humaines de Bamako), and Harrison C. Ajebon (Durham University).
- *Suspicious Medical Matters* (convened by Ulrika Trovalla) with papers by Ulrika Trovalla (UU), Terje Østergaard (Nordic Africa Institute), Lise Rosendal Østergaard (University of Copenhagen), Chisomo Kalinga (Edinburgh University), Rodney Likaku (UU), Roberta Biasotto (University of Bologna), Ivo Mhike (University of the Free State), Benjamin Kobina Kwansa (University of Ghana), Deborah Atobrah (University of Ghana), Victor Adetula (Nordic Africa Institute) and Fatoumata Ouattara-Traoré (Institut de Recherche pour le Développement).

Sept 22- Publication Workshop: Ulrika Trovalla organized a publication workshop in conjunction with the panel at the Nordic Africa Days on *Suspicious Medical Matters*.

Sept 24- Film Screening: *Koglweogo Land*, by and with its Director Ismael Compaoré.

Oct 1-7- Post-Fieldwork Workshop in Léo for the programme *Burkina Faso seen from below*: Sten Hagberg (UU), Ludovic Kibora (Institut des sciences des sociétés, INSS), Sidi Barry (INSS), Yacouba Cissao (INSS), Bintou Koné (Institut des sciences humaines de Bamako), Amado Kaboré (INSS), Mariatou Zongo (INSS), and Siaka Gnessi (INSS).

Oct 19- Friday Seminar: *L'après barrage de Ziga au Burkina Faso: "Un ouvrage, produit et producteur de société"*, Romaine Konseiga, Université catholique de Louvain la Neuve, Belgium.

Oct 22-26- Sten Hagberg participated in the Annual Planning Meeting, Eduardo Mondlane University, Mozambique.

Oct 29-31- Sten Hagberg participated in the Curriculum Development workshop for the PhD programme Population and Health Policies, Eduardo Mondlane University, Mozambique.

Oct 26-28- Conference: *Female Genital Cutting: The Global North & South*, Forum for Africa Studies and International Maternal and Child Health (IMCH) at Uppsala University and Centre for Sexology and Sexuality Studies at Malmö university jointly hosted the 9th network meeting on research on female genital cutting (FOKO) in Höör, Sweden.

Oct 29- Lecture: *What could Medical Anthropology contribute to the field of Global Reproductive Health?*, Ellen Gruenbaum, a medical anthropologist and head of Department of Anthropology at Purdue University, Indiana, jointly organized by Forum for Africa Studies and International Maternal and Child Health (IMCH), Uppsala University.

Oct 31- Book Lunch, Seminar and Art Exhibit at Fredens Hus: *"Your Struggle Too": A Story of Sweden and South Africa's Anti-Apartheid Leaders*, Lindiwe Mabuza, author of *"Tambo Lenyoka: Enduring Friendships - Olof Palme and Thabo Mbeki"* and South Africa's Ambassador to the UK and Germany; Linda Forsberg, Fredens Hus, Véronique Simon, Chair of Forum for Africa Studies; Tor Sellström, Nordic Africa Institute; Anders Bjurner, senior diplomat; Angela Mvumba Sellström, Dept. of Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala University.

Nov 12- Panelsamtal i Universitetsaulan: *Varför tillåts rasistiska organisationer i Sverige?* Round-table co-hosted with Upsala Nya Tidning. Chairs: Sten Hagberg (UU) and Maria Ripenberg (UNT) with Ingrid Helmius (UU), Mohamed Hassan (Uppsala kommun), Maureen Hoppers (Axfoundation och Barnkultur), Helene Lööv (UU), Peter Nobel (fd generalsekreterare Svenska Röda Korset, fd diskrimineringsombudsman), and Evin Ismael (Arbetet, UU).

Nov 23- Friday Seminar: *Kenyan Comedy: Unbounding Stereotypes*, Patrick Chesi Lumasia, Rhodes University, South Africa.

Dec 9-11- Workshop: *African Cities and the Materiality of Suspicion*, Forum for Africa Studies together with Centre for Middle Eastern studies, Lund University, organised a workshop in Lusaka, Zambia.

Dec 12- Workshop in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso: *Sécurité par le bas : Perceptions et perspectives des défis de sécurité au Burkina Faso*. Co-hosted with Institut des sciences des sociétés and the Embassy of Sweden.



## **Appendix 2: The Board and Management of Forum for Africa Studies**

### The Board

Director: Professor Sten Hagberg

Faculty of Languages: Associate Professor Ashleigh Harris, Chair (until June 2018)

Faculty of Educational Sciences: Dr Véronique Simon, Chair (since July 2018)

Faculty of Theology: Professor Kajsa Ahlstrand

Faculty of Law: Dr Lena Holmqvist

Faculty of Arts: Professor Paul Lane

Faculty of Social Sciences: Dr Anders Themnér

Faculty of Medical Sciences: Professor Birgitta Essén

Humanistiska Doktorandrådet: PhD Candidate Erik Bengtsson

Student representatives: Alexander Haettman, Matilda Renman, and Henrik Sandell

### Management/Coordination

Director Sten Hagberg (20%)

Coordinator Molly Sundberg (20%)

Coordinator Ulrika Trovalla (30%)

Assistant Anna Baral (20% until June 2018)

### Visiting researchers at Forum for Africa Studies 2018

Dr. Lynda Gichanda Spencer, Rhodes University, South Africa, 20 May-31 July 2018

PhD-student Romaine Konseiga, Catholic University of Louvain, Belgium, 15 Sept-15 Nov 2018

Mr. Book Sambo, Eduardo Mandlane University, Mozambique, 1 Sept-30 Nov 2018

Mr. Paulo Mahumane, Eduardo Mandlane University, Mozambique, 1 Sept-30 Nov 2018

Dr Joseph Hellweg, Florida State University, Sept 2018

Dr Fatoumata Ouattara-Traoré, Institut de recherche pour le développement, Togo, Sept 2018

PhD-Student Jerome Ntege, Makerere University, May 2018

PhD student Stevens Aguto Odongoh, Makerere University, May 2018

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