

# Symposium



**April 29, 2022**

**12.15 noon-6 p.m. (CET)**

**Philo II, Room 00.212**

and online on [zoom](#)

Meeting Code: 207060

**Everyone welcome!**



## Africans, Americans, and Colonial Germany

The Obama Institute for Transnational American Studies organizes a symposium on the heritage of Colonial Germany and the presence of people of African descent in German society. This trilateral investigation ranges from Germany to Africa, America and back, addresses the German engagement in the slavery trade and the institution of slavery, the violent effects of colonization still felt on site and visible in the spoils on display in the museums, and the systemic discrimination of Black people. Fellows of the Obama Institute, former and present colleagues will present aspects of their current research involving the relations between Namibia and Germany, the racist treatment of Africans, African Americans and Afro-Germans and the legacy of German colonialism in the Pacific.

### Further Information

This symposium will take place on Friday, 29 April 2022 as a hybrid event, and we invite your physical and/or online participation on zoom.

Please contact the Speaker of the Obama Institute, Professor Alfred Hornung, if you have further questions:  
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**12.15 noon**

**Welcome and Introduction**

**Alfred Hornung**

Speaker, Obama Institute for Transnational American Studies

**12.30 noon – Introduction: Alfred Hornung**

**Memorials of Germany's Colonial History in Namibia and the Federal Republic: An Artist's Investigation**

**Ruth Stanford**

Georgia State University, Atlanta, USA

**1.30 p.m. – Introduction: Jutta Ernst**

**The Power of Images: Germany, Transatlantic Slavery, and Homegrown Racism**

**Heike Raphael-Hernandez**

University of Würzburg, Germany

**2.30 p.m. – COFFEE BREAK**

**3 p.m. – Introduction: Axel Schäfer**

**Afro-Germans & Embodied Afterlives of Fascism and Jim Crow, 1955-1989**

**Herman Bennett**

City University of New York, USA

**4 p.m. – Introduction: Alfred Hornung**

**From North America to Oceania: 19th-Century German Perspectives on Slavery, Blackbirding, and Bonded Labor**

**Pia Wiegink**

University of Bonn, Germany

**5 p.m. – Student Presentation**

**Migration, Positionality, and Intersections**

**Ahngeli Shivam**

University of Mainz, Germany