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“Covid-19 in Africa in Globalized Contexts: Health-Care, Politics, Economy, and Culture”

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The Cluster of Excellence “Multiple Africa. Reconfiguring African Studies” will publish an edited volume titled “Covid-19 in Africa in Globalized Contexts: Health-Care, Politics, Economy, and Culture”. The volume is designed as an inter- and transdisciplinary research endeavor, resulting from a collaboration of all cluster-hubs (Bayreuth, Eldoret, Grahamstown, Lagos, Ouagadougou).

Being pandemic, the corona-crisis is a global matter. Yet while deeply rooted in processes of globalization, it is dealt with national(istic)ally and locally rather than in global solidarity. It is true, the WHO oversees local policies, yet many of the strategies are heavily informed by expectations and needs of the Global North. Though being one type of virus, the manifestations thereof – and the respective answers – are multiple, being most suggestive about relationality and the power constellations that inform it. This “unity in diversity” is to be discussed from a reflexive academic stance as rooted in African and Postcolonial Studies.

As for the overarching objective, the volume intends to ask: What happens within African societies and African diasporas in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic and respective – in local settings as framed by global dynamics? Which strategies and narrations dominate – or are silenced and why? Which changes are caused or needed? How is the Covid-19 crisis affected by discrimination and privileges, resistance, solidarity and care?

The Cluster of Excellence “Multiple Africa. Reconfiguring African Studies” seeks for contributions for an inter- and transdisciplinary volume titled “Covid-19 in Africa in Globalized Contexts: Health-Care, Politics, Economy, and Culture”. What happens within African societies and African diasporas in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic and respective – in local settings as framed by global dynamics? Which strategies and narrations dominate – or are silenced and why? Which changes are caused or needed? How is the Covid-19 crisis affected by discrimination?

If you are interested in joining the volume, please send us 250 word abstract that tells us what the chapter is about and how it links to the book’s central focus. Your chapters can be in English or French. Abstracts are to be submitted till 25 July 2020. Selected articles are informed till 15 August 2020 and to be submitted until 30. October 2020. Please send your abstracts to: susan.arndt@uni-bayreuth.de.