

# Interdisciplinary Symposium at the Walter Benjamin Kolleg University of Bern

## Preliminary program

### Language and language use in Africa: issues in research and everyday situations

Date: 11 May 2017

Time: 08:30 – 18:00

Venue: University of Bern, UniS, Schanzeneckstrasse 1, Raum A 301

## Agenda

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| Schedule        | Thursday, 11 May 2017   |
| 08:30 – 09:00   | <i>Registration / Coffee</i>  |
| 09:00 – 09:10   | <i>Welcome and Introduction</i><br>M.A. Djouroukoro Diallo  |
| 09:10 – 09:55   | <i>Opening Lecture</i><br>Prof. Dr Thomas Bearth:<br><b>Local language hermeneutics. What difference for science in Africa?</b>                           |
| 09:55 – 10:10   | <i>Discussion</i>   |
| 10:10 – 10:55   | <i>Main Lecture</i><br>Prof. Dr Anne-Claude Berthoud:<br><b>Les enjeux du multilinguisme pour une communication équitable et un développement durable</b> |
| 10:55 – 11:10   | <i>Discussion</i>   |
| 11:10 – 11:40   | <i>Coffee break</i>   |
| 11:45 – 13:00   | <i>Panel discussion</i><br><i>Topic: “local languages and sustainable development: what challenges for science?”</i><br><i>tbc</i>                        |
| 13:00 – 14 :00  | <i>Lunch</i>  |
| 14 :00 – 14 :45 | <i>Main lecture</i><br>Dr Martin Benjamin :<br><b>The Policy and Practice of African Languages in an Era of Globalizing Technology</b>                    |
| 14 :45 – 15 :00 | <i>Discussion</i>   |

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| 15 :00 – 15 :30 | Dr Mohomodou Houssouba:<br><b>Developing online resources for African languages</b>                |
| 15 :30 – 15:45  | <i>coffee break</i>  |
| 15:45 – 16:15   | Dr Ayé Clarisse Hager-M'Boua :<br><b>A Bilingual Education within the Ivorian Education System</b> |
| 16:15 – 16:40   | Dr Carmen Delgado:<br><b>Interpreter training in the Kenyan language scape</b>                     |
| 16:40 – 17:10   | MA Natalie Tarr :<br><b>Interpreting the Administration: Burkina Faso's Courts in Translation</b>  |
| 17:10 – 17: 30  | Coffee break   |
| 17: 30 –18:00   | <i>Plenary discussion</i>  |
| 18:00           | <i>End of the Symposium</i>  |