

Workshop

ANR « GlobAfrica » IFRA – JOOUST

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Dissemination of American Plants and Historical Changes in the African Great Lakes region

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The problems raised by the dissemination of American Plants (first crop diversity, then its demographical, economical, socio-cultural and political inter-actions) from 16th century in a regional area (the Western Kenyan Case, the colonial Kavirondo, corresponding to Luo, Luhya, Gusii societies areas and their neighbors...) question the settlement process and the driving force changes (economical, socio-cultural, political environments,...). However the limits of archaeological/linguistic data and oral traditions need more additional methods modelling historical evolution: a back-projection from data at the turn of the XIX^e- XX^e Centuries (or even current in the case of plants), the indirect proxis evidences about settlements and demography, economical, socio-cultural and political changes, finally the study of landscapes and the space's occupation. In doing so, this historical and archeological approach highlights a paradox, if not a difference from the neighboring developments in the Great Lakes region, the absence of kingdom constructions. These topics overlap the debate raised by Thimlich Ohinga site and beyond it the multiplication of fortified sites; they respond it in part at least by retracing the historical background.

Historical Regional Panorama

13 November 10h-17h

10 h Welcome IFRA–JOOUST ICHMS: Mildred Ndeda (JOOUST) & Marie-Aude Fouéré (IFRA)
GlobAfrica ANR Presentation: Christian THIBON (LAM-UPPA), Isaya ONJALA (JOOUST)

10h30-12h: **Worldwide Interconnections with Africa using Crops as Historical Markers**, Geo COPPENS, Michele SCHIAVO, Elisa CARON, Dismas ONGWEN, Joseph Ileri KAMAU, Bernard RONO, Christian LECLERC (CIRAD/Depart. of Museums and Monuments, Kampala/KALRO)
Discussants: Patrick HAYOMBE (JOOUST), Pamela WERE (JOOUST), Washington NDIIRI (Kenya Univ.)

12h Lunch

13h30-15h: **Population Growth and Densities, Socio-Political Landscapes and Crop Diversification in the Great Lakes region: The Demographic Variable, Indicator and Witness of American Plants Dissemination, Peripheral and Central Histories**, Christian THIBON (UPPA-LAM).

Discussants: Peter NDEGE (Moi Univ.), Agatha ALIDRI (Makerere Univ.)

15h15: **Salt and Iron at the Heart of the Exchanges, Circulation and Trade in the Great Lakes region during Precolonial Times**, Elizabeth VIGNATI (LAM).

Discussants: John MWARUVIE (Karatina Univ.), Pius KAKAI (Kenya Univ.)

14 November 9h-12h

9h-10h30: **Plants, Rituals and Political Power in the Great Lakes region**, Émile MWOROHA (Univ. du Burundi)

Discussants: Henri MÉDARD (Univ. Aix Marseille), Maria ONYANGO (JOOUST)

10h30-10h45 Coffee break

10h45-12h: **Interactive Historical Regional Maps**, Valérie ALFAURT (LAM)

14 November, 13h30-17h

Round tables

**“Western Nyanza Provinces, Kenyan Western Case”, Thimlich Ohinga Background,
Historical Issues and Heritage Enigma**

Issue: a singular history between historical divergence (the central scenario of Great Lakes kingdoms is not reproduced) and frontier (we are in front of "border", exchanges between waves of migration-settlements, mobility and encounters), the question of the settlement and social building (Luo, Luhya, Gusii...) facing a “heritage without history (Royal-court Chronicles)”. This question echoes of Thimlich Ohinga Unesco ranking. Settlement history and socio-economic changes are the background of this heritage.

13h30 *Thimlich Ohinga in Archeological, Historical, Ethnographic and Cultural Context*, Paul LANE (University of Cambridge), Introduction (visio-conference)

**Historical Settlement Patterns and Models, Migrations and Valorization,
Historical Approaches**

14h-15h

- *Population Movement, Settlement and the Construction of Society East of Lake Victoria in Precolonial Times, the Western Kenyan Case*, Mildred NDEDA (JOOUST),
- *An Eastern peripheral area in Great Lake region, a Pioneering Front (“mole” and frontier) without states*, Christian THIBON (UPPA -LAM)

15h-15h15 Coffee break

Settlements and Landscape Construction, Archaeological Approach

15h30-17h

- *Southwestern Kenya and Northern Tanzania during the Second Millennium AD: Archaeology, Environment and Socio-cultural Change*, Isaya ONJALA (JOOUST)
- *Bondo Earthworks, Clan Formation and Settlement*, Gilbert OTEYO (BIEA)
- *Sites Mapping Presentation*, Elizabeth VIGNATI (LAM), discussants: Paul LANE (U. of Cambridge), Frederick ODEDE (JOOUST)

15 November, Round tables

9h-11h The divergence Central Great Lakes / Western Kenyan Case. Societies, Capital without Kingdom?

Discussants: Pius KAKAI (KU), Peter NDEGE (Moi University), Emmanuel NDEMIA (NMK), Washington NDIIRI (KU), Dr. R. Anthony ODUOR (Polytech. University), David OKELO (KU), Wycliffe OLOO (NMK), Vincent SIMIYU (UoN), Simiyu WANDIBBA (Moi Univ., NMK)
Moderators: Isaya ONJALA (JOOUST), Mildred NDEDA (JOOUST)

11h-11h15 Coffee break

11h15-13h Connection World?

Thomas VERNET (Paris Univ., IFAS), **Hinterland and Coast: Exchanges Comparative approaches**

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