

## Departmental Colloquium Series Summer Semester 2022



**The Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology  
of the Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität  
is pleased to welcome**

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„Land Governance and airport infrastructures in Senegal: Ethnography of social spatial reconfiguration, and belonging“

The communities of the rural municipality of Keur Moussa in Senegal are witnessing a strong infrastructural reconfiguration due to the urban renewal plan undertaken by the government since 2002. The International Airport Blaise Diagne is one of the infrastructures that are subject to many conflicts. What does it mean to grassroots peri urban communities that had to be displaced for the realisation of the new Airport? These grassroots people reacted by organizing themselves, using the belonging to “terroir”, religious solidarity and appropriation bureaucratic facts to claim their rights and contest the state’s procedure of implementation of the Airport project. The article 2 of the presidential decree n°2002-435 of April 29th states a compensation for all occupants of the site of the Airport. The displaced persons are predominantly farmers who consequently lost their plots. Based on ongoing ethnographical fieldwork data, this presentation aims at analysing the action of the different stakeholders that are struggling with different interests and perspectives for access to land in the area of Keur Moussa. The case study is a critical issue of reflection on what is empirically going on in terms of bureaucratic practices used by the state based on state ownership of land (domanialité) and how the local people respond to that. My analysis reveals that the main causes of the land disputes are articulated around the deficit of the negotiations for the acquisition of parcels from communities, coupled with urban expansion.

The lecture will take place online

**Everybody is welcome!**