

– Institute's Colloquium –



**The Institute of Ethnology
of the Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität
is glad to welcome**

Dr. Christian Holst

Wednesday, December 16th 2020, 4-6 p.m.

**Muslim traders, Songhay warriors and the Arma –
The social destruction of the Middle Niger Bend from 1549 to 1660**

The lecture „Muslim traders, Songhay warriors and the Arma – The social destruction of the Middle Niger Bend from 1549 to 1660” looks into the interplay between different social groups that existed on the Middle Niger Bend between 1549 to 1660. The groups that are mainly under scrutiny are Muslim traders and scholars – the ‘Ulema’ and the worldly lords that ran the polities that had laid claim on the region of the Middle Niger Bend; first the Askayas, then the Arma. The changing relationships between these different groups and of individuals within them are analysed within the wider historical background of the rise and fall of the Songhay Empire and the subsequent takeover of the region by the Moroccan Arma that had conquered the heart of the Middle Niger Bend in 1591.

The Institute's Colloquium will take place digitally and the required information will be announced.

Everybody is welcome!