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Religion and the Formation of “Unequal subjects” in an Urban Educational Market: Christian and Muslim Schooling in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

Over the last decade in Tanzania, parents and students' quest for a good school has been shaped by the growing presence of religiously-motivated schools, especially in urban settings. In this presentation I argue that the diverse social positioning and educational appeal of new Christian and Muslim schools in Dar es Salaam are intimately intertwined with the continued weakening of state education that has been taking place since the mid-1990s to early 2000s as the result of privatization and World Bank educational policies. I also show that the growing stratification and commodification of the education sector is tightly knitted with histories of inequality and religious difference in colonial and postcolonial Tanzania, as well as with the establishment and diversification of ties between actors and institutions on the East African coast on the one hand, with those in North America, Europe, Kuwait, and Saudi Arabia on the other. Finally, I demonstrate how macro-economic and -historical forces have become condensed in processes of subject formation and the (widely varying) production of religious spaces in an urban educational market. The resulting reinscription of religion in the public sphere has to be understood not so much as an 'unintended side-effect' of transnational reform processes, but more as part and parcel of multi-layered histories of schooling and Christian-Muslim relations in Tanzania that have also shaped the recent repositioning of the country's education sector in the global and transnational context.

Alle Interessierten sind zu diesen Vorträgen herzlich eingeladen.