

Cluster of Excellence 'Religion and Politics'

The Cluster of Excellence has been investigating the complex relationship between religion and politics across eras and cultures since 2007. The 140 researchers from 20 disciplines in the humanities and social sciences are focusing in the current funding phase (2019 to 2025) on the 'dynamics of tradition and innovation'. In transepochoal studies ranging from antiquity to the present day, they are analyzing the conditions and factors that make religion an engine of political and social change, with their focus being above all on the paradox that religions often develop their innovative potential precisely by drawing on their traditions. The research network is the largest of its kind in Germany; and, of the Clusters of Excellence, one of the oldest and the only one to deal with the issue of religion. It will receive funding of 31 million euros from 2019 to 2025.

Organization

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Location and registration

Wednesday, 8 October 2025

Schloss Münster

Senatssaal (1st floor)

Schlossplatz 2, 48149 Münster

Thursday, 9 October 2025

Philosophikum

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Workshop of the Cluster of Excellence
'Religion and Politics'

Articulations of the 'Political' in Contemporary Postcolonial Contexts of North and Sub- Saharan Africa

08–09 October 2025

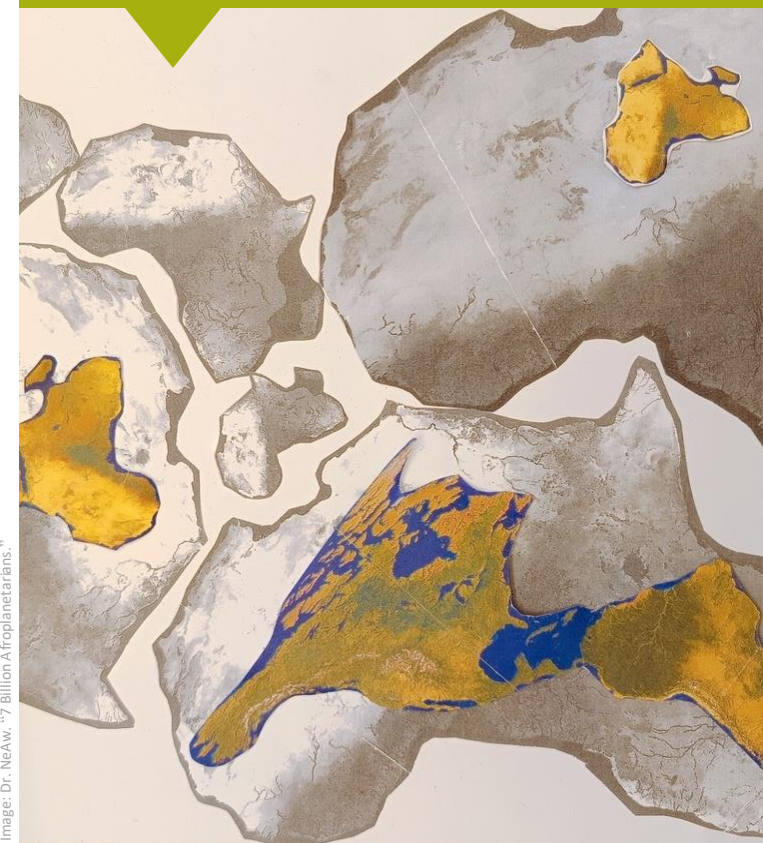


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The workshop is dedicated to the emergence of innovative political concepts developed in political philosophy, political theory and social activism in Africa over the past decades. The workshop's goal is to reconstruct new conceptions of the political that can productively renew traditional forms of politics and thus function as transcultural catalysts for intra- and extra-African contexts. It brings together academic philosophy and civil society activism, perspectives from North and Sub-Saharan Africa and highlights feminist and postcolonial approaches to the topic.

Programm

Wednesday, 8 October 2025

14.00–14.15

Welcome and Introduction to the Workshop

Prof. Dr. Franziska Dübgen, University of Münster, Germany

Politics in Contemporary Africa: Theoretical and Activist Perspectives

14.15–15.15

Rethinking Democracy and Socialism in Modern African Contexts

Prof. Dr. Bado Ndoye, Cheikh Anta Diop University, Senegal

15.15–16.15

Politics in the Age of Boko Haram

Prof. Dr. Sanya Osha, University of Cape Town, South Africa

16.15–16.45

Coffee break

16.45–17.45

Decolonisation: A Fatal yet Sustainable Challenge

Tevodai Mambai, University of Bern, Switzerland

17.45–18.45

Postcolonial North Africa: Reflections on Politics and Religion in the Ouvre of the Moroccan Philosopher Abelilah Belkeziz

Prof. Dr. Franziska Dübgen, University of Münster, Germany

Prof. Dr. Mohamed Lachhab, University of Agadir, Morocco

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Decolonial Feminist Contributions to Politics from the African Context

09.15–10.15

Bridging Theory and Practice: Gender, Feminism, and Religion in New Forms of Political Empowerment and Mobilization in North Africa

Prof. Dr. Fatima Sadiqi, University of Fez, Morocco

10.15–11.15

The Personal as Political: Postcolonial African Women and the Ontology of Power in Military and Democratic African States

Dr. Abosedé Priscilla Ipadeola, University of Hildesheim, Germany

11.15–11.45

Coffee break

11.45–12.45

Positioning Islamic Feminism within a Transcultural and Decolonial Approach

Dr. Kaouthar Karoui, University of Münster, Germany

12.45–13.15

Lunch break

Postcolonial Futures. Politics in the African Context and Beyond

13.15–14.15

Afroplanetaryism as a Philosophy of Peace

Dr. Korassi Téwéché, University of Münster, Germany

14.15–15.15

Concluding Debate