

Change and Continuity in Southern African Marriages

University of Hamburg, 5th – 7th June 2015

Edmund-Siemers-Allee 1 (West Wing), Lecture Hall 221

Prof. Dr. Julia Pauli
Organizer

Prof. Dr. Rijk van Ijk
Co-Organizer

Conference Program

Friday, 5th of June 2015

9:15-9:45 **Registration**

9:45-10:00 Opening and Welcoming Addresses by the Organizers

10:00-11:00 **Keynote by Adam Kuper** (Boston University)
Traditions of Kinship and Marriage in Southern Africa

11:00-11:30 >> Coffee Break <<

Marriage as a Process Revisited

Panel 1: Marriage as an Aspiration and a Contestation (Chair Rachel Spronk)

11:30-12:00 **Mark Hunter** (University of Toronto Scarborough)
Does it still Make Sense to Talk of Marriage as a Process? The Short Journey to
Being “Nearly Married” in Umlazi, South Africa

12:00-12:30 **Douglas J. Falen** (Agnes Scott College)
Polygyny, Outside Wives, and Bridewealth: Negotiating Definitions of Marriage in
Benin

12:30-13:30 >> Lunch Break <<

13:30-14:00 **Deborah James** (The London School of Economics and Political Science)
Marriage, Debt, Aspiration and the Single Woman in some South African Settings

14:00-14:45 Discussion (Rachel Spronk)

Panel 2: "A Dream Come True": The Realization of Marriage (Chair Adam Kuper)

14:45-15:15 **Jaqueline S. Solway** (Trent University)
Slow Marriage, Fast *Bogadi*, White Weddings

15:15-15:45 >> Coffee Break <<

15:45-16:15 **Rijk van Dijk** (ASC, Leiden/ University of Amsterdam)
The Tent versus Lobola: Marriage, Monetary Intimacies, and the New Face of
Responsibility in Botswana

16:15-16:45 **Julia Pauli** (University of Hamburg)
The Struggle for Marriage. Aspirations, Challenges and Practices of Elite and Non-
elite Weddings in Rural Fransfontein, Namibia

16:45-17:30 Discussion (Adam Kuper)

Saturday, 6th of June 2015

Panel 3: Marriage and its Afterlife (Chair Julia Pauli)

10:00-10:30	Nelago Indongo (University of Namibia) Namibian Women's Perceptions on Marriage: Patterns, Changes and Continuities
10:30-11:00	>> Coffee Break <<
11:00-11:30	Hylton White (University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg) The Materiality of Recognition in Marriage Payments
11:30-12:15	Discussion (Julia Pauli)
12:15-13:15	>> Lunch Break <<

Panel 4: External Crisis and the Impact on Marriage (Chair Mark Hunter)

13:15-13:45	Isak Niehaus (Brunel University London) AIDS, Marriage and Kinship: Notes from the South African Lowveld
13:45-14:15	Jaco Smit (Radboud University of Nijmegen) Reviving or Reinventing Ukuthwala? (Pro)curing Brides and Power Struggles in South Africa's Eastern Cape
14:15-14:45	Discussion (Mark Hunter)
14:45-15:15	>> Coffee Break <<
15:15-16:00	General Discussion Erdmute Alber

Sunday, 7th of June 2015

Panel 5: Transnational African Marriage (Chair Rijk van Dijk)

9:30-10:00	Jennifer Cole (University of Chicago) The Koresy's New House: Marriage, Migration, and the Formation of New Hierarchies in (Northeast) Madagascar
10:00-10:30	Christian Groes-Green (University of Roskilde) Halfways to Personhood: Youth, Marriage and Migrations from Mozambique to Europe
10:30-11:00	Discussion (Rijk van Dijk)
11:00-11:30	>> Coffee Break <<
11:30-12:30	Comparing Marriage Transformations in Southern Africa and Beyond (Pauli and van Dijk)
12:30-13:15	>> Lunch Break <<

End of Conference
