

African Scientists in Colonial and Postcolonial Contexts, 1800-2000

Conference, 21 October 2022, 09:15-17:15

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Welcome and Opening Remarks

09:30-11:00

Session 1: Central and East Africa

Chair: Megan Vaughan, University College London

Not an ornithologist but the bird expert, nonetheless: Jali Makawa of Central Africa

Nancy Jacobs, Brown University, USA

'Pure research in developing countries': the career of Thomas R. Odhiambo

Lawrence Draitsas, University of Edinburgh, UK

11:30-13:00

Session 2: South Africa

Chair: Rebekah Lee, Oxford University

The scientific life of William Anderson Soga

Suryakanthie Chetty, Stellenbosch University, South Africa

Decolonizing veterinary history?: reading the partial archive of the first South African veterinarian, Dr. Jotello Soga

Diana Davis, University of California, Davis, USA

Lunch

14:00-15:30

Session 3: West Africa

Chair: Noémi Tousignant, University College London

The Very Reverend Professor B.W. Garbrah of Ghana and the interchangeability of nuclear physics from the Soviet Union to the UK

Abena Dove Osseo-Asare, University of Texas, Austin, USA

'The false theories of anthropologists': Dr Africanus Horton and the relationship between race and climate science in 19th-century Sierra Leone

Matthew Daniel Eddy, Durham University, UK

16:00-16:45

Session 4: Mauritius and beyond

Chair: Matthew Daniel Eddy, Durham University

The man from Mauritius: an erratic visionary of science

Michael J. Aminoff, University of California, San Francisco, USA

16:45-17:15

Closing remarks