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EIMAS Guest Scholar Workshop “The Partition of Africa – Social Anthropological Perspective”

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2nd to 5th July 2021

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Friday, 2nd July:

Introduction and Background of the Partition of Africa

12:30 – 02:00 pm, 02:30 – 04:00 pm, 04:30 – 06:00 pm

Saturday, 3rd July

Part I: The Territorial Partition of Africa and the Conference of Berlin

09:00 – 10:30 am, 11:00 am – 12:30 pm

Part II: The Impact of the Partition on Contemporary Africa – The Artificiality of the Borders

02:00 – 03:30 pm, 04:00 – 05:30 pm

Sunday, 4th July:

Individual Meetings

02:00 to 05:00 pm (if the weather is good at the Ecological-Botanical Garden (ÖBG))

Monday, 5th July:

Partition and the Question of Statehood in Africa

09:00 – 11:00 am, 11:30 am – 01:30 pm



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About the Scholar:



Dr. Lamine Doumbia is a postdoctoral fellow of the German Historical Institute Paris (DHIP) within the framework of the transnational research group "The Bureaucratisation of African Societies", based in Dakar at *Centre de Recherche sur les Politiques Sociales* (CREPOS).

His current research project examines "Land Governance and Bureaucratisation in Bamako, Ouagadougou and Dakar – Mimicry and Hybridisation of Logics".

This project echoes the themes of Lamine's earlier research but adds an important aspect to the focus: Contrary to popular belief, it seeks to examine not only bureaucratisation on the part of the state, but also the bureaucratisations or bureaucratisation tendencies of those who engage with the state bureaucracy. Furthermore, Lamine analyses the use of bureaucratic technologies and digitalisation, and considers the urban land problem as part of the management of everyday crises in West Africa. From

his perspective, diverse actors (individuals as well as federations, associations) use bureaucratic practices, official correspondences, social media and other digital technologies as creative forms of crisis management.

Lamine completed the degree programmes "Applied African Studies: Culture and Society of Africa" (BA) and "Cultural and Social Anthropology" (MA) at the University of Bayreuth. Under the supervision of Prof. Dr. Georg Klute and Prof. Dr. Mamadou Diawara, he completed his PhD in Anthropology at the Bayreuth International Graduate School of African Studies (BIGSAS) with a scholarship from the Friedrich Ebert Foundation.

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