

## **56<sup>th</sup> KUASS (Kyoto University African Studies Seminar)**

**Date and Time:** 7 November 2016 (Mon) 18:00-20:00 (Open at 17:30)

**Venue:** #318, Inamori Memorial Foundation Building (3rd floor), Kyoto University

**Title:**

**Reconciliation after Genocide: the state of affairs between Namibia and Germany**

**Speaker: Prof. Dr. Reinhart Kößler (Institute of Reconciliation and Social Justice, The University of the Free State)**

**Abstract:** Memory politics relating to the genocide perpetrated by German troops in what was then German Southwest Africa (1904-1908) addresses a postcolonial situation and a transnational process of negotiation and communication. At the same time, the national image of history is at stake on both sides. This talk will focus on current issues in Namibia, after the German government has recognised the genocide in 2015 (yet not formally apologised for it so far). The various stakeholders and actors in Namibia will be considered, in particular in their relationship to the government and to the government's discourse on Namibia's history under colonialism. Currently, the conflict over the format of negotiations with Germany highlights the relevant issues. The question whether the victim communities should have their own representation at the negotiating table speaks to the issues of sovereignty and unity, in particular as perceived by the Namibian government and SWAPO, the ruling party. These issues will be underpinned by brief forays into the relevant history discourses as represented in monumental structures and communal memory practices.

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