



**African-German
Research Network**
FOR TRANSNATIONAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Call for Papers

Alumni-Conference:

“Transitional Justice in Sub-Saharan Africa”

20th – 24th November 2019
Berlin, Germany

The African-German Research Network for Transnational Criminal Justice organizes its first annual research conference and invites paper abstracts on “Transitional Justice in Sub-Saharan Africa” from Alumni of the South African-German Centre for Transnational Criminal Justice.

In addressing legacies of gross human rights violations, Transitional Justice is usually considered as instrumental in establishing, amongst others, the rule of law, reconciliation, and democracy. In Sub-Saharan Africa, the approaches used over the last decades evince a lot of diversity, in the wake of many countries in the region recovering from protracted conflict or dictatorial regimes. Recent developments in countries such as Ethiopia, South Sudan, or Zimbabwe once more highlight the relevance of the field. While Transitional Justice mechanisms have to be tailored to meet the requirements of the specific situation, analyzing and comparing different approaches can provide valuable insights that can be used to develop best practices and improve the implementation of Transitional Justice.

The conference will cover a broad range of Transitional Justice topics, but with a focus on different models in Sub-Saharan Africa. We welcome, amongst others, case studies on specific countries and their Transitional Justice processes, analyses of specific legal issues or traditional mechanisms for dealing with past injustices. All papers should have a clear focus on the theme of the conference.

Before submission, interested Alumni should discuss their topic and coordinate their application with the chairs of the Transitional Justice Working Group, Dr Marshet Tadesse Tessema (marshetdere@gmail.com) and Marian Yankson (mariayankson@yahoo.com).

In order to apply, please submit an **abstract of your paper not exceeding 500 words** until **15th June 2019** to transcrim@rewi.hu-berlin.de. The jury consists of the directorship and members of the advisory board. Participants will receive a **stipend** covering travel expenses, board and lodging for four nights. The 20th and 24th November are reserved for arrival and departure.

Authors are expected to submit their **papers until 31st October 2019**.

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