Cologne Aswan Summer School in Heritage Studies

Language as / and Heritage

August 23 and 24, 2023 online
and August 29 – September 2, 2023 Nairobi / Kenya

Organizing Institutions
University of Cologne (UoC), University of Nairobi, Arab Academy for Science, Technology & Maritime Transport (AASTMT) Aswan

Call for Participation

We are pleased to invite you to apply for participation in the sixth multidisciplinary Cologne Aswan Summer School in Heritage Studies 2023 on **Language as / and Heritage** which is planned to take place online on August 23 and 24, 2023 (first part) and from August 29 – September 2, 2023 in Nairobi / Kenya (second part) during the 16th Nilo-Saharan Linguistics Colloquium 2023 at the University of Nairobi, Kenya.

In current heritage discourses and practices, language / languages are often just taken as an instrument or medium for the transmission of heritage, but not as heritage asset itself / themselves. The Summer School will introduce the participants to current discussions and critical approaches in the field of **Language as Heritage** and **Language and Heritage.**

The programme will start with an online introduction in four parts:
1. Perspectives from Nairobi on Language as / and Heritage 2. Food, language and heritage (discussing Nubian cuisine and tourism & Western Nilotic taste words and migration) 3. Nilo-Saharan languages and their history, and language(s) at the museum (discussing the Nubia Museum Aswan & Rautenstrauch-Joest Museum in Cologne) 4. Music and the invention of tradition (discussing Nubian tunes & "Shimoni" – a song and a cave) as well as memory, postcoloniality and Rothberg's Implicated Subject.

During the stay in Nairobi, the programme will concentrate on the conference panel **Heritage and the Art of Language** with a diverse group of participants – artists, scholars, activists – mostly related to Nubian and Lwoo languages and heritage, as well as on key note lectures of the conference and visits to heritage places / museums. Students will conceptualize and realize a podium discussion with the participants at the end of the panel.

Classroom and online teaching, visits to heritage sites / museums and meetings with experts will serve as a preparation for exploratory field research projects to be carried out by the participating students in groups after the introduction and during the stay in Nairobi. This research will mainly deal with language and heritage in museums and in the field of music and cuisine as heritage assets.

Who do we expect to apply?
- students from AASTMT Aswan, University of Cologne, and possibly from other institutions in Aswan

- *advanced* undergraduate students (*final* BA or BSc terms) or MA/MSc students *from any discipline with a relation to heritage studies*.
- students with a personal interest in the topic who are aware of its multidisciplinary character
- students with a high level of proficiency in English; the official language of the summer school is English

Application Documents
- Curriculum Vitae in English **with valid mobile phone number, email address and clear information on study programme and level**
- Letter of Motivation in English (signed, one A4 page)
- Certificate of study from Aswan or Cologne (scan of valid student ID)

Programme Fee
Participation in the Summer School is **free** for students accepted in the programme.

Travel Costs and other Expenses
Students from Cologne will receive a considerable financial support for travel costs and accommodation; costs for programme activities in Nairobi will be covered by the programme. Travel costs for *students from Aswan* and accommodation in Nairobi as well as costs for all programme activities will be covered by the programme.

Deadline for all applications is May 15, 2023

Please send your application as **one document in pdf format** to heinz.felber@uni-koeln.de

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