

Annual New Year Lecture

Each year, the Africa Multiple Cluster of Excellence starts its line of annual activities and events with the New Year Lecture open to the interested public, featuring prominent speakers who address questions and concepts central to the Cluster's agenda.

As the Cluster enters its last year of the first funding phase we sincerely hope that the Lecture marks the start of yet another fruitful and interesting year of exchange, research, and debate within our Cluster community and beyond.

Best wishes for 2025

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NEW YEAR LECTURE

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6-8 PM

MIRRIANNE MAHN
*INTERSECTIONALITY AS
A LIVING PRACTICE:
BEYOND LABELS AND
BOUNDARIES*



SIXTH ANNUAL NEW YEAR LECTURE

Welcome

PROF. DR. RÜDIGER SEESEMANN

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Introduction

DR. CHRISTINE VOGT-WILLIAM

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University of Bayreuth

Key Lecture

MIRRIANNE MAHN

MIRRIANNE MAHN

in conversation with

DR. CHRISTINE VOGT-WILLIAM

and

DR. BAKHEIT MOHAMMED NUR

Africa Multiple Cluster of Excellence,
University of Bayreuth

*The programme of the New Year Lecture 2025
will be translated into British Sign Language.*

Lecture

MIRRIANNE MAHN

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city councilor in Frankfurt am Main and
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development*



INTERSECTIONALITY AS A LIVING PRACTICE: BEYOND LABELS AND BOUNDARIES

At a time when nationalist and discriminatory ideologies are increasingly permeating the mainstream, the cultural scene is particularly challenged to take responsibility. But how can cultural practitioners really design their stages as spaces for representation and inclusion? This question is at the centre of Mirrienne Mahn's lecture *Intersectionality as a Living Practice: Beyond Labels and Boundaries*. Mahn shows how intersectional approaches can become the basis for a more open and just society by going far beyond a theoretical concept and becoming a living practice.

Mahn herself embodies an intersectional way of life through her diverse roles as a politician, education officer, playwright, and author. Whether on stage, in parliament, in the literary canon or on the street, Mahn unites different identities and responsibilities and understands the power structures and challenges that come with them. Her approach calls for a rethinking in cultural work and advocates for genuine collaboration with marginalized perspectives that are already included in the planning phase - not just when media pressure arises.

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