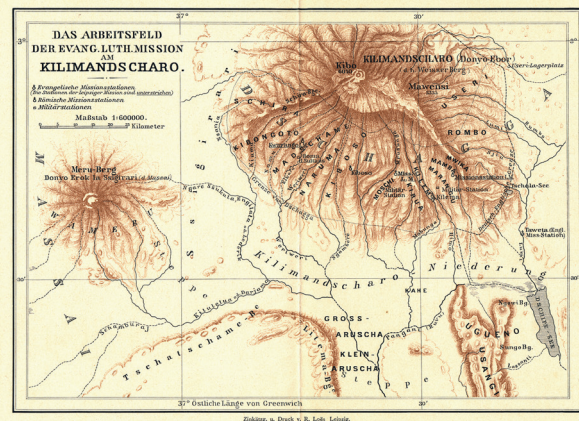


Climbing high mountains

Colonial entanglement & postcolonial reflections

Symposium commemorating the 125th year of the death of seven civilians from Leipzig Mission – Karava, Mrio and three other Chagga people, and the two missionaries Ewald Ovir and Karl Segebrock – at Mount Meru October 20, 1896.



In October of 1896, a squadron of Deutsche Schutztruppe forces erected a camp on Mount Meru, near to the mission station that King Matunda was having built. A night battle between local people and the German forces resulted in the deaths of at least seven civilians who worked the mission station, including five Chagga (Karava, Mrio, and three whose names we seek to identify) and two Eastern European Leipzig Mission missionaries, Ewald Ovir and Karl Segebrock. The deaths of Ovir and Segebrock were then used as an excuse by the Deutsche Schutztruppe to brutally attack the Wameru and Waarusha people. We want to commemorate the 125th year of the event with a symposium.

Preparatory session in German language only:

Thursday 28 October, 2021: 18:00 CEST (UTC+2)

Mission im kolonialen Kontext. Karl von Schwartz und der Eintritt (der Leipziger Mission) in die Kolonie Deutsch-Ostafrika

Geschichtswerkstatt (History workshop) with Jürgen Günther (DE)

ONLINE - SYMPOSIUM

Friday 29 October, 2021 – 16:00-20:00 h CEST (UTC+2)

15:45 Technical support / opening of the ZOOM session

16:00 **Welcome Address**
Rev. Daniel Keiling, Tanzania Secretary Leipzig Mission

Introduction
Rev. Ravinder Salooja, Director Leipzig Mission

16:30 **Colonisation, conversion, and co-option: Postcolonial reflections**
Dr. Gladson Jathanna, Senior Lecturer, Department of History of Christianity, Pacific Theological College, Suva, Fiji

17:30 **Mission – white, western, colonial? Mission in the contemporary theological discourse in Germany**
Konstantin Gerber, Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg, Faculty of Theology

18:00 Break

18:15 **Unavoidably entangled into the machinery of war? Missionaries squeezed between their supposed African addressees and the German colonial military**
Prof. Dr. Moritz Fischer, University of Applied Sciences for Intercultural Theology, Südheide-Hermannsburg

19:15 **Evening prayer**
Rev. Daniel Keiling and Rev. Emmanuel Majola

20:00 Closing

Saturday 30 October, 2021 – 9:00-13:00 h CEST (UTC+2)

- 09:00** Welcome
- 09:05** **Morning prayer**
- 09:20** **The geographical and chronological perspectives of Leipzig Missionaries' activities, around Meru land for about 125 years ago**
Rev. Emmanuel Majola, Head of Ailanga Lutheran Junior Seminary, Meru Diocese, Tanzania
- 10:00** **The Akeri Killings of 1896**
Prof. Dr. Joseph W. Parsalaw, Vice Chancellor, Tumaini University Makumira
- 11:00** Break
- 11:15** **125 years death at Mt. Meru. A discourse analysis of the reception of the killing of two Leipzig missionaries from a postcolonial perspective**
Moni Parisius, University of Applied Sciences for Intercultural Theology, Südheide-Hermannsburg
- Rediscovery and reevaluation of mission understanding of the Courland Lutheran Consistory and missionary martyr Karl Segebrock**
Kristina Ecis, University of Latvia, Faculty of Theology, Riga
- 12:20** **Lessons learned**
Discussion started with 5 points by *Dr. Karolin Wetjen, Assistant Professor, University Kassel, Faculty of Social Sciences*
final plenary discussion
- 12:45** **Thanks & Farewell**
Antje Lanzendorf, Communications Manager Leipzig Mission
- 13:00** Closing

Participation

To participate in the online symposium, kindly register yourselves by **Monday, October 25, 2021** at info@LMW-Mission.de. Following your registration you will receive the link for your digital access.



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