

Publications

Books and book projects

1997. Editor, with A. Graness, *Sagacious Reasoning: H. Odera Oruka in memoriam*. Frankfurt and New York: Peter Lang.
1999. African edition published, by East African Educational Publishers, Nairobi.
2001. Editor, with R. Behrens & R. Peplow (eds), *Symbolisches Flanieren. Kulturphilosophische Streifzuege*. Hannover: Wehrhahn Verlag.
2005. Editor, *Reading Mudimbe*, special issue of *Journal of African Cultural Studies*, vol. 17/1 (with articles by W. van Binsbergen, N. Lazarus, L. Brenner, K. Kresse).
2007. Monograph, *Philosophising in Mombasa: Knowledge, Islam, and intellectual practice on the Swahili coast*. Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press for the International African Institute.
2007. Editor, with E. Simpson, *Struggling with History: Islam and Cosmopolitanism in the Western Indian Ocean*. London and New York: Hurst and Columbia University Press.
2009. Editor, with Trevor Marchand, *Knowledge in Practice: Expertise and the Transmission of Knowledge*, special issue of *Africa: Journal of the International African Institute*, vol. 79/1.
- In preparation. Monograph, *Past Present Continuous: Coastal Muslims in Postcolonial Kenya*. Based on Evans-Pritchard Lectures (All Souls College, Oxford, November 2005) and research conducted while based at Zentrum Moderner Orient, Berlin.
- In preparation. Editor, with Hassan Mwakimako, English translation and original Swahili reprint of *Uwongozi* (Guidance), by Sheikh al-Amin Mazrui (orig. 1944). Contact and interest established with editor of book series 'African sources for African history' at Brill (Leiden).
- Completed manuscript of translations of African poetry. 40 poems by South African poet Mazisi Kunene, translated from English into German. (unpublished)

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