

Forschungen / Researches

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Forschungsbereiche:

- Psychische Gesundheit von Migranten und Geflüchteten
- Ethnopsychiatrie in Frankreich
- Medizinethnologie in Afrika südlich der Sahara
- Traditionelle Medizin, soziokulturelle Ätiologien und rituelle Behandlungen in Afrikanische Kontexte
- Gelebten Recht in Afrika: Palaver, Rituale
- Kommunikation und Kooperation zwischen multiple Systeme in Medizin, Erziehung oder Recht.
- Angewandte visuelle, entwicklungs-, medizinische und legale Ethnologie.

CAP VERDE and GUINEA BISSAU (West-Africa)

1976/78	Researches with Günter Heidrich & Tamara Wyss on rural life and agriculture.
1982/83	Research about agricultural structures of the dependency of landless peasants. Commanded by the Agriculture Ministry of the Cap Verde.
1986/90	Long term observation in Guinea-Bissau on rural life and development.
1993	Realisation of Creole and original Fulfulbe versions of the "Djarama Boé" Films
1994	Action-research to participative development and planning in villages of Boé with with Aboubacar SOUARÉ for the NGO WFD; first studies to witchcraft accusations in raising inequalities through "development".
2005	Short research: The socio-cultural context of HIV and AIDS in Guinea-Bissau.

RWANDA (East-Africa)

2005	Post-trauma after genocide in Rwanda: Research and choice of psycho-therapist participants of five districts of a seminar introducing in the ethno-psychiatry approaches of trauma bridging western and traditional approaches in mental healing.
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MOZAMBIQUE (East-Africa)

1996	Research to traditional healing & trauma in Mozambique (Ilha Josina Machel).
1999-2002	Research about reconstruction after the civil war and traditional local, rural forms of conflict resolution and traditional authorities in matrilineal contexts.
2000-2003	and
2005-2008	Research about different local concepts and ways in healing in traditional medicine in Mozambique, in relation to psycho-social diseases (War trauma, sexual transmitted diseases and HIV/AIDS). Research to the bridging between practitioners of both types of medicine. Notions/practices of spiritual 'pollution' (cleansing), spirit possession, ritual neutralization of 'witchcraft'.
2005-2007	Two action-researches for GTZ (a) and (b) for CVM/ MONASO: (
2005-2007	(a) Development and application of an inclusive approach introducing HIV-education to prevention in female initiation in 3 districts (centre);
2006-2007	(b) Developing an inclusive socio cultural approach of HIV/AIDS prevention.

- 2006-2007 (b) research and scientific coordination for the application of an inclusive and a dialogical approach of HIV/AIDS bridging traditional and biomedical approaches and practitioners. With World bank funds/CNCS, Red Cross of Mozambique (CVM) and the national network of NGO: MONASO.
- 2008 Researches in South Mozambique with healers, chiefs and national NGO's on a dialogical approach of HIV/AIDS (with EBANO).
- 2014 ● Research with initiation counsellors both genders, chiefs and two provincial NGOs for the dialogical inclusion of education in HIV/AIDS-prevention in male And female initiation rites (North Mozambique; matrilineal context).
- Short research about non-industrial exploitation of mines in Nampula.

D.R. CONGO (Central África)

- 2010 Research, training and film production in Kinshasa and Kwango (health);
- 2011 Research, training and film author, production and realisation in Bas-Congo.

ADULT EDUCATION

applying Paulo Freire dialogical principles for participative conscientization

- 19976-77 Research how to use films in dialogical sensibilization of adults In Germany at schools and in adult education contexts.
- 1979-80 In Cap Verde (with support of *Dienst in Übersee*): on rural and gender issues.
- 1992-94 In Guinea-Bissau: Identification of conditions for a participative and sustainable rural development from the eprspective of the rural people in Boé (East G.Bissau).
Forcus-group Interviews with gender/age separated groups in 8 villages about their own understanding of 'development' – "to go forward".
- 2001 Research with biomedical and traditional practitioners and NG organisations on inclusive approaches of HIV/AIDS in Uganda with Theta and Prometra.
- 2003 Action-research during 13 training workshops for trainers/ responsible of programs and counsellors in North and South of Mozambique to HIV/AIDS and to traditional forms of conflict resolutions (*with CIDAC, ACTIONAID and E.U. Human rights Founding*).
- 2004 Short action-research in Rwanda on "mental health with CPR, Ministry of Health-Mental Health and Kigali Health Institute (KHI and EED founding).
- 2004 Rwanda: research to socio-cultural integrated HIV-Aids prevention (NGOs and Universitary Hospital – supported by a Christian Priest).
- 2005 Guinea Bissau: research to socio-cultural integrated HIV-Aids prevention. (ONGs with AD, PNUD)
- 2005 Research to introduction of HIV Prevention in initiation rites of girls in Mozambique in 2 Workshop with members of 21 communities in Sofala. (AGEG/ GTZ).
- 2006-2007 Extended researches through choice of local participants, healers, chiefs, initiation rites counsellors both gender about the "Introduction in the socio cultural approach HIV/AIDS", including researches in 17 workshops in south, central and north Mozambique (CVM/MONASO with CNCS founding).

- Research with several teams from the CVM (Red Cross Mozambique) how to bridge between biomedical & traditional practitioners for an inclusive approach of HIV Prevention, education, diagnostic and care.
- 2010-2011 Researches on medical bridging (HIV/AIDS) in Kinshasa and Kwango and on customary justice in Bas-Congo,- both in D.R. Congo.
- 2011-2012 Research with judges, academics and lawyers in bridging lived-law approaches of conflicts treatments with the official law. In a multidisciplinary approach joining chiefs, notables, assessor judges, judges and academicians (lawyers, linguists and anthropologists).

ANTHROPOLOGICAL, PSYCHOLOGICAL & VISUAL RESEARCHES

- 1981 Cap Verde (Rural social structure and Land reform)
- 1986-89 Guinea-Bissau (Fulfulde society)
- 1997 Research in Ethno-psychiatry: specific Migrants therapies by the Centre Georges Devereux (Tobie Nathan) & at Hospital Bobigny (Marie Rose Moro)
- 1998-2007 North Mozambique (Emakuwa matrilineal society) Conflict resolution after the war, notions of social 'pollution', cleansing rituals, spirit possession, 'witchcraft/sorcery', traditional healing and female initiation rites;
- 2005-2006 Concept, training of the staff, facilitation with rites counsellors of the introduction of a specific approach for Inclusion of HIV-prevention in female initiation rites (in SOFALA, central Mozambique) with Health Focus and GTZ.
- 1997-2007 South Mozambique (Xichangana and Xironga societies): traditional healing and HIV/AIDS; Communication on adjustment of cleansing rituals, on the relation of AIDS with bewitchment (helping avoiding social stigma by AIDS).
- 2001-2005 Concept of "DIALOGUE" Research in Mozambique (with CVM & MONASO).
- 2003-2006 Preparation of a HIV/AIDS Dialogue Action-Research from dialogue between traditional and biomedical medicine with the "Red Cross in Mozambique" and MONASO (NGO) in three different regions (started in 2006).
- 2001-2005 Short researches in Uganda (2001), Ruanda (2004), Guinea-Bissau (2005) to socio cultural approach of HIV/AIDS.
- 2005 Central Mozambique (Sofala): Introduction of HIV/AIDS prevention in female initiation rites with support of AGEH/Health Focus (GTZ).
- 2006-2007 Bridging biomedical and traditional practitioners concerning HIV and AIDS.
- 2006-2007 Scientific coordination of the research "DIALOGO" for CVM and MONASO
- 2007 Preparation of a HIV/AIDS socio-cultural research in Nampula (MONASO).
- 2008 Research with healers about witchcraft and AIDS, on concepts of the person; with people living with HIV about witchcraft and AIDS in South Mozambique, with NGO's for EBANO and for my P.h.d. thesis.
- 2009/2010 Adjustment of a cultural inclusive communication strategy on HIV/AIDS in RDC.
- 2011-2012 Traditional justice in Lower-Congo (DRC); procedures of the palaver, basic principles applied to achieve reconciliation, the approach of witchcraft, of land conflicts and of conflict concerning the distribution of power in the clan.
- 2013 Conceptual development of DIALOGUE in EDUCATION (with two regional Associations in Nampula - for a stronger inclusion of girls in school education).
- 2014 Inclusion of HIV/AIDS health education in youth initiation (Nampula prov., Moz.)
- 2009/2015 Work on Ph.D. at the Karl-Ruprecht Universität Heidelberg: at the S.A.I. and some teaching at the SAI and the Tropical Institute in Heidelberg.

BRIDING BIOMEDICAL and TRADITIONAL MEDICINE

- 1997-2003 Research in Paris on therapy with migrants in Ethnopsychiatry
- 1997-2004 Research on traditional medicine with healers, diviners, chiefs and with biomedical workers: medical doctors, nurses, psychologists and those active in mental health, and in HIV-prevention, treatment or counselling.
- 2003 Research with members of Mozambican Ministry, NGO personal (Socio-cultural and psychosocial bridging between biomedical and traditional practitioners) with Dr. Parada Marques (with Action AID and EU).
- 2004 Research on Trans-cultural therapy in mental health in Rwanda.
- 2005 ● Research about a socio-culturally integrated HIV-Aids prevention & care in in Guinea-Bissau (Bissau) with healers und NGO workers.
- Action research on meeting of military and social society with chiefs concerning the peace process in Guinea Bissau) with Guinean NGO's.
- 2005 Research on female initiation rites experimental inclusion of education to HIV prevention in female initiation rites. GTZ Saúde Beira, with a female healer.
- 2006-2007 Field research and in Eight workshops in 4 provinces of Mozambique: "Introduction in socio-cultural inclusive approach of HIV/AIDS prevention" involving members of NGO and Ministries multiplicators.
- 2006-2007 Scientific coordination of applied anthropological pilot activities with 4 teams from the "Red cross of Mozambique" promoting the cooperation between biomedical and traditional practitioners around HIV/AIDS (prevention, diagnostic, treatment, education) in 4 provinces.
- 2009/2010 Research on bridging in HIV/AIDS issues in Kwango (RDC Congo) between biomedical and traditional practitioners in five health Centers.
- 2014 Research on an inclusive training of non-literate trainers of female and male counselors of initiation rites to introduce an inclusion of HIV prevention in the education in initiation rites in rural communities Ribaue (North Mozambique).

BRIDING LIVE-LAW and OFFICIAL LAW

- 1976-1980 Research lived popular new law in post-colonial rural Kapverden in Santiago.
- 2003 Participative diffusion in Nampula province and facilitation of workshops in the South of the film "VIVER de NOVO" on customary and rural justice in matrilineal horizontal societies with (patrilineal) members of the Ministry of Administration responsible for the support of decentralized State policies.
- 2007 Research in Nampula on traditional urban conflicts treatment *musamwaha* among and with traditional healers realized by the traditional "queen" of Nampula.
- 2011 Research on lived-law in three districts of Bas Congo (RDC).
- 2012 Training of judges and academic lawyers (Bas-Congo) introducing in the legal Anthropology of lived-law; e.g. legitimacy of ancestors, land, relational personhood, 'witchcraft', mediation of conflicts and ritual ways of neutralization of emotional and social harm.
