

## Invitation to participate

### Symposium "Climbing high mountains. Colonial entanglement & postcolonial reflections"

October 29 – 30, 2021 – *digital event*

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.

### Geschichtswerkstatt (History workshop): 28 October 2021

- preparatory session in German language only -

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

**Jürgen Günther (DE):** Mission im kolonialen Kontext. Karl von Schwartz und der Eintritt (der Leipziger Mission) in der Kolonie Deutsch-Ostafrika

### Symposium: 29 – 30 October, 2021

- main event in English language only -

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

*Welcome and introduction*

**Konstantin Gerber (DE):** Mission – white, western, colonial? Mission in the contemporary theological discourse in Germany

**Kristina Ecis (LV):** Rediscovery and reevaluation of mission understanding of the Courland Lutheran Consistory and missionary martyr Karl Segebrock

**Key lecture I: Moritz Fischer (DE):** Unavoidable entangled into the machinery of war? – Missionaries squeezed between their supposed African addressees and the German colonial military

*Evening blessing*

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

*Morning prayer*

**Key lecture II: Joseph W. Parsalaw (TZ):** The Akeri Killings of 1896

**Rev. Emmanuel Majola (TZ):** The Geographical and Chronological perspectives of Leipzig Missionaries' activities, around Meru land for about 125 years ago

**Moni Parisius (DE):** 125 years Death at Mt. Meru – a Discourse Analysis of the Reception of the Killing of two Leipzig Missionaries from a Postcolonial Perspective

*Thanks and Farewell*

Kindly register yourselves by Monday, 25 October at [info@LMW-Mission.de](mailto:info@LMW-Mission.de). Following your registration, you will receive the link for your digital access.

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