

# The Contemporary African Diaspora: Traveling Cultures in the New Black Atlantic

June 21-23, 2017

John F. Kennedy Institute, Freie Universität Berlin  
Lansstraße 7-9, Berlin-Dahlem

Wednesday, June 21

**6pm-8pm [r. 201]**      **Robert Reid-Pharr** (City University of New York)  
„Effective/Defective James Baldwin“

Thursday, June 22

**9am**      coffee, snacks, and welcome

**9:30am-12pm [r. 340]**      workshop panel I

**Martin Lütke** (JFKI, Freie Universität Berlin)  
„Approaching the New Black Atlantic“

**Tavia Nyong'o** (Yale University)  
„Decrypting Blackness“

**Dominique Haensell** (GSNAS, Freie Universität Berlin)  
„Romance, Return and the Long View of History  
in Yaa Gyasi's Homegoing (2016) and  
Chimamanda Ngozi Adchie's Americanah (2013)“

**12pm-1:30pm**      lunch

**1:30pm-4pm [r. 340]**      workshop panel II

**Dagmawi Woubshet** (Cornell University)  
„Black Meets Black: Encounters in America“

**Anke Ortlepp** (Universität Kassel)  
„Of Soul Cruises and Other Adventures:  
Travel and Tourism in the Black Atlantic“

**Khary Polk** (Amherst College)  
„The Black Homonational in Berlin: Perry Watkins,  
Queer Critique, and American Militarism Abroad“

**4pm-4:30pm**      coffee break

**4:30pm-6pm [r. 340]**      workshop panel III

**Gary Wilder** (City University of New York)  
„Radical Humanism and Black Atlantic Criticism“

**Herman Bennett** (City University of New York)  
„An Unacknowledged Brief History: Afro-Germans 1955-1989“

Friday, June 23

**10:30am [r. 340]**      forms and potentials of  
future collaboration on the new black atlantic

**David Bosold**  
(Managing Director,  
Graduate School for North American Studies)

**Robert Reid-Pharr**  
(Director,  
Institute for Research on the African Diaspora in the  
Americas and the Caribbean,  
City University of New York)

**Herbert Grieshop**  
(Director,  
Center for International Cooperation,  
Freie Universität Berlin)

**12:30pm-2pm**      lunch

**2pm-3pm [r. 340]**      workshop wrap-up

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