
Entangled Africa - Intra-African relations between rain forest and Mediterranean, ca. 6000 – 500 BP (New Project)

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Résumé

In April 2017 the DFG Senate established the *Schwerpunktprogramm* "Entangled Africa: Intra-African relations between rain forest and Mediterranean, ca. 6000 – 500 BP" (SPP 2143) for a run time of 6 years. The project attempts a fundamental change in perspective. According to our hypothesis intra-African relations had a more substantial impact on the development of human societies in Africa than previously acknowledged. In order to test this hypothesis, we will reverse the traditional viewing perspective. The focus of the project will be on intra-African interactions rather than extra-continental contacts. Our objective is to understand which kind of intra-African interactions existed and the impact they had on neighboring regions. The main objective of the SPP is to render visible the multilayered entanglement of wide ranging contacts in the African past between the Mediterranean and the rain forest. Entanglements and interactions which had a formative influence on human societies during the last 6,000 years will be studied with the help of a wide spectrum of multidisciplinary methods.

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