



Virtual Kick-off Conference

Friday, 30th of October 2020, 2pm – 4pm CET

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The GPN is an international association of universities and civil society organizations in ten countries (from Africa, Asia and Latin America), coordinated by the University of Kassel, which together want to promote the United Nations' sustainability goal 17 "Global partnership for sustainable development" through research, teaching and training. The sustainable and egalitarian design of global partnerships in development cooperation, the global economy and knowledge production are the main focus of the GPN's work (<https://www.uni-kassel.de/forschung/global-partnership-network/home>).

The GPN is one of seven new Centers of Excellence for Exchange and Development (exceed) funded by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) through the exceed program of the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD).

The GPN cordially invites you to join our kick-off event. Starting at 2pm (CET) on Friday, we welcome you all to join us in our introduction to the Network, its Board of Directors and its members. This event is open to everyone who wants to get to know the Network and its goals, and will take place online via Zoom.

Program:

Moderation: Joshua Kwesi Aikins (University of Kassel)

14:00 Welcome Notes

Prof. Dr. Aram Ziai (Executive Director GPN, University of Kassel)

Prof. Dr. Reiner Finkeldey (President University of Kassel)

Lars Gerold (Head of Section, Development Cooperation – Institution Building in Higher Education P 31, DAAD - German Academic Exchange Service)

14:30 Introduction of the GPN Board of Directors

Prof. Dr. Christian Herzig (University of Kassel)

Prof. Dr. Elisabeth Tuijer (University of Kassel)

Prof. Dr. Rirhandu Mageza-Barthel (University of Kassel)

Prof. Dr. Hubertus Büschel (University of Kassel)

14:40 Introduction of some GPN Partner Organizations (video clips)

15:00 Keynote: Coloniality and Global Partnerships in the 21st Century

Prof. Dr. Sabelo Ndlovu-Gatsheni (University of Bayreuth)

15:30 Discussion

16:00 Farewell

The Zoom-Link under which the conference can be viewed is here:

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Meeting-ID: 926 0378 5977

There is no registration required, and translations to French and English will be provided throughout the Meeting. Please note that you will be muted for the conference; we would also kindly ask you to turn off your cameras in order to reduce data usage.

Should you experience any technical difficulties or have questions regarding the meeting, please contact icdd@uni-kassel.de and ajlarizvan@gmail.com. We are happy to assist you with technical questions.

We are looking forward to the event!

Kind regards,

the Global Partnership Network

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