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## 31<sup>st</sup> Käte Hamburger Lecture

### Visions of World Order in Pan-Africanism

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2019 (18:00-19:30h)

Gerhard-Mercator-Haus | Lotharstraße 57, 47057 Duisburg Germany

At a critical juncture in global politics, Pan-Africanism contains resources for the defence, reinvigoration and reinvention of a more just, equal and rule-bound multilateral world order. At the same time, its nativist reflex and defence of difference carry particular risks in a context where strikingly similar viewpoints are promoted by New Right movements.

In the 31<sup>st</sup> Käte Hamburger Lecture, Rita Abrahamsen, Professor in the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs and the Director of the Centre for International Policy Studies (CIPS), University of Ottawa, makes a case for taking Pan-Africanism seriously within IR debates about world order. Developing a morphological analysis, she argues that Pan-African ideology is a fluid and historically contingent patterned way of thinking about the social and political world. As part of global constellations of ideas, power relations and problematics, it provides strategic guidance for political action in international affairs. Abrahamsen identifies three contending visions of world order within Pan-Africanism: a world of continental unity and transnational solidarity; a world of national sovereignty; and a world of racially defined units. The current world order was not 'made in the West', but produced in interaction with Pan-African ideas and values. Understanding the manner in which Pan-Africanism informs and legitimizes diverse political agendas is thus of crucial importance for IR, for Pan-Africanists, and for the future of world order.

### Programme

17:30-18:00 Registration

18:00-18:10 Welcoming and Introductory Remarks:

Prof. Dr Sigrid Quack

Professor of Sociology, University of Duisburg-Essen (UDE)

Director, Käte Hamburger Kolleg / Centre for Global Cooperation Research (KHK/GCR21)

**18:10–19:00 31<sup>st</sup> Käte Hamburger Lecture  
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Prof. Dr Rita Abrahamsen

Professor in the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs and the Director of the Centre for International Policy Studies (CIPS), University of Ottawa

*Discussants:*

Prof. Dr Christof Hartmann

Professor of International Relations and Development Policy, UDE

Dr Adam Sandor

Postdoc Fellow, Research Group 'Global cooperation and polycentric governance', KHK/GCR21, UDE

*Moderator:* Dr Cornelia Ulbert  
Executive Director, Institute for Development and Peace, UDE

19:00–19:30 Discussion with the Audience

19:30 End of the Lecture and Get-together