



Decolonizing East African Genealogies of Power

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Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

We would like to invite you to submit a paper for our Special Issue on Decolonizing East African Genealogies of Power. The aim of this Special Issue is to provide a space for narrating the genealogy of East African peoples, their lived experiences, indigenous knowledge, and local stories by disentangling their dependency on the interest in colonial categories and Eurocentric theoretical constructs.

This Special Issue will contribute to the global decolonial movement where genealogy becomes a genuine expression of local and environmental life as experienced and narrated by the people, rather than a discourse burdened by the interests of those who yield power. We invite articles that interrogate colonial constructs of any kind across East Africa as well as papers that provide insights into the life histories, struggles, and experiences of local people.

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