

# Namibian and Southern African Studies

**Venue:** Basler Afrika Bibliographien, Klosterberg 23, 4051 Basel  
**Organisation:** Lena Bloemertz, Dag Henrichsen, Giorgio Miescher

## Workshop on Thursday 20 April 2017

With Prof. **Jan-Bart Gewald** (University of Leiden) and  
Prof. **Suren Pillay** (University of the Western Cape)

No registration required!

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Thursday 20/4/2017

### 13h00-15h00

Jan-Bart Gewald:

“History is a nightmare from which I am trying to  
awake: the morality of truth“

Jan-Bart Gewald is a historian specialized in the social history of Africa. Since 2013 he is Professor of the history of Southern Africa at the Institute of History, University of Leiden, Netherlands. From September 2017 he will be the director of the African Studies Centre Leiden. He grew up and has lived in Botswana, CR Congo, Eritrea, Ghana, Namibia, Niger, South Africa and Zimbabwe. He has published widely on southern Africa history, including the monographs *Herero Heroes* and *Forged in the Great War: People, Transport, and Labour. The Establishment of Colonial Rule in Zambia, 1890-1920*.

15h00-15h30 Coffee break

### 15h30-17h30

Suren Pillay:

“An inheritance of predicaments: reflections on the  
Africanisation of South African universities”

Suren Pillay is Associate Professor and Senior Researcher at the Center for Humanities Research at the University of the Western Cape in Cape Town, South Africa. He currently leads two research projects at the CHR, one titled Migrating Violence on migration and belonging in Africa; and the second, Citizenship and Justice on rethinking political theory in the South. He has held visiting fellowships at Columbia University, The Graduate Centre of the City University of New York, Makerere University, Uganda, and Jawaharlal Nehru University, India. He has published on issues of violence, citizenship and justice claims. With Chandra Sriram he is co-editor of the book, *Truth vs Justice? The Dilemmas of Transitional Justice in Africa* (London: James Currey and Natal: UKZN Press 2011). He blogs for Economic and Political Weekly (EPW), and has published widely in the press.

### 18h15 Book Launch

*Bodies of Truth: Law, Memory and Emancipation in  
Post-Apartheid South Africa* by Dr. **Rita Kesselring**

