

Birgit Englert

I studied African Studies at the Department of African Studies at the University of Vienna and the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS) at the University of London. My *Magister* thesis focused on the history of land politics in Zimbabwe (2000) while my doctoral dissertation was an empirical study on land tenure security in the Uluguru Mountains, Tanzania (2005).

From 2001 to 2005 I was a post-graduate researcher and lecturer at the Department of African Studies, University of Vienna and after a positive evaluation in 2005 I got employed as postdoctoral researcher and lecturer until January 2011.

From March 2009 to May 2010 I was a post-doctoral researcher at the l'Université Michel de Montaigne (Bordeaux III) where I worked on the project "Identity and Politics in Tanzanian Youth Culture". My stay in France was financed by an Erwin-Schrödinger Grant from the Austrian Academy of Sciences (FWF). In June and July 2010 I was based in Halifax, Canada, as guest lecturer and researcher at Dalhousie University financed by the Erasmus Mundus Global Studies programme.

Since September 2011 I hold a tenure track post-doc position at the Department of African Studies and function as Vice-Study Director for the African Studies programmes (BA, MA). Further, I am coordinating the editorial team of the journal "Stichproben. Vienna Journal of African Studies".

Research Interests:

Contemporary History of Africa and Development Studies with a focus on social, cultural and political developments.

Major themes:

- Youth and Politics
- Popular Culture (especially music and film)
- Transnationalisation and Diasporisation
- Land Rights and Land Reform Processes
- Gender and Land Rights

Regional Focus of Research:

Eastern Africa (especially Tanzania, Comoros), Southern Africa (especially Zimbabwe, South Africa, France (Comorian Diaspora))

Research Methodology:

qualitative research (especially interviews, participatory observation), audiovisual means as medium for documenting and communicating research results