

## Short Biography

Martina Kopf is a Lecturer of African Literature Studies. Starting with April 2014 she is Fellow at the Centre for Global Cooperation Research at the University of Duisburg-Essen, Germany, working on her research project *Developing Africa in colonial and postcolonial imaginations: development narratives in Kenyan literature and film, 1920 to present*. From 2009 to 2012 she held a full time position in the interdisciplinary research project *Colonial concepts of development in Africa, 1920-1960* ([www.univie.ac.at/colonial-development](http://www.univie.ac.at/colonial-development)) at the Department of African Studies. The project was funded by the Austrian Science Fund (FWF). Kopf's master and doctoral theses dealt with intersections of narrative, memory and history in African literature. Outside the academy she has professional experience in the fields of journalism and literature publishing.

## Research Interests

- African Literatures and Cultures
- Social functions of fiction and narration
- Reception of 20<sup>th</sup> century colonial economics
- Narratives of development
- History of development
- Literature and trauma
- Narrative witnessing and ethics of representation
- Representations of gender and feminist theory

## Books

Joseph M. Hodge, Gerald Hödl, Martina Kopf (eds.) *Developing Africa: Concepts and Practices in Twentieth Century Colonialism*. [Manchester: Manchester University Press 2014]

*Trauma und Literatur: Das Nicht-Erzählbare erzählen – Assia Djebar und Yvonne Vera*. Frankfurt a. M.: Brandes und Apsel 2005.

*Die weibliche Spur Afrikas: Schwellen zwischen Literatur und Geschichte in Westafrika*. Wien: Turia + Kant 1998.