

**Department of African Languages and Cultures, University of Warsaw
and Polish African Society**

Conference „African studies in contemporary world”

14 October 2014

Venue: University of Warsaw, Pałac Potockich (Sala Balowa), ul. Krakowskie Przedmieście 32

9.30 - 10.00 Welcome address:

Dean of the Faculty of Oriental Studies Prof. Jolanta Sierakowska-Dyndo, Head of the Department of African Languages and Cultures Prof. Nina Pawlak, President of Polish African Society Dr. Małgorzata Szupejko

10.00 - 11.00 Congratulations to Professor Stanisław Piłaszewicz on the occasion of His 70th birthday

11.00 – 11.30 Prof. Stanisław Piłaszewicz “Hausa Studies in the Department of African Languages and Cultures at the University of Warsaw”

11.30 - 12.00 Coffee break

Conference

12.00 - 12.10 - Opening of the conference (Dr. Hanna Rubinkowska-Anioł)

12.10 -12.30 Prof. Hassan Ahmed Omer (Institute of Ethiopian Studies, Addis Abeba University) “African Studies and Methodology of Research: The Case of the Horn of Africa”

12.30 - 12.50 Prof. Hafizu Miko Yakasai (Bayero University, Kano) “African studies in contemporary world: an example of Kano - Warsaw model”

12.50-13.10 – Dr. Wolbert Smidt (Mekele University) “Knowledge and learning systems in Ethiopia: From ancient church-based indigenous quasi-universities to universities based on the western model”

13.10-13.30 - Discussion on African perspective on African studies

13.10 - 14.30 - Lunch break

14.30 - 14.50 - Prof. Nina Pawlak (University of Warsaw) In memory of Professor Andrzej Zaborski

14.50-15.10 – Dr. Rudolf Leger (Frankfurt am Main), Prof. Sergio Baldi (University of Naples) “What are plants good for? Plant names and superstitions of the Kupto people (Northern Nigeria)”

15.10-15.30 – Dr. Izabela Will (University of Warsaw) “Beyond the words. The role of gestures in contemporary Hausa sermons (*wa’azi*)”

15.30 - 15.50 - Discussion on various aspects of studies on African languages

15.50-16.10 Coffee break

16.10 - 16.30 - Prof. Adam Łukaszewicz (Uniwersytet Warszawski) “Egyptian archeology - a part of African studies?”

16.30-16.50 - Prof. Robert Piątek (Siedlce University) “European Institutions in Africa - the Case of Kongo Kingdom”

16.50-17.10 – Dr. Hanna Rubinkowska-Anioł (University of Warsaw) “Re-interpretation of Ethiopian cultural texts - coronation of Haile Sillasie as a text”

17.10-17.30 - Discussion on European and African sources for African history

17.30 - 17.50 Closure of the conference