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Zürcher Hochschule der Künste  
Zurich University of the Arts

# ZHDK INTERNATIONAL DAY

14 May 2024  
13:30–17:45

ZHdK, Toni-Areal  
5.K12 Kunstraum

## 2024 ZHDK INTERNATIONAL DAY – DECOLONISATION: CONCRETE EXAMPLES FROM ARTISTIC DISCIPLINES

The fifth edition of the “ZHdK International Day” is dedicated to the topic of decolonisation. This complex topic will be brought into focus by reflections and concrete examples from the artistic disciplines represented at ZHdK. The aim is to ponder the role of a higher arts education institution like ZHdK by challenging colonial legacies and interrupting ways of viewing, listening, thinking and creating.

After keynotes by Dr Michaela Oberhofer, Curator for Africa and Oceania and Deputy Head of Curatorship, Museum Rietberg, and Solange Mbanefo, Guest Curator and Exhibition Designer, Museum Rietberg (collaboration for the new exhibition “In Dialogue with Benin. Art, Colonialism and Restitution”), as well as Prof. Dr Imani Sanga, Professor of Music in the Department of Creative Arts, University of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, the topic will be explored in small groups based on projects and initiatives within and outside ZHdK.

The event will be held in English.

**13:30–13:45**

**5.K500 KASKADENHALLE**

Choral music from Africa, performed by ZHdK students under the direction of Imani Sanga

**13:45–13:50**

**5.K12 KUNSTRAUM–WELCOME**

Swetlana Heger, Head of the International Dossier and Director of the Department Fine Arts (ZHdK)

**13:50–15:00**

Keynotes by Michaela Oberhofer and Solange Mbanefo, “Transcultural Collaboration: Decolonizing Curatorial Practices” and Imani Sanga, “Sonification of decolonial acts and anti-slavery resistance in Semzaba’s Kiswahili play Tendehego”, followed by a discussion and Q&A, moderated by Ranko Marković, Head of International Affairs in Music (ZHdK)

**15:00–15:30**

**COFFEE BREAK**

**15:30–17:00**

**BREAK-OUT SESSIONS (2\*40MIN)**

- Table 1 Open Talk with the three keynote speakers  
Guests: Michaela Oberhofer, Solange Mbanefo, Imani Sanga  
Moderation: Ranko Marković  
Language: English
- Table 2 Project “Funghi Cosmology”  
Guest: Irène Hediger, Head of artists-in-labs program  
Moderation: Nils Röller, Representative Department of Fine Arts, International Affairs Committee  
Language: English
- Table 3 “An approach to decolonisation: a lived reality”  
Guests: Cherry-Ann Morgan, Mayar El Hayawan, Research Assistants, Department of Design  
Moderation: Francis Müller, Representative Department of Design, International Affairs Committee  
Language: English
- Table 4 “Perspectives for decolonising film”  
Guest: Gayatri Parameswaran, Immersive Writer, Director and Producer, Co-Founder NowHere Media  
Moderation: Andreas Kohli, Representative Department of Cultural Analysis, International Affairs Committee  
Language: English

- Table 5 “Students perspectives”

Guests: ZHdK students  
Moderation: Louise Jacquelin-Mayer, Representative VERSO, International Affairs Committee  
Language: English

**17:15–17:45**

**5.K12 KUNSTRAUM  
WRAP-UP – SHORT REPORT FROM  
ALL TABLES**

**17:45**

**NETWORKING APÉRO**

**REGISTRATION**

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