Thursday, October 10
16:30 – 17:00  Arrival
17:00 – 18:30  Keynote address by Prof. Dr. Stefan Reichmuth (Ruhr-Universität Bochum): The West African Islamic Revolutions (ca. 1775-1850): Part of a Muslim Revolutionary Age? Introduced by John Hanson (Indiana University)
18:30 – 20:30  Reception

Friday, October 11
09:00 – 09:30  Registration, refreshments
09:30 – 09:45  Ron Sela (Indiana University): Opening remarks
09:45 – 12:00 SESSION I. Chair & discussant: John Hanson (Indiana University)
   09:45-10:30:   Sean Hanretta (Northwestern University) Authoritative Bundles: Material, Practice, and Ritual Transformation among Muslims in Ghana
   10:30-11:15:   Wendell Marsh (Rutgers University–Newark) Contesting Genealogies of Authority
   11:15-12:00:   Hanna Nieber (University of Bayreuth) Authority with Textual Materials: Power of the Written Qur’an
12:00 – 13:15  Lunch for all conference attendees
13:15 – 15:30 SESSION II. Chair & discussant: Terje Østebø (University of Florida)
   13:15-14:00:   Halkano Abdi Wario (Egerton University) ‘Woe Unto You Evil Scholars’: Politics of Religious Authority Delegitimization in a Jihadi Magazine in East Africa
   14:00-14:45:   Kimberly Wortmann (Wake Forest University) Parallel and Intersecting Networks of Ibadhi Islam: The Renewed Algerian Presence in Tanzania
   14:45-15:30:   Benedikt Pontzen (University of Bayreuth) “Speaking for Islam”: Malams and ‘Ilm in a Zongo
15:30-16:00  Coffee break
16:00-17:30 SESSION III. Chair & discussant: Rüdiger Seesemann (University of Bayreuth)
   16:00-16:45:   Beth Buggenhagen (Indiana University) From Photographic Portrait to Devotional Image: Photography and Muslim Authority in Bingo Magazine
   16:45-17:30:   Joseph Hill (University of Alberta) WhatsApp, Shaykh? Varieties of Networked Religious Authorities in the Fayḍa Tijāniyya
19:00  Dinner for presenters
Saturday, October 12

09:30 – 10:00  Registration, refreshments

10:00 – 12:15 SESSION IV. Chair & discussant: Benjamin Soares (University of Florida)

10:00-10:45: Kai Kresse (ZMO Berlin) and Kadara Swaleh (Pwani University)  
Contested Religious Authority on the Swahili Coast, Seen Through the Work of Three Muslim Scholars

10:45-11:30: Dorrit van Dalen (Leiden University)  
Authority and al-Tarjumī

11:30-12:15: Alexander Thurston (University of Cincinnati)  
Buddah Ould al-Busayri and the Fragmentation of Sacred Authority in Postcolonial Mauritania

12:15-13:30 Lunch for all conference attendees

13:30-15:00 Session V. Chair & Discussant: Marloes Janson (SOAS)

13:30-14:15: Fulera Issaka-Toure (University of Ghana)  
Hierarchies of Muslim Religious Authorities and Female Agency in Accra, Ghana

14:15-15:00: Britta Frede (University of Bayreuth)  
Islamic Authority, Education and Tradition in Contemporary African Cities: Female Perspectives

15:00: Concluding remarks

19:00 Dinner for Presenters

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