



University
of Basel

Café international

Africa in Basel

**A guided walk across
the inner city**

Date: Thursday, March 25, 2021

Time: 2:00 – 3:30 pm

The unit National & International Cooperation, together with the Language Center of the University of Basel, invites you to the next Café International. We are offering a guided city walk, which you can join in either German or English (different dates):

Africa in Basel

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TOUR

The University of Basel's international network is particularly evident in its diverse relations with the neighboring continent of Africa. Today the University of Basel is not only a place of education and work for university members from African countries or with African roots; it is also, together with Swiss TPH, the Swiss Leading House in collaborating with the region of Africa on research and innovation. With this Café international tour, we want to dive into the history of the diverse and exciting relations between Switzerland and Africa from Basel's standpoint.

Over the course of ninety minutes, we will shed light on Basel's complex, long-standing relationships with the African continent. We will learn how local entrepreneurs marketed the exotic, trace racial stereotypes in children's books, explore the relationship between Switzerland and South Africa during apartheid, consider tribal displays at the Basel Zoo, and meet with a young woman from West Africa who lived in nineteenth-century Basel. We will also discuss Basel as a hinterland of the slave trade, which will provide a new perspective on the economic history of the city and region. On this basis, we will critically reflect on the history of the relations between Basel and Africa and on efforts that have been undertaken to change it.

MEETINGPOINT Klosterberg 13 (in front of the restaurant Atlantis)

The tour ends at the Blue House at Rheinsprung 18. We recommend that you do not bring along your bike; you can park it at the meeting point, at the end point, or in between at the Barfüsserplatz.

REGISTER by March 22 (deadline) via email > welcome@unibas.ch

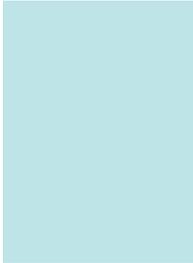
The number of participants is limited (14 per tour), and spots will be allocated on a first-come, first-serves basis. Due to the limited spots and to be fair to all interested participants, we request that you view your registration as a commitment to participate.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, you will be asked to observe important safety measures during the tour. We recommend wearing a mask; in the pedestrian zone, it is mandatory. Bring your own mask and keep your distance during the tour.

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We look forward to your participation!



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