

Repatriation Days

20. - 24.
November '23
in Berlin

Monday 20.11
10 am – 6 pm

Symposium

Refugio, Berlin
& online

We Want Them Back – repatriating ancestral remains from colonial contexts With descendants and experts from Namibia, Zimbabwe, Ghana and Tanzania; organized by Decolonize Berlin (in Berlin and online, English translation)

The repatriation of ancestral human remains occupies a prominent position in the context of restitution and reparation claims. Together with affected people, repatriation experts and other stakeholders, we want to discuss the current situation.

Tuesday 21.11
5–7 pm

Panel discussion

Galerie für
Zeitgenössische Kunst,
Leipzig

Repatriation in Progress with descendants and experts from Tanzania organized by AG Leipzig Postkolonial, Re:telling DOAA, ISD

Descendants and experts from the Kilimanjaro-region in Tanzania will talk about their trip to Leipzig to visit their ancestors (human remains), personal belongings, and objects taken from their homeland during German colonial rule and now stored in the Ethnographic Collection Saxony (SES).

Wednesday
22.11, 6 pm

Public Talk

Tieranatomisches
Theater, Berlin

Marejesho – Public Talk with descendants, community members and experts organized by Flinn Works

The exhibition "Marejesho" focuses on the voices of descendants and community members in northern Tanzania who are reclaiming their cultural heritage and demand the repatriation of their Ancestors' remains. The public talk is a rare opportunity to meet descendants, community members, experts, and the makers of the exhibition in Berlin. We will give an insight into the research process and the exhibition of „Marejesho“ at Kilimanjaro and Meru and talk about the demands of the descendants in the light of the recent DNA match of ancestral remains in Berlin with living relatives.

Thursday 23.11
10 am

Digital Press Conference

Berlin

Introducing the CERD-Parallel report organized by ECCHR & Decolonize Berlin

The parallel report, published by ECCHR in cooperation with Berlin Postkolonial, Decolonize Berlin, Flinn Works and the ISD, stresses that the handling of ancestral remains by German institutions and museums constitutes racial discrimination and that the Federal Republic of Germany is thus in breach of its obligations under the United Nations International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (ICERD).