

Global Studies and the German Department Roundtable invite you to the following events:

Lecture: Introduction of German Law and Legislation in the German Protectorate Cameroon

Speaker: Professor David Simo, Professor and Head of the Department of Modern Languages, Literatures and Civilizations, University of Yaoundé, Cameroon

When: Wednesday, February 13, 2008, 6:30 PM

Where: 1418 Van Hise Hall

Workshop: Screening of *Le Malentendu colonial* (Jean-Marie Téno, 2005) followed by a discussion led by David Simo

When: Thursday, February 14, 2008, 4:00-6:30 PM

Where: 104 Van Hise Hall

David Simo was born in Baham, Cameroon and educated in Côte d'Ivoire, France and Germany. His work focuses on questions of coloniality and postcoloniality in German and African writings. His theoretical framework is defined primarily by postcolonial theory and intercultural theory, and he is conversant in theoretical paradigms employed in European, African, and US American contexts. His publications include *Interkulturalität und ästhetische Erfahrung: Untersuchungen zum Werk Hubert Fichtes* (1993) and numerous articles on German literature and culture. He is the editor of *La politique de développement à la croisée des chemins: Le facteur culturel* (1998); and *Constructions identitaires en Afrique* (2006).

Le Malentendu colonial (Colonial misunderstanding): Téno looks at European colonialism in Africa through the lens of Christian evangelism as the model for the relationship between Africa and western countries today. The history of German missionaries in Namibia in the 19th and 20th centuries is discussed by African and German historians and theologians, revealing how colonialism destroyed African beliefs and social systems and replaced them with European ones.

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