

# ELIAS 2026: PROGRAMME

African Library  
Herta Mohr Building  
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The Netherlands

# Programme

<b>8.30 – 9.00</b>	Registration and payment
<b>9.00 – 9.30</b>	Welcome and Introductions
<b>9.30 – 10.30</b>	First round of presentations and Q&A

## Highlights from the African Library

(1) “An Introduction to the Stephen Ellis Archive” – **Dr Tycho van der Hoog (ASCL and NLDA)**.

(2) Collecting African Films in the African Library - **Germa Seuren (ASCL, collection development specialist)**.

## Co-operation with Africa

(3) “Portable Swahili Libraries”: Collaborative Approaches to Preserving and Digitising Swahili Private collections - **Khadija Issa Twahir (Head librarian, Lamu Fort Library, Kenya) & Dr Annachiara Raia (ASCL/LUCAS)**.

<b>10.30 – 11.00</b>	Coffee break
<b>11.00 – 12.00</b>	Library Tour in two groups
<b>12.00 – 13.00</b>	Lunch

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**13.00 – 14.30**

Second round of presentations and Q&A

## **Colonial Missionary Archives**

(4) ‘Discoveries’. Towards a collaborative assessment of a colonial missionary library (CICM missionaries in Congo).

**Baudouin Mena Sebu (Project coordinator KADOC-KU Leuven, Belgium).**

(5) Between the Altar and the Archive: The Leipzig Mission as a Colonial Micro-State in the Pare Mountains (1900–1910) - **Petr Valenta (Curator of the African Collection, Náprstek Museum – National Museum, Czech Republic).**

## **Decolonisation**

(6) “A Radical Return: Counter-Archives as Catalysts for Artistic Production and Storytelling in Zambia”. **Misha Maseka (Filmmaker and researcher, Village Girls) and Sana Ginwalla (Zambia Belonging Counter-Archive).**

(7) Reimagining African Memory: Oral Transmission, Archives, and the Politics of Visibility in African and Maghrebi Contexts - **Dr. Wafaa Taleb, University of Oran 2, Mohamed Ben Ahmed, Algeria.**

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- 14.30 – 15.00** Coffee break
- 15.00 – 15.30** Third round of presentations and Q&A

## **Access and Outreach**

(8) Access and outreach within the British Library's African collections - **Mariam de Haan (Lead curator Africa, British Library, London, UK)**.

(9) Launch of new ALMEDA interface - **Ursula Oberst (Information specialist, ASCL, ALMEDA project)**.

- 15.30 – 16.00** Reflection and Closing remarks
- 16.00 – 17.00** ELIAS Business Meeting
- 17.00 - 18.00** Drinks
- 18.00** Dinner