



Mande Studies Association (MANSA): The President's Report

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2021 – A year of relaunching and expansion

- The corona-pandemic characterised the way we have functioned as an organisation
- The Webinar on 28 January 2021: *West African Dynamics*
- The 11th International Conference 16-19 June 2021: *Beyond Crisis and Insecurity*
- Putting organisational structures to work: Officers, Advisory Board and Executive Council
- Reforming the Bylaws (Moseley)
- Face-lifting of the Website
- Facebook and social media interaction
- MANSA@ASA2021
- Changing the List-serve (Moseley)
- Relaunching the Newsletter (Tiede)
- Strengthening the Journal (de Jorio)

MANSA and the corona-pandemic

- Start up with virtual meetings with Officers: President, President-Elect, Secretary-Treasurer, West Africa Coordinator, and Editor-in-Chief of Mande Studies – *February, April, October, and November 2021*
- Numerous individual meetings in-between!
- One Executive Council Meeting on 6 March 2021 – the ambition to have a meeting every six months: Officers+Advisory Board (including past presidents)
- Focal Points in Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Mali et Guinea, and Senegal(!) – meetings in Mali, May-June 2021; Burkina Faso in Aug. & Nov. 2021 – focal points constitute a network of MANSADENW (journal distribution, workshop activities, etc.)
- Appointment of a working group revising bylaws: Bill Moseley, Baba Coulibaly, Mara Grosz-Ngaté, and Joseph Hellweg

Webinar on 28 Jan.2021: West African Dynamics

– Two round-tables and 90 participants

Prospects for Peace, Democracy and Gender Equality? – Collaborative Research, Grounded Policy, and Citizen Mobilization

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Welcome to Webinar / Bienvenue au wébinaire

West African Dynamics / Dynamiques uest-africaines

co-hosted by

Forum for Africa Studies and Mande Studies Association

Thursday 28 January / jeudi le 28 janvier 2021, 14:00-18:00 CET

Join: <https://uu-se.zoom.us/j/64816428128>

Meeting ID: 648 1642 8128

Simultaneous translation / Traduction simultanée



PROGRAMME

- 14:00 – Zoom in: Technical introduction and simultaneous translation services
14:15 – Introductory Remarks
14:25 – 15:55 – Round-table 1: Prospects for Peace, Democracy and Gender Equality? Collaborative Research, Grounded Policy, and Citizen Mobilization
16:15-17:45 – Round-table 2: African Studies in the Global Village? Transdisciplinarity and the Decolonization of Methodologies and Epistemologies
17:45 – 18:00 – Closing Remarks

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Webinar on 28 Jan.2021 continued..

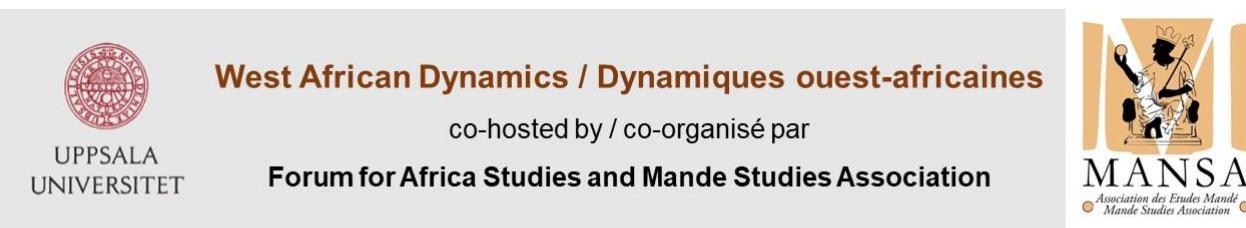


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- Chair: **Véronique Simon**, Uppsala University (Sweden)
- Participants: **Maria Grosz-Ngaté**, Indiana University (USA); **Baba Coulibaly**, Institut des Sciences Humaines (Mali), **Rosa de Jorio**, University of North Florida (USA); **Chérif Keïta**, Carlton College (USA); and **Alain Sissao**, Institut des Sciences des Sociétés (Burkina Faso)

Access here:

<http://www.afrikastudier.uu.se/en/project/mansa-conference-beyond-crisis-and-insecurity/webinar/>



WEBINAR: WEST AFRICAN DYNAMICS / WEBINAIRE : DYNAMIQUES OUEST-AFRICAINES

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11th International Conference June 2021

– *Beyond Crisis and Insecurity*

**Mande Studies Association and Forum
for Africa Studies at Uppsala University**

16-19 June 2021

- 310 Paper Proposals, incl. panels
- 150 Papers presented in 40 panels
- A total of 300 participants
- Plenaries 14.00-15.30
- Parallel Panels: 16.00-17.30; 18.00-19.30
+ Thursday 17/6: 20.00-21.30
- Access here:
<http://www.afrikastudier.uu.se/en/project/mansa-conference-beyond-crisis-and-insecurity/plenary-sessions-available-online/>

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**BEYOND CRISIS
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International West Africa Conference
co-organized by the Mande Studies Association &
Forum for Africa Studies, Uppsala University

June 16-19, 2021
2 P.M. to 8 P.M.
GMT+2 each day

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150 speakers
40 panels
25 countries

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June 16-19, 2021 on Zoom



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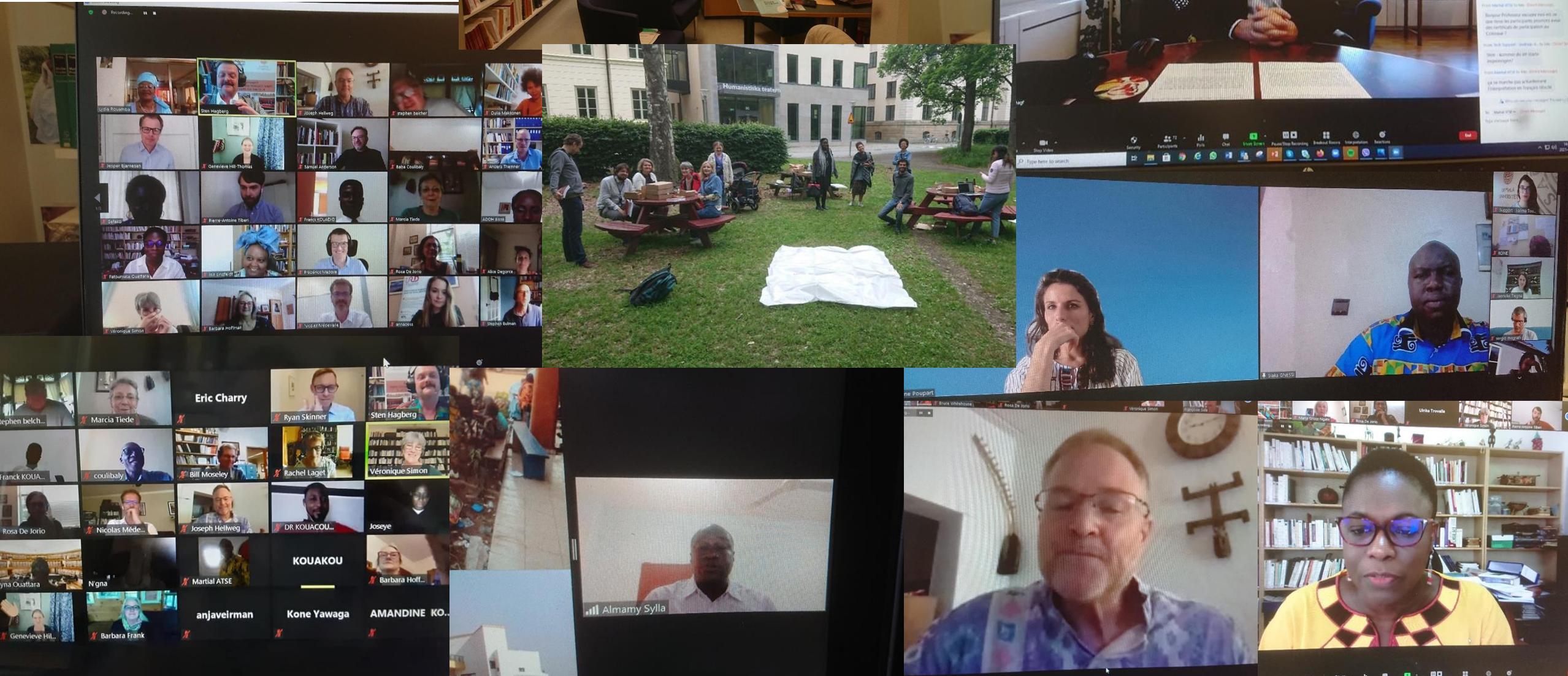
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Conference continued...



Putting organisational structures to work

– Officers, Advisory Board and Executive Council

Revisiting Bylaws and the way to work

- The historical link to ASA is an advantage and an inconvenient
- First non-USA based President ever
- Membership from West Africa
- Advisory Board: Alain Sissao, Baba Coulibaly, Bissè Blanche Adoh, Chérif Keïta, Maria Grosz-Ngaté, and Nafadji Sory Condé + past presidents
- Next Meeting in mid-December 2021

Executive Council on 6 March 2021



Face-lift and Update in terms of communication: – Web site and Facebook

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The screenshot shows the Facebook profile of the Mande Studies Association. At the top, there's a banner with a black and white photo of people. Below it, the profile picture is a circular logo featuring a figure in traditional attire. The page name is "Mande Studies Association" and the URL is "www.mandestudies.org". A bio line reads "@MANSA25 · Organisation". There are navigation links for "Startsida", "Om", "Foton", "Evenemang", "Fler", a "Marknadsför" button, and a search bar. A modal window is open, showing a message about advertising and a "Lös in kredit" button. At the bottom, there's a sidebar with "Sidtips" and a "Skapa inlägg" button, along with options for "Foto/video", "Ta emot meddelanden", and "Känsla/aktivitet".

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The screenshot shows the homepage of the Mande Studies Association website. The header features the "MANSA" logo and navigation links for "HOME", "MISSION", "NEWS/ACTUALITÉS", "MEMBERSHIP", "CONFERENCES", "PUBLICATIONS", "INITIATIVES", and "MANSA FACEBOOK PAGE". The main content area has a dark background with a large, partially visible photograph of a person. Overlaid on the photo is the text "Mande Studies Association" in large white letters, followed by "Association des Etudes Mandé" in smaller white text. At the bottom, there are "JOIN MANSA" and "ABOUT US" buttons.

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IX-T-8 Roundtable: Renewing Mande Studies: Resisting Stasis, Recentering Places, Chairs: Baba Coulibaly, Institut des Sciences Humaines, Bamako and Joseph Hellweg, Florida State University – MANSA sponsored

Maria Grosz-Ngaté, Indiana University, Alioune Sow, University of Florida, Susan Gagliardi, Emory University, Rosa de Jorio, University of North Florida, and Sten Hagberg, Uppsala University

XIV-Q-5 New Forms of Religious Expertise and Ritualization in Africa, Chairs: Benjamin Soares, U Florida and Agnes Kedzierska Manzon, EPHE/IMAf, Paris

Cheikh Anta Babou, University of Pennsylvania , Florence Bernault, Sciences Po (Paris), Agnes Kedzierska Manzon, EPHE/IMAf, Paris, and Asonzeh Ukah, U Cape Town

XI-L-9 Roundtable: The Life and Work of Djibirl Tamsir Niane: Memories and Reflections, Chairs: Ryan Skinner, Ohio State University and Joseph Hellweg, Florida State University - MANSA sponsored

Elara Bertho, Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, David Conrad, State University of New York at Oswego, Stephen Bulman, Lancaster University, and Jonathon Repinecz, George Mason University

2021 64th Annual Meeting

RE-CENTERING AFRICA: RESISTANCE AND RENEWAL IN A WORLD BEYOND COVID-19



A VIRTUAL EVENT

NOVEMBER 16 – 20

Other Panels

- **IV-G-1 Ordinary Women, Extraordinary Lives: The Contributions of Women to Social and Political Development in West Africa**
- **XI-L-3 Teranga, or Senegalese Aesthetics**
- **XII-K-16 Senegambia as an Idea and as a Model in Politics, Law, and Development**
- **XV-P-3 Roundtable: Voice, Media, and the Political Unrest/Activism during the Presidency of Macky Sall in Senegal**
- **XVII-M-5 The Role of Music and Literature in Senegambian Ethics of Consciousness, Leadership, and Development**
- **XIX-U-4 Old Parks – New Futures: The Changing Use of Open Urban Space in Ghana**
- **XXI-C-21 Women's in Political Leadership in West Africa**
- **XXI-T-27 Roundtable: Collecting for the Library of Congress in West Africa: Opportunities & Challenges**
- **XXII-K-34 Archival Peripheries: Minority communities in French colonial Africa**

Other Issues

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Upcoming activities 2022

- Bylaws
- Webinars
- Call for MANSA2023@Bamako



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