

# Call for Humboldt Project Proposals: Transculturality and Community Uganda and the Hope Development Initiative

## What is a Transcultural Research Group?

- It is a way of conducting research with the Transcultural Caravan
- Linking inspiring people from various cultural backgrounds to work on a joint research project on transcultural concerns
- Transdisciplinary research for all academic disciplines
- Guidance and access to knowledge pool via the LEIZ and the Transcultural Caravan

## What is this group's goal?

*“Tackling questions of transcultural cooperation and the relating determinants and processes in Uganda through field study and observation around the work of the Hope Development Initiative.”*

## What is the group's structure?

The group will comprise seven topics, each of these topics being investigated by way of a Humboldt project. Responsibility for any one topic rests with student researchers and their supervisors.

It is essential that these topics – and the research questions they engender – be understood not so much as isolated approaches to a common theme but as interlocking perspectives on the subject matter.

Ideally, students would work in transcultural pairs, i.e. every ZU student might partner with a student from the Sub-Saharan region.

Subject to funding, the project includes a joint field trip to Uganda to witness the Initiative's work first-hand and to conduct interviews with relevant individuals.

## What are the research questions of the group?

How can the work and the achievements of the Hope Development Initiative be documented in a structured way in order to analyse its potential for scalability and further transcultural learning?

How can the concept of transculturality be applied to the work of the Hope Development Initiative?



## What is the Hope Development Initiative?

The Hope Development Initiative is a NGO founded by Dr. Agnes Atim Apea with the aim to sustain rural communities in Uganda by empowering local women farmers. The organization aims to unlock the potentials of women affected by war to help them secure their livelihood through a sustainable, integrated people-centered economic strategy. The Initiative's focus is on preserving the communities' identity while enhancing their economic strength. It does so by educating women in production, value creation and trade of farming products.

## What will the project look like?

The TRG would be initiated, organised, and managed by the Leadership Excellence Institute Zeppelin | LEIZ of Zeppelin University | ZU. Individual topics will centre upon the multifaceted work of the Hope Development Initiative. Whenever possible, German and African students will work together to enhance the transcultural dimension of the project. To include research projects other than 'Humboldt' (e.g. bachelor's or master's theses) may be discussed individually.

## Project Consultancy

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## Contact us to find out more!

Just send us a mail with your research interests / ideas till the **31<sup>th</sup> of March!**

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