

INVITATION
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**Brown Bag Lecture and discussion \ Marginality, mobility,
communication: Case studies from the Sahel Region**

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By Dr Mirjam de Bruijn
on 1 March 2017
12:00–13:00 hrs
at BICC, Pfarrer-Byns-Str. 1, 53121 Bonn

Mirjam de Bruijn will talk about marginality (social and economic exclusion), mobility, and communication referring to cases from her recent fieldwork in Tchad. The lecture will reflect examples from the research programme ‘Mobile Africa Revisited’, a comparative study of the interrelationship between Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs), agency, marginality and mobility patterns in Africa, and the study ‘Connecting in times of duress: understanding communication and conflict in Middle Africa’s mobile margins’. Especially she will refer to urban youth and artists and their role in political movements.

Mirjam de Bruijn is Professor of Contemporary History and Anthropology of Africa at the University of Leiden, The Netherlands. She is an anthropologist whose work has a clearly interdisciplinary character with a preference for contemporary history and cultural studies and a focus on West and Central Africa. She is interested in the interrelationship between agency, marginality, mobility, communication and technology. She did and does extensive (qualitative) fieldwork in Cameroon, Chad and Mali.

The talk on 1 March 2017 is organised in BICC’s Brown Bag Lecture Series “Displacement and Development” which aims to interlink conflict and displacement studies on the one hand and development respectively humanitarian aid-oriented analyses on the other.

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