

Academic Day: Speaking about skin tone-based human differentiation

We are hosting an interdisciplinary event on skin tone differentiation and its significance in contemporary Nigeria. Save the date: October 30th, 9am-5:30 pm at the Goethe-Institut Lagos.

This platform will bring together scholars from various Nigerian universities and the University of Mainz to foster an in-depth exchange about the role of skin and skin tones in Nigeria's cultures.

During this event, we will address several key questions:

- What role do skin and skin tones play in Nigerian society?
- What meanings are associated with skin and skin tones?
- Is there discrimination based on skin or skin tone? If so, what does it look like?
- How is skin and skin tone discussed in Nigeria's various languages?
- What are current skin health and skincare trends and issues in Nigeria, and how are they embedded in broader ideas about skin and skin tones?

This discussion offers a valuable opportunity to deepen your understanding of the complex social dynamics surrounding human differentiation based on skin tone. We look forward to engaging conversations and the exchange of ideas.

If you are a scholar interested in participating in the Melanin Matters Academic Day, please send a short application letter to sfb1482.kommunikation@uni-mainz.de or fbrinker@uni-mainz.de by October 18th. We look forward to your application!

A transportation fee and lunch will be provided.

About Melanin Matters: The "Melanin Matters" week is a collaboration between the Goethe-Institut and the Collaborative research centre (CRC) Human Differentiation at the Johannes Gutenberg-University of Mainz with its project "Melanin Matters: Skin tone politics in Nigeria and beyond".