

Senior Fellowship für Dr. Wazi Apoh: The Archaeology of German Colonial Heritages in Ghana: Repackaging Shared Relics for Strategic Ghana-German Partnership in Development

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Talking about the cultural diversity of Africa's past and strategic partnership for a meaningful future, the archaeological and anthropological appraisal of German colonial legacies in West Africa and the dialogue on their refurbishment for strategic productivity cannot be silenced or marginalized. The overriding questions that underlay this research include 1) why are there silences on the discourse on the archaeology of German colonial heritage in West Africa? 2) Why has the historical archaeology of German colonial sites in Ghana and Togoland not been the focus of German scholars and institutions? And 3) what value can be added to the extant colonial relics and residues for a productive outcome? This project aims to undertake detailed archival, ethnographic and archaeological research on five selected German colonial stations and five districts established in the western half of the then German Togoland or present day Volta and Northern Regions of Ghana. My project offers a perspective on history that does not only come from German history but also from the African archaeological expertise that I bring to bear on the project. In this regard, it goes far beyond and complements what historians are able to reconstruct.

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