**2017 cohort - Gerda Henkel Foundation funded PhD in**

**Historical Humanities and Humanistic Social Sciences**

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2. **Mahajubu Abuduldid** his undergraduate and post graduate studies at Makerere University specializing in History. He is currently a Lecturer in the Faculty of Education at Muteesa I Royal University where besides teaching history to in-service and pre-service teacher trainees, he also runs the oral documentation centre. His research area for the CHUSS PhD in Historical Humanities and Humanistic Social Sciences is entitled: “**Uganda: The forgotten History of the Nubian Ethnic Minority (1894-1995).”**
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4. **Nakabo Robinah Seruga** is currently a PhD student and part-time lecturer in the department of philosophy, Makerere University. Her topic is **“A Critical Examination of Gender Sensitive, Culturally Informed Leadership and Followership in Uganda.”**Her areas of interest arephilosophy, particularly philosophy of gender, political philosophy, philosophy of education, epistemology, metaphysics and ethics. Born on 16th/12/1979 Kampala, Uganda, she attained her MA in Organizational Leadership at Eastern University, St. Davids PA, 19087, 2013; and yet to defend her dissertation for MA in Philosophy at Makerere University. She holds a BA Social Sciences (2004) at the same university.
5. **Nangira** **Betty** has enrolled as PhD student at Makerere University, College of Humanities and Social Sciences. Her proposed study is:“**Maternal Health Access and Rural Livelihood in Uganda.”** Her study seeks to explore the Implementation of health care reforms in public health facilities of Uganda. She holds an Advanced Masters’ degree in Development Evaluation and Management of University of Antwerp Belgium (2014-2015), a Master of Philosophy degree in Public Administration of University of Bergen Norway (2006-2008), a Bachelor of Arts in Social Sciences of Makerere University (2000-2004), and a Diploma in federalism of University of Fribourg Switzerland. She has worked with Kyambogo University as a part time Assistant Lecturer for Political Science and Public Administration since 2009- 2017.
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9. **Namuddu May** is a part-time Assistant Lecturer in the Department of Linguistics, English Language Studies and Communication skills at Makerere University. She holds a Master of Science in Information science from Makerere University in which she did her research on the topic Risk Management in Academic Book Publishing; A case study of Fountain publishers Limited. She also holds a first-class Bachelors of Arts in Arts degree majoring in Communication skills and minoring in Kiswahili for Beginners. Her research interests are in communication skills and research interests are in Communication Competence. Namuddu May is currently a Doctoral student at Makerere University pursuing an interdisciplinary PhD in Humanistic social science. Her proposed topic is geared towards examining the “**English Writing Communicative Competence of Uganda’s High School Learners in the 20th and 21st century. “**
10. **Arinaitwe** **Perpetua** is an East African professional educationist trained at both Masters and Bachelors’ degree levels. She specializes in the subject of Kiswahili, where she has actively served both as a Curriculum specialist, Assistant lecturer and a Tutor in both public and private education institutions in Uganda for the last eight years.She is currently working at the National Curriculum Development Centre Uganda, as a Curriculum Specialist for Kiswahili. With this job, she has acquired enormous experience in managing education-related issues across a wide range of educational practices such as in curriculum design, instructional material development, teacher orientation, training, research and support supervision. Her PhD Project is entitled: **“Kiswahili at Cross Roads: Cultural Politics and Language Policy in Uganda.”**