

# HIMAT-Lecture

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## Layers of salt, layers of time

Salt mining, spiritualities, and environmental changes  
in East Africa

Salt mining is one of the earliest forms of mining in East Africa. In southwestern Uganda, this activity has been carried out for several centuries, perhaps millennia.

This presentation proposes a reconstruction of the long-term environmental history of the region. It is primarily concerned with two entangled historical events as they emerge from oral accounts: the unsuccessful attempt of establishing a salt industry in the 1970s and the disappearance of a spiritual being that, according to some older Ugandan inhabitants, lived in a Salt Lake until the late 1980s.

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