



## **The African Studies Association of Australasia and the Pacific (AFSAAP)**

**33<sup>rd</sup> Annual African Studies Association of Australia and the Pacific (AFSAAP) Conference**  
**“Engaging Africa/Engaging Africans: Knowledge, Representation, Politics”**  
**Hosted by Victoria University, Level 11, 300 Flinders Street, Melbourne, 2 – 4 December, 2010**

# **Conference Program**



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## Welcome to Melbourne

Welcome to the 33rd annual international conference of the African Studies Association of Australasia and the Pacific (AFSAAP). It is with the greatest pleasure that we, once again, host a wide range of speakers from Australia and abroad. Africa-centred scholarship is an expanding field in Australia encompassing a wide and dynamic range of disciplines. This year's conference will showcase established and emerging talent in Africa-centred research. This year's conference is hosted by AFSAAP in conjunction with Victoria University. We extend our thanks to Victoria University and recognise the important contributions of the conference convenors, organisers and volunteers.

In 2010 we are proud to host participants who bring experiences and ideas of their own particular engagement with Africa and Africa-centred scholarship. It is an exciting time in Australia to be an Africanist as both governments and the public recognise the importance and relevance of Africa to Australia's domestic and foreign interests. Africa-related studies can provide the necessary supports for policy.

Thank you for your participation in this year's conference.

### **Fernanda Claudio**

President

The African Studies Association of Australasia and the Pacific

## General information

### **Conference Dinner**

The conference dinner is to be held at Harambe Restaurant at 205-207 Nicholson Street, Footscray

Dinner includes an Ethiopian banquet and coffee ceremony. It should be a great opportunity to relax and socialise.

; Please note that Harambe is licensed and beverages other than BYO wine (alcoholic or otherwise) are at your expense. Wine only is alcoholic beverages are BYO.

Late registrations for the Conference Dinner can be accepted only until Lunchtime on Friday, 3/12.

A bus has been arranged to take people from the city to the conference dinner restaurant in Footscray. Preference for the bus places will be given to interstate and international visitors attending the dinner, but others are welcome to travel by bus if there is space available. Please let the conference registration desk know if you wish to have a place on the bus.

The bus will be departing from outside the campus on Flinders Street at 7.10pm sharp on Friday 3 December. If you have not already registered to go to the dinner, please do so promptly. Registration and payment (\$35) may be made online at <http://www.afsaap.org.au/Conferences/2010/Payment.html>

**Parking**

Parking is available in the university car-park adjacent to the campus. Please note that the car-park closes at 10pm daily so please do not leave your car there if you are going to the dinner

**Public transport**

The nearest train station is Flinders Street, trams and buses to the area are frequent, for timetables and routes, please refer to <http://www.metlinkmelbourne.com.au>

## Postgraduate Day and Conference Commencement – Thursday, 2 December

8.30-9.15	<i>Conference Registration opens- foyer</i>	
9.00-9.30	<p><b>Official Opening of the Postgraduate Day</b>, Chair/MC: Charles Mphande <b>Rm 11.01</b>          Welcomes on behalf of Victoria University and the African Studies Association for Australia and the Pacific</p> <p><b>Dr Marianne Hicks</b>, Monash University – Monash and Africa, including sponsorship of the AFSAAP 2010 Postgraduate Prize for Outstanding Essay</p>	
9.30-10.30	<p><b>Opening Plenary: ‘Understanding university culture’</b> Chair: Finex Ndhlovu <b>Rm 11.01</b>          Presenters and facilitators: <b>Samantha Balaton-Chrimes</b> and <b>Kudzai Matereke</b></p>	
10.30-11.00	<i>Morning Tea- foyer</i>	
11.00-12.30	Parallel Paper Sessions	
	<p><b>Representing Africa</b> Chair: Anne Harris  <b>Rm 11.10</b></p>	<p><b>Engaging Africa</b> Chair: Tanya Lyons  <b>Rm 11.24</b></p>
	<p>Representing the pain of others: Western Sahara  <b>Carmela Baranowska</b></p>	<p>The Nubians of Kenya as a political community  <b>Samantha Balaton-Chrimes</b></p>
	<p>‘In Search of the Thing Itself’ – Africans in the Art of Three Jewish Artists: Maya Deren (1917 - 1961), Clarice Lispector (1920 -1977), Hélène Cixous (1937 - )  <b>Karen Berger</b></p>	<p>Behind the decline in HIV in Zimbabwe  <b>Stephen O'Brien</b></p>
	<p>Shapes and colours: Race and beauty among the new Africans in the diaspora  <b>Peter Run</b></p>	<p>The globalization of sexual violence: Resource demand and the use of rape in contemporary armed conflict  <b>Sara Meger</b></p>
12.30-1.30	<i>Lunch- foyer</i>	

1.00 – 3.00	Parallel Paper Sessions and AFSAAP Executive Meeting (2-4pm)		
	<b><i>African issues in Africa</i></b> - Chair: Samantha Ballaton-Chrimes <b>Rm 11.10</b>	<b><i>African settlement in Australia</i></b> Chair: Finex Ndhlovu <b>Rm 11.24</b>	
	Mitigating risk of ethnic violence in Africa: An examination of Rwanda and Botswana <b>Stephen McLoughlin</b>	Sleep quality, beliefs and attitudes about sleep: A comparison of caucasian Australian, Zimbabwean and Ghanaian immigrants resident in Australia <b>McLyttton Clever</b>	
	Natural resources and conflict management: The case of Guinea <b>Mamadou Diouma Bah</b>	Sexuality and post-refugee experience of migrants from the Horn of Africa: A new research agenda <b>Samuel Muchoki</b>	<b>2 – 4pm AFSAAP Executive Meeting – Rm 11.09</b>
	Men who have sex with men in Sub-Saharan Africa: Decriminalisation of consensual sexual behaviours and the consequences of HIV vulnerability <b>Shiyavanthi Johnpillai</b>	Who killed Majur Manyang? Tragedy and culture shock among Sudanese migrant youth in Australia <b>Martin Garang Aher</b>	
3.00-3.30	<i>Afternoon Tea- foyer</i>		
3.30-4.45	<b>Postgraduate Plenary: ‘Getting Published’</b> Chair: Charles Mphande <b>Rm 11.01</b> Dr Tanya Lyons, Flinders University and Editor of ARAS Dr Finex Ndhlovu, Postdoctoral Fellow, Victoria University Dr Anne Harris, Lecturer in Education, Victoria University		<b>AFSAAP Executive Meeting Continues until 4pm</b>
4.00-5.30	<i>Conference Registration continues- foyer</i>		
4.45-4.55	Closing of Postgraduate Day – <b>Towards AFSAAP 2011</b> , Dr Tanya Lyons <b>Rm 11.01</b>		
5.00-6.30	<b>Conference Welcome Reception, Level 11 Foyer</b>		

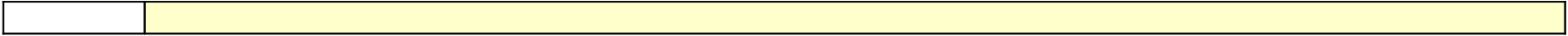
## Main Conference Day 1 - Friday 3 December

8.30am	<b>Registration- foyer</b>			
9.15-9.45	<b>Official Opening</b> Chair: Michele Grossman <b>Rm 11.01</b> <b>Dr Fernanda Claudio</b> , University of Queensland and President of AFSAAP - Welcome and Overview <b>Professor Lindsay Tanner</b> , Vice Chancellor's Professorial Fellow, Victoria University			
9.45-10.45	<b>Keynote Address</b> Chair: Finex Ndhlovu <b>Rm 11.01</b> <b>Professor Munashe Furusa, California State University, Dominguez Hills</b> 'Re-imagining identities: Continuities and changes in African cultural knowledges in the African diaspora'			
10.45-11.	<i>Morning Tea- Foyer</i>			
11.00	<b>Welcome to Country – Annette Xiberras</b> Chair: Michele Grossman <b>Rm 11.01</b>			
11.15-12.45	Parallel Panel and Paper Sessions			
	<b>Australia and Africa 2010 (Panel)</b> Chair: David Lucas <b>Rm 11.01</b>	<b>The making and re-making of African-Australian identities</b> Chair: Virginia Mapadzahama <b>Rm 11.07</b>	<b>Battlegrounds: War and conflict in Africa</b> Chair: Samantha Balaton-Chrimes <b>Rm 11.10</b>	<b>Do you see what I see? Visual representations of Africa and Africans</b> Chair: Michele Grossman <b>Rm 11.24</b>
	<b>Panel Convenor: David Lucas</b>  Speakers: David Lucas Andrew Edge Alec Thornton	"I can't become an Australian because I am always too something to be Australian": African identities, discourses of exclusion and resurgent racism in Australia <b>Finex Ndhlovu</b>	Mortgaged citizenship and domesticated agency in postcolonial Zimbabwe: Towards a politics of recognition <b>Kudzai Matereke</b>	'Culture is our Future': African-Australian representation in film and video, 1985-2010 <b>Anne Harris</b>
		Dropped from the moon: (Mis)representations of 'African'	Responding to mass atrocities in Africa: the responsibility to protect	'Do you see what we see?'/Africa Wants You To



		refugees in Australia <b>Melissa Phillips</b>	and the responsibility to punish <b>Kwun Sun Lau (Raymond)</b>	Leave Us Alone': Images of Africans in the west <b>Ben Silverstein</b>
		"You know African women want to work": Language, identity and social inclusion of African women in Australia <b>Vera Tetteh</b>	The regionalization of humanitarian Intervention: The study of African Union missions in Somalia (2007-2010) <b>Artanti Wardhani</b>	
12.45-1.30	<i>Lunch- Foyer</i>			
1.30-3.00	Parallel Paper Sessions			
	<b><i>Engaging Africa: Policies and practices</i></b> Chair: Matthew Neuhaus <b>Rm 11.01</b>	<b><i>In and out: Social integration and exclusion for African diaspora communities</i></b> Chair: Apollo Nsubuga-Kyobe – <b>Rm 11.07</b>	<b><i>Thriving Africa? Environment, resources and climate change</i></b> Chair: Geoffrey Hawker <b>Rm 11.10</b>	<b><i>Living Black: Contemporary African-Australian youth issues</i></b> Chair: Anne Harris <b>Rm 11.24</b>
	From neglected to engaged? Australia's relations with the countries of Africa 2006 - 10 <b>Tanya Lyons</b>	"Everyone disappears": Housing insecurity and social exclusion of Sudanese women in outer western Sydney <b>Rachael Gavarotto</b>	Predicting climate change impacts on yield and cyanogen levels of cassava, an important African staple <b>Roslyn Gleadow, Julie Cliff, et al</b>	'There's just this projection about Africans': Race, safety and policing in Melbourne's western suburbs <b>Michele Grossman</b>
	A way and ways: Engaging Africa and Africans <b>Charles Mphande</b>	Integration and the Australian society: Notions of belonging and social cohesion <b>Janecke Wille</b>	Village poultry: helping to meet the Millennium Development Goals <b>Mary Young, Robyn Alders and Celia Grenning</b>	White boy jeans and African stylez: Young Sudanese and Somalis negotiating visible difference in Melbourne's Inner west <b>Chantelle Higgs</b>
	Harnessing African diaspora to enhance the reengagement	Refugees as citizens, employees and customers	The effect of climate change on termite taxonomy and distribution	<i>Black first and a student second?</i> Exploring embodied

	with African countries <b>Haileluel Gebre-Selassie</b>	<b>Tim Watson</b>	in Africa <b>Berhan Ahmed</b>	experiences of African-born students in Australia's higher education system. <b>Rachel Outhred</b>
3.00-3.30	<i>Afternoon Tea- foyer</i>			
3.30-4.30	Parallel Paper and Panel Sessions			
	<b>Engaging Africa: Nation- and culture-building</b> Chair: Tanya Lyons <b>Rm 11.01</b>	<b>Views on the Human Rights Commission's African Australians project (Panel)</b> Chair: Matthew Albert <b>Rm 11.07</b>	<b>African food futures (Panel)</b> Chair: Kiah Smith <b>Rm 11.10</b>	<b>Wired: Digital technologies and communication in African communities</b> Chair: Helen Borland– <b>Rm 11.24</b>
	The cup and the horn: Globalization, neo-traditionalism and the African World Cup <b>Alan Thorold</b>	Views on the Human Rights Commission's African Australians project: Lived, practical, historical and academic perspectives of experiences of African Australians  <b>Convenor: Matthew Albert</b> <b>Speakers:</b> David Lucas Atem Atem Ayel Akot Matthew Albert	African food futures: Problematising food security and food sovereignty  <b>Convenor: Kiah Smith</b> <b>Speakers:</b> Kiah Smith Kristen Lyons Nikki Larder	Using mobile phones to support the health and wellbeing of African communities: A critical approach to communicating information with digital technology <b>Ben O'Mara</b>
	Beyond afropessimism: Engaging Africa through cultural renaissance <b>Yirga Gelaw Woldeyes</b>			Improving rural education in Sierra Leone: The potential role of small-scale solar power and ICT interventions <b>Paul Munro and Ame Christiansen</b>
4.45-6.30	<b>Through New Eyes - Films and filmmakers on Africa and Africans</b> (Main Auditorium) Chair/MC: Anne Harris – <b>Rm 11.01</b>			
7.30	<b>Conference Dinner</b> – Harambe African Restaurant, 205-207 Nicholson Street, Footscray (transport from City departing 7.10pm) Speaker: <b>Mr Andrew Edge</b> , Director Africa and Middle East Branch, AusAID			



## Main Conference Day 2 – Saturday 4 December

8.30 am	<i>Registration- foyer</i>		
9.00-9.15	<b>Welcome to Day 2 and Announcements</b> , Chair/MC: Helen Borland <b>Rm 11.01</b>		
9.15-10.15	<b>Keynote Address</b> Chair: Michele Grossman <b>Rm 11.01</b> <b>Professor Paul Zeleza, Loyola Marymount University</b> 'Producing knowledges of Africa: Which knowledges and for which Africa?'		
10.15-10.45	<i>Morning Tea- foyer</i>		
10.45-12.15	Parallel Panels and Papers		
	<b><i>Australia's role in promoting African-led development (Panel)</i></b> Chair: John McKay <b>Rm 11.01</b>	<b><i>African languages and language policy: Challenges and possibilities</i></b> Chair: Helen Borland <b>Rm 11.07</b>	<b><i>Issues in African-Australian education</i></b> Chair: Graeme Counsel <b>Rm 11.24</b>
	<b>Convenor: John McKay</b>  Melbourne Chapter of the Society for International Development	Demography and language: African immigration to Australia <b>Simon Musgrave, Finex Ndhlovu, Julie Bradshaw, Phuong Dzung Pho</b>	Perceptions of post-settlement African refugee students about the usefulness of ESL programs in their adjustment into the Australian cultural context <b>Noah Mbano</b>
		Processing digital communications in less-resourced African languages <b>Robert Munro</b>	Young refugees and schooling: A paradigm shift in school leadership and pedagogical practices in an ethnically diverse school in regional New South Wales <b>Kiprono Langat</b>
		Challenges and solutions in implementing national languages in educational institutions:	Teaching African students in Legal Studies VU <b>Louise Kyle, Lynne Carolan and Peter Pal</b>

		The Case of Cameroon. <b>Anne Le Guinio</b>		
12.15-1.15	Parallel Panel and Paper sessions			
	<b><i>African-Australians: Towards enhancing developmental interventions</i></b> Chair: Elleni Bereded <b>Rm 11.01</b>	<b><i>Mining Africa – Part 1</i></b> Chair: Charles Mphande <b>Rm 11.07</b>	<b><i>Sudan’s Nuba Mountains Protocol and Peace Agreement (Forum)</i></b> Chair: Finex Ndhlovu – <b>Rm 11.10</b>	<b><i>Consumption and Conversation</i></b> Chair: Kudzai Matereke <b>Rm 11.24</b>
	<b>Convenor: Apollo Nsubuga-Kyobe</b>  <b>Speakers:</b> Apollo Nsubuga-Kyobe Theresa Sengaaga-Ssali Haileluel Gebre-Selassie Berhan Ahmed	Mining, governance and war in Africa <b>Helen Ware</b>	An explicit evaluation of Nuba Mountains Protocol and Peace Agreement. What Nuba have achieved so far, the expectations of popular consultation? <b>Talib Hamadan TiaAli</b>	Market research in Africa: Challenges and prospects <b>Kwamena Kwansah-Aidoo and Steven Greenland</b>
		Extractive mining companies in Africa – the new “scramble” <b>Geoffrey Hawker</b>	Role of the NGOs in the southern Korodfan State/Nuba Mountain Region. What has been stipulated in the Protocol and its profound influence on the people of the region? <b>Hussein El-Ahmer Kodi</b>	Conserving exploitation? A political ecology of forestry policy in Sierra Leone <b>Paul Munro and Greg Hiemstra- van der Horst</b>
1.15-2.00	Lunch- foyer			
2.00 - 3.30	Parallel Paper Sessions			
	<b><i>Africa and Australia: Building health and wellbeing</i></b> Chair: Fernanda Claudio <b>Rm 11.01</b>	<b><i>Mining Africa – Part 2</i></b> Chair: Charles Mphande <b>Rm 11.07</b>	<b><i>Identity, community, inclusion and engagement</i></b> Chair: Kwamena Kwansah-Aidoo <b>Rm 11.10</b>	<b><i>The dynamics of (re)settlement for African-Australians</i></b> Chair: Apollo Nsubuga-Kyobe <b>Rm 11.24</b>
	Australian health research in Africa/African refugee health in Australia ( <i>query on title</i> ) <b>Jill Sergeant</b>	Australian mining companies in Africa 2008 -2010 <b>David Lucas</b>	The importance of arts and the African cultural heritage for Australia-Africans to maintain their identity	The determinants of subjective well-being of immigrants in Australia: The case of African Australians

			<b>Abdullah Teia and Keith Preston</b>	<b>Temesgen Kifle</b>
	The paradox of skilled nurse migration in Australia: The case of black African migrant nurses <b>Virginia Mapedzahama, Trudy Rudge, Sandra West and Amelie Perron</b>	'Mining' Africa: The imperatives of law, economics and leadership failures <b>Emmanuel Laryea</b>	<i>Mikili</i> : An initiatory and migratory route for Congolese <b>A Clovis Mwamba</b>	Respect and community inclusion – post-settlement Sudanese experiences <b>Ibolya (Ibi) Losoncz</b>
	Talking about teeth – Working together to improve the oral health of the African community in Melbourne's inner west. <b>Carmel Hobbs</b>	The rise of African consumer power: How activists wanting to change the world need to persuade the consumers who matter. <b>Michael Nest</b>	Festival as an educational experience: The African Cultural Memory Youth Arts Festival (ACMYAF) <b>Peter Mbago Wakholi</b>	The challenges facing single parents of African background in Wagga Wagga, NSW <b>Ndungu wa Mungai and Yangi Moi</b>
3.30-5.00	<b>AFSAAP AGM</b> – All new AFSAAP members are encouraged to attend <b>Rm 11.01</b>			
5pm	<b>CONFERENCE CLOSE AND INFORMAL NETWORKING</b> Speakers: <b>Fernanda Claudio</b> and the new AFSAAP President <b>Rm 11.01/Foyer</b>			

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