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AFSAAP ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2018

Africa in Transition: Governance, Society and Culture Call for Papers

The African Studies Association of Australasia and the Pacific (AFSAAP) calls for proposals for pre-organized panels, roundtables, thematic conversations and individual papers for its 41st annual meeting to be held at UNSW, Sydney from November 21st to November 23rd 2018.

Recent years have witnessed significant transitions in the governance of African nations. Longstanding leaders, many of whom were major figureheads in the post-colonial era, have given way to demands for change. Sometimes the transitions have been relatively peaceful such as South Africa and Zimbabwe, yet others such as Libya and Egypt have been tumultuous, leaving the nations concerned reeling from the after effects of change. In other nations, the grip of power has been tightened with attempts to do away with term limits or to interfere in the political process surrounding elections. Still others, such as South Sudan, have plunged into civil and ethnic violence which threatens the future stability of this new nation. Climate change, environmental loss and migration are influencing African societies, complicating patterns of governance.

Such changes reverberate across society with calls to rethink the nature of civil society and political participation, as well as the nature of equity and belonging. The call to rethink the way that society functions exists not only in the political sphere, but also across the whole spectrum of the arts and cultural communities as they come together from diverse backgrounds to envisage a different kind of shared future. While the deep challenges that remain must be acknowledged, it is also the case that such change can provide fertile ground for creative thinking and the exchange of ideas between academics, political actors and civil society organizations.

We therefore invite papers that engage with, but are not limited to, the theme: Africa in Transition: Governance, Society and Culture. As always, we bring together scholars working in different disciplines. We invite participants to contribute theoretically innovative and empirically grounded papers, panels and presentations that enhance our understanding of these issues.



Though the central focus will be on this broader theme, we also welcome contributions on other topics that consider Africa, or Africa/Australia/Pacific relations and Africans in the region. *Habari kwa ufupi* - AFSAAP Newsletter NO. 88 - April 2018.

All proposals will be peer reviewed. Abstracts of proposed papers, panels and roundtables should be sent by July 1st, 2018 to Dr. Anne Bartlett, International Studies, Morven Brown 230, UNSW, Sydney, NSW, 2052, Australia. Email: a.bartlett@unsw.edu.au A preliminary program will be announced by August 1st, 2018. Late proposals for papers will be considered only if space is available. All proposals will be peer reviewed by the program committee. Registration and conference fees must be paid before presenters will be placed in the formal conference program. Please check our website for more details.

The fees are as follows:

Regular member:	\$300
Concession:	\$200
Student:	\$150
Local African Community (with ID):	\$25 per day - strictly cash. NO EFTPOS

MEMBERSHIPS DUE 2018

Renew your AFSAAP Membership

The African Studies Association of Australasia and the Pacific (AFSAAP) is in its 41st Year and looks forward to your ongoing membership and subscription. AFSAAP publishes its journal the *Australasian Review of African Studies* in June and December each year, and sends out a monthly newsletter with relevant information to those interested in African Studies generally. AFSAAP also publishes its Annual Conference Proceedings, and hosts an annual conference. Please see the latest AFSAAP news at www.afsaap.org.au and you can also follow on [Twitter @AFSAAP](#) and [Facebook](#). AFSAAP is a Not For Profit Association and depends upon your memberships to achieve this, and the other amazing opportunities for members. Please RENEW your AFSAAP Membership Today. Go To <http://afsaap.org.au/join-members/join-afsaap/> for further information. Membership fees are very modest. You might like to also review the Opportunities for AFSAAP Members here - <http://afsaap.org.au/opportunities/>

Please pass this message onto other colleagues interested in Africa. Apologies if you have received this message twice, or if you have already renewed your membership recently, or if you attended the fantastic AFSAAP2017 Conference, in which case your membership for 2018 has already been renewed.

Feel free to visit our website at: www.afsaap.org.au

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[Celebrating 40 Years of the Australasian Review of African Studies: A Bibliography of Articles - Tanya Lyons pp. 144-169](#)

[Book Review - AIDS Doesn't Show Its Face: Inequality, Morality and Social Change in Nigeria, by Daniel Jordan Smith. Tass Holmes](#)

African Students Council of South Australia Inc. (ASCSA) launched

A collaboration of three African student associations at Flinders University, the University of Adelaide and the University of South Australia came together to create the African Student Council of South Australia (ASCSA). ASCSA was launched on 16 February 2018. The council's primary goal is to address the ongoing issue of graduate unemployment among graduates of African origin by creating a range of pathways that enable access to the workplace and entrepreneurship utilising the voice of university students.

Introducing the elected members of the African Students Council of South Australia Inc. (ASCSA)

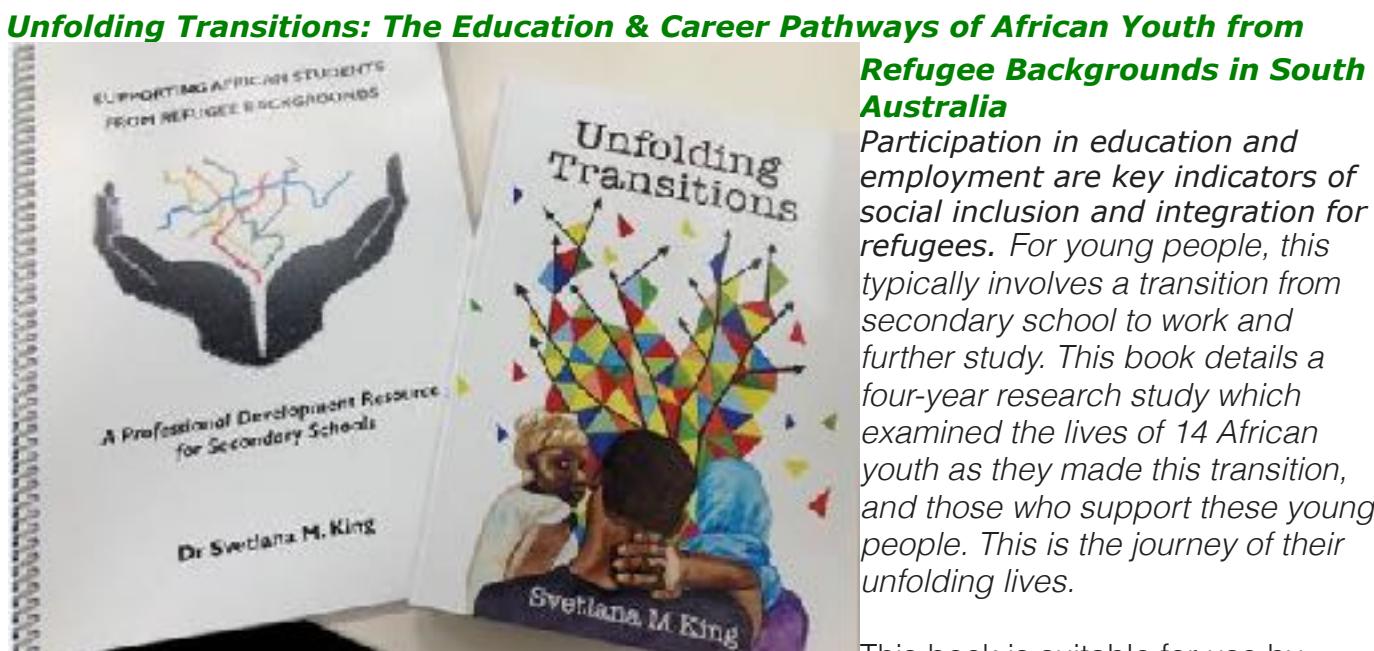
- President: Valérie Baya, University of South Australia
- Vice-president: Vanda Lucas, University of Adelaide
- Treasurer: George Pawa, University of South Australia
- Media Officer: Ma-musu Nyande, Flinders University
- Public Relations: Shingi Mapuvire, Flinders University

To learn more about ASCSA's activities, please visit the link below:

(safe Facebook link- no Facebook account required to watch the video): <https://www.facebook.com/AfriStuCouSouAus/videos/vl.1723312104383961/1962235550516720/?type=1>



New Publications by members



Unfolding Transitions: The Education & Career Pathways of African Youth from Refugee Backgrounds in South Australia

Participation in education and employment are key indicators of social inclusion and integration for refugees. For young people, this typically involves a transition from secondary school to work and further study. This book details a four-year research study which examined the lives of 14 African youth as they made this transition, and those who support these young people. This is the journey of their unfolding lives.

This book is suitable for use by educators and schools, refugee youth workers, educational researchers, and those involved in teacher education.

Supporting African Students from Refugee Backgrounds: A Professional Development Resource for Secondary Schools

This resource provides schools and teachers with a self-guided professional development framework for engaging in collaborative conversations to identify strategies to support African students from refugee backgrounds. It is intended to facilitate discussion in schools about how the needs of African students can best be met. Included in this resource is a Cultural Understanding Quiz, a Case Study, and a Directory of Resources.

This professional development resource is designed specifically for educators and schools. It is also likely to be beneficial for refugee youth workers, pre-service teachers and those who work in teacher education.

Please contact [Dr Svetlana King](#) with your preferred shipping method and the items you wish to purchase to enable an invoice to be forwarded to you.

****For international destinations:** Please email svetlana.king@flinders.edu.au for the cost of delivery.

Other upcoming events and Announcements

Roundtable Discussion: Law, Love & Possibilities for Decolonisation

Professor Onwubiko (Biko) Agozino, Virginia Tech, USA

Wednesday, 13 June 2018 2:00- 5:30 pm Level 11,

Boardrooms 1 & 2, Flinders University @182 Victoria Square, Adelaide

This roundtable discussion with Professor Biko Agozino will focus on possibilities for justice and decolonisation across a number of sites but with specific emphasis on the disciplinary domains of law and criminology. While these realms of knowledge are often imagined as distinct, it is



perhaps their relation to colonial power that binds them inextricably. Invited speakers from law, criminology, security, history, migration and gender studies will be brought into dialogue with the aim of drawing out the multiple connections between law, crime and colonisation; in terms of the everyday lived effects of laws and criminalisation and in relation to the ways that the disciplinary domains of law and criminology produce truths to efface their role in entrenching and extending colonial power. There will be a focus on the nature and role played by law/laws and crime/criminality in different realms and disciplines in order to explore new ways of reorienting knowledge and knowledge production to aid decolonisation.

Invited Participants:

Professor Biko Agozino (Virginia Tech, USA)

Professor Irene Watson (UNISA)

Professor Margaret Davies (Flinders University)

Professor Willem de Lint (Flinders University)

Dr Catherine Kevin (Flinders University)

Dr Lara Palombo (Macquarie University)

Dr Claire Loughnan (Melbourne University)

Dr Maria Giannacopoulos (Flinders University)

This roundtable discussion has been made possible by the Flinders University Visiting International Fellowship.

ALL WELCOME but limited spaces so RSVP by **1 June essential**
Maria.Giannacopoulos@flinders.edu.au

Africa Day 2018

Africa Day at Victoria University

When: **Thursday 17 May 2018**

Location: **Building P cafeteria, Footscray Park campus**

Students and staff are invited to attend a unique event to celebrate Africa Day. You'll have fun, meet new people, enjoy some delicious food and celebrate the culture and traditions of Africa at this annual commemoration by the foundation of the [Organisation of African Unity \(external link\)](#).

Come along - we look forward to celebrating with you!

REGISTRATION IS ESSENTIAL FOR CATERING PURPOSES

<https://www.vu.edu.au/about-vu/news-events/events/africa-day-2018>



Australia Africa Universities Network (AAUN) Annual Australia Forum and AGM

Join us, and other leaders in the field of Australia-Africa relations, for AAUN's **Annual Conference and AGM 2018** on Monday 27 August 2018 at the University Club Western Australia, Perth, Western Australia.

Program

View [draft program](#) – now developing with some flexibility in panelists and discussants. **Sessions include:**

- Policy into practice: global policy frameworks, local opportunity
- Global and local – the policy frameworks (SDGs, BRI, Climate, Indo Pacific)
- Australia Africa Teamwork – research priority areas for maximum returns
- Instruments for engagement – what works and what does not?

REGISTER

Please [register via this](#) link for the AAUN Australia Forum 2018. **Closing date 1 August 2018.** Please note it will not be possible to register after this date.

More info about this event can be found [here](#).

Australia Government Scholarships for African Students 2018/2019

The Australian Government is offering fully-funded scholarships to African students to be taken at Australian or African Universities. These scholarships are awarded across various priority fields to applicants from eligible countries. More details can be found [here](#).

'Celebrating African Women, Their Voices'

26-27 June 2018, Victoria University Convention Centre, 300 Flinders St, Melbourne, Australia

This event brings together service providers, professionals, NGOs, educators, business leaders, entrepreneurs in the diaspora (Australia, Asia Pacific, Europe, the Americas) and mainland Africa to share experiences targeted at women emancipation focusing on the African women and female child. Details of the event can be found [here](#).

Africa Down Under Conference

29-31 August 2018, Perth, Western Australia

The ADU was introduced to raise awareness of Australia's interests in African mining and energy. As an event that generates worldwide media coverage, **ADU** is firmly established as one of the world's leading resources forums. Learn more about the event [here](#).



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