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Not Too Late

IF it is not too late to present in the program of the [60th ASA Annual Meeting](#)! Then it is not too late to present at the 40th AFSAAP Annual Conference – AFSAAP 2017. While the formal call for papers and panels is closed, there is still the opportunity to submit proposals based on your research in African Studies in Australasia and the Pacific – Australia and New Zealand. This could be recent events and issues in Africa, recently completed research, recent publications related to African Studies. All proposals will be considered. Please submit brief abstract approx. 200 words to the afsaap2017@afsaap.org.au before October 1st. See the current abstracts and early DRAFT program at www.afsaap.org.au

Fiction meets reality

Eight young survivors on their way to a robotics competition in Japan step from the wreckage of their plane crash, expecting to see nothing but ice and snow. Instead they find themselves lost in a strange jungle with no way to get home and little hope of rescue.... And not everyone will make it out of the jungle alive.

See <http://www.goodreads.com/book/show/30622633-horizon>

OR

Six Burundian teenagers disappear after international robotics competition in Washington – (probably headed for Canada) see <http://www.abc.net.au/news/2017-07-22/burundi-robotics-team-disappears-in-us/8733926>

China and Africa

AFSAAP Member Lauren Johnson has recently co-authored a chapter with her colleague Marina Rudyak called “China’s ‘Innovative and Pragmatic’ Foreign Aid: Shaped by and now Shaping Globalisation” – click here to read it- <http://press-files.anu.edu.au/downloads/press/n2554/pdf/ch19.pdf>. The Whole volume looks interesting – see China’s New Sources of Economic Growth: Vol. 2- Human Capital, Innovation and



Technological Change

Eds. Ligang Song, Ross Garnaut, Cai Fang, Lauren Johnston, July 2017, ANU Press

DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.22459/CNSEG.07.2017>

Who is Who in the African Diaspora

AFSAAP has recently heard about [Afroinnova](http://manosvisibles.org/afroinnova/index.html) an initiative of the “[Manos Visibles](http://manosvisibles.org)” Corporation that with the support of the Spanish Cooperation seeks to promote strategic connections between organizations and innovative leaders of the African diaspora, within the framework of the UN decade for Afrodescendants 2015-2024. (<http://manosvisibles.org/afroinnova/index.html>). Here, you will find attached the working paper for the first meeting in Cartagena, Colombia, with a description of the project and methodology and profiles of this first meeting. Also attached is a report from Susana Edjang about the conference “Africa and its diaspora: A new global power?” made within the framework of Afroinnova. “[Manos Visibles](http://manosvisibles.org)” has also developed ‘Who is Who in the African Diaspora’ a weekly bulletin which will be published in English and in Spanish as part of the communication strategy of Afroinnova, which seeks to visualize, recognize, and connect Afro-descendant leaders with global reach and power. Keep an eye out for this great initiative and see the attached documents in PDF. [Guidelines who is who in the African Diaspora - Africa and its Diaspora: A New Global Power?](#) - [Who is who in the African Diaspora](#)

Notice of AFSAAP AGM

To be held Friday November 24th Monarto Zoo, South Australia 3.15pm-4.15pm. (Buses will transport participants to and from the venue as part of the AFSAAP2017 Annual Conference – (Note- a fee will apply to cover bus fares, Zoo entrance and catering, unless you are already paying the conference participation fee, which includes all of that and more). Please contact president@afsaap.org.au if you require further information).

Expression of Interest – AFSAAP Office Bearers for 2018

As normal, all office bearing positions will be declared open at the AGM at the forthcoming conference, and all **AFSAAP** members are invited to nominate for one of the positions: **President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Postgraduate Representative, ARAS Journal Editor**. If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else, please send a short description of why you believe you would be suited to the position, and what you can bring to **AFSAAP** to secretary@afsaap.org.au by 1 October 2017. These will be disseminated in advance of the AGM. Please note that if you would like to nominate another person, you must get their written approval. Please also contact the president@afsaap.org.au if you would like to discuss any of the office bearer roles and duties in more detail.



Expression of Interest – ARAS Editor and Co-Editors

Nominations are sought for the position(s) of **Editor** and **Co-editor** for the **Australasian Review of African Studies (ARAS)**, the official journal of the **African Studies Association of Australasia and the Pacific (AFSAAP)**. The term of office is usually three years. **The Australasian Review of African Studies (ARAS)** aims to contribute to a better understanding of Africa in Australasia and the Pacific. It is published twice a year in June and December by **AFSAAP**. **ARAS** is a multi-disciplinary journal that seeks to provide critical, authoritative and accessible material on a range of African affairs that is interesting and readable to both academic and non-academic audiences. All articles are double blind peer-reviewed by two independent and qualified experts prior to publication. The journal is supported by an expert International Editorial Board of members who represent esteemed scholars in African Studies from around the world. The appointed Editor and Co-editor(s) will work with the Managing Editor and Copy Editor as a team. We are specifically looking for individuals with a strong academic background who will assist the editorial team to promote the journal, provide expert editorial advice, lead the process of peer-review and manage all aspects of communications with authors and peer-reviewers as required. The Editor and Co-editor(s) will be an academic or scholar with a demonstrated interest in African Studies, and/or the African Diaspora in Australia, New Zealand or the world, and with relevant research interest to support the journal's multidisciplinary focus. The appointed Editor or Co-editor(s) will also work with **AFSAAP** executive members to ensure the timely production of this bi-annual journal.

AFSAAP is an international network of academics, students, consultants, activists, diplomats, artists, community leaders, and others who share a mutual interest in the promotion of **African Studies in the Australasia and Pacific region**. **AFSAAP** is based in Australia and was founded in 1978. It is a not-for-profit-association, and as such all roles are voluntary. Further information can be found at <http://afsaap.org.au/publications/aras/>.

Potential candidates are asked to submit a short statement (no more than 1000 words)

1. identifying your relevant experience and understanding of African Studies and the journal ARAS,
2. outlining why you would like to be a part of the ARAS team.
3. indicating how you would like to take ARAS forward over the next 3
4. Include a list of your publications.
5. Any Editorial experience (including journal editorships, edited books, guest editorships and membership of editorial boards) – (previous experience not essential).
6. Any indication of support from your University College/Department /School/Faculty for this role to be undertaken by you (institutional support not essential, but nice when you can get it).
7. A copy of your Resume.

Applications will be considered by the AFSAAP Executive and current ARAS Editors. Deadline for submissions is October 1st 2017. Email to president@afsaap.org.au



Forthcoming African Studies Conferences

- African Down Under – 6-8 September, Perth Australia (focus on Mining Sector)
<https://www.africadownunderconference.com/>
- African Studies Association of Africa – Addis Ababa, October 18-21, 2017 <http://www.as-aa.org/>
- Institute for African Studies – Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow October 17-20, 2017
<http://www.inafran.ru/en/node/487>
- African Studies Association (USA) – November 16-18 2017 – <http://africanstudiesassociation.org/>
- African Studies Association of Australasia and the Pacific – 23-24 November 2017
(venues – University of South Australia and Monarto Zoo – The Serengeti in Oz!).
<http://afsaap.org.au/conference/afsaap-2017/>
- African Studies Association – (UK) September 11-13 2018 <http://www.asauk.net/category/conferences/>

AFSAAP Members Expertise

AFSAAP Members are reminded to update their fields of expertise and let us know so we can promote your research through our networks, and also put you in touch with relevant researchers and media looking for various experts. Please submit your short biographies and list at least one African state or region that you are researching on, or African issue, such as African-Diaspora. See the link in the title above. Email to secretary@afsaap.org.au