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### **37th AFSAAP Conference Call for Papers – deadline June 30th**

This year's conference is going to be in New Zealand, at the University of Otago. Prof. Tony Binns is convening the conference entitled – "Africa: Diversity and Development".

You can submit your abstracts of 200 words to [afsaap2014@afsaap.org.au](mailto:afsaap2014@afsaap.org.au) by June 30th 2014. All abstracts will be peer reviewed. The conference papers will also be peer review and published in proceedings published at [www.afsaap.org.au](http://www.afsaap.org.au). You can also get more information about the conference from our website [www.afsaap.org.au](http://www.afsaap.org.au). We hope to see you all there making connections across the Tasman.

St. Margaret's College is a beautiful and very comfortable residential college, which is located very centrally on the Otago University Campus. Full details about the conference venue can be seen through the SMC Website.

There will be overnight accommodation available at St Margaret's during the conference, and possibly also before and afterwards. The cost per night for Bed and Breakfast is NZ\$82.50. Accommodation bookings and payments should be made directly with the Conference Coordinator at St Margarets College – see the website for further details.

### **Australasian review of African Studies Vol. 35 No. 1 June 2014**

Full AFSAAP Members will receive their copy of the latest issue of ARAS in the post soon. ARAS is also available online to ALL AFSAAP members. You can download the latest issue from <http://afsaap.org.au/ARAS/2014-volume-35/>

All back issues are available for free from our website, but the last 2 years are password protected for members only (we have to make money someone to run things in AFSAAP). The password for the June 2014 issue is "ARAS2014". You can read the editorial, so you will be inspired to join AFSAAP if you have not yet subscribed.

### **Call For Book Chapter Contributions**

John Idriss Lahaai and Tanya Lyons are looking for contributions to their forthcoming book, *African Frontiers: Insurgency, Governance and Peacebuilding in Post-Colonial States*.

The edited collection aims to expand on the discourses of insurgency, (rebel/state) governance and peacebuilding into an engagement with one or more of the following non-exclusive themes:

- 1) Unconventional armed/non-armed insurgency in Africa.
- 2) Rebel-State Governance Architecture and the political economy of civil wars.
- 3) The politics of insurgent environmentalism and the war-peace nexus.
- 4) Armed insurgent groups and the neo-liberal peacebuilding agenda for the post-colonial state.
- 5) Population dynamics and insurgent groups' patterns of warfare.
- 6) People's power and agency in war/peace activism.
- 7) Peace processes and the landscapes of non-violent peace activism in Africa.
- 8) The role of marginal/minority groups in insurgent (violent/non-violent) movements and in peace processes.

The editors are particularly interested in chapters that explore these issues from an interdisciplinary (within a case study-specific) perspective that draws from social anthropology, political science and strategic studies, peace and conflict studies, memory and religious studies, visual culture and other disciplines in the humanities and the social sciences. Chapters that situate the post-colonial and neo-liberal discourses of insurgency, governance and peacebuilding within the geographies of space are also welcome.

Interested contributors are asked to submit a 250-500 word abstract describing their proposed chapter to the editors: Dr. Tanya Lyons ([tanya.lyons@flinders.edu.au](mailto:tanya.lyons@flinders.edu.au)) and Dr. John Idriss Lahai ([johnilahai@yahoo.com](mailto:johnilahai@yahoo.com)) by 30 June 2014. Abstracts should include a title and a brief description of the issue(s) examined, the methodological and theoretical standpoints guiding the chapter, the main arguments made, and the general conclusions offered, as relevant. Please also include a short biography or resume.

## **Trends in African Studies Research**

AFSAAP has been invited to contribute to a research project from the University of Ghana researching the presence of African Studies in university curriculums. Coincidentally AFSAAP is also updating its ongoing AFRICA PROJECT which gathers information on what courses and topics are available in Australian and new Zealand Universities on this topic of Africa, or African Studies, or topics with an African Case Study. We are interested to know as well, what students can enrol in as part of their undergraduate and postgraduate studies. So, we now invite you all to fill in this attached survey for the University of Ghana, and also share your information with AFSAAP. If you have any questions about this please contact [president@afsaap.org.au](mailto:president@afsaap.org.au) . Please send all completed questionnaires to both Kofi Adzei <[ksaadzei@yahoo.com](mailto:ksaadzei@yahoo.com)>; [secretary@afsaap.org.au](mailto:secretary@afsaap.org.au). AFSAAP will publish the updated Project on its website before November 2014.

## **Caldwell Endowment Visiting Fellowship for African Researcher**

The Caldwell endowment for Population, Health and Development has created a visiting fellowship for an African researcher. The position is an exciting opportunity to enhance population and health research capacity in sub-Saharan Africa by building closer ties with research centres at The Australian National University (ANU).

The fellowship, in 2014-5, will support one African researcher (at any career stage) for up to three months at the ANU, and will fund travel, accommodation and living allowance. The researcher must be affiliated with an African research institute or university.

For more information see this attached flier, or <http://nceph.anu.edu.au/news-events/visiting-fellowship-african-researchers>

## **Position available at the African Leadership Academy**

AFSAAP members may be interested in a position available at the African Leadership Academy – a Johannesburg based pan African leadership development institution working to create transformational leaders for the African continent.

They are looking for two world class educators to join their team. The first position is a full time, long term role as their Head of Humanities, we are particularly interested in recruiting African studies specialists who have taught in secondary schools.

“Our leadership development model is three fold beginning with identifying high potential young people aged 15 – 19 from all 54 African countries. We bring 100 of these future leaders to our campus in Johannesburg where they complete a rigorous two year pre university programme that puts writing and rhetoric, African studies and entrepreneurial leadership at the core. Finally, we connect our young leaders to further opportunities across the world. The individual we’re looking to recruit now will contribute to our long term aspiration to develop a specialised African curriculum.”

If you are interested, please contact Wadzi Katsidzira directly.

## **Review of *Beyond the Metropolis***

AFSAAP vice president Alec Thornton’s latest book, *Beyond the Metropolis: Urban agriculture in South Africa* (Edwin Mellen Press: Lewiston, New York. ISBN-13: 978-0773430396) has been reviewed in the peer reviewed journal *Urban Forum*. The review was conducted by Prof Gustav Visser, Dept of Geography, University of the Free State, South Africa, and will appear in the June 2014 issue. Prof Visser is also one of the managing editors of *Urban Forum*.

It can be downloaded here:

<http://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s12132-013-9213-1>

## Call for papers: development conference in Hong Kong

AfSAAP members are invited to contribute papers to a forthcoming conference in Hong Kong titled "Development: What Now?" The conference will take place between 9-11 October 2014. The organisers are also hoping to publish the proceedings into a book.

More information can be found at the conference website:

<http://myweb.polyu.edu.hk/~apsspgc/>

There will also be two master classes: Prof Robert Holton (Trinity College Dublin), and Prof. Damien Kingsbury (Deakin University).

## New article on Kenya and the ICC

Professor Susanne Mueller has written a new article titled "Kenya and the International Criminal Court" which has been published in the *Journal of Eastern African Studies*, 8(1), January 2014, and may be accessed through the following link:

<http://opiniojuris.org/2014/02/27/mueller-kenya-icc/>. Professor Mueller is currently with the African Studies Center at Boston University.

## African Diaspora in Australia (& Asia Pacific) Project

John Nze-Bertram, of the group "Celebrate African-Australians" is planning to establish the "African Diaspora in Australia (& Asia Pacific) Project", in collaboration with The African Heads of Mission in Australia. It is a neutral initiative, not affiliated with any organization. The idea is to amalgamate the collective strength and voice of the African Diaspora in Australia, Asia Pacific towards a common goal. A series of consultative forums of all stakeholders from organizations to intellectuals, entrepreneurs and youths will be scheduled soon. The purpose of these consultative forums is to give all stakeholders an opportunity to contribute towards the project's formation, including setting its objectives, structure, processes and appointment of Board Members.

A team of strategic project managers will work with John as facilitators to coordinate the administrative tasks for the project's formation and sustainability. Already, I have discussed with a host of leaders, intellectuals, diplomats and stakeholders who are willing to participate.

Anyone interested in getting involved should contact John Nze-Bertram.