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AFSAAP Newsletter – October 2015

AFSAAP's 38th annual conference - 21st Century Tensions and Transformation in Africa.

October 28-29. Deakin University, Melbourne City Centre, Level 3 - 550 Bourke Street – Victoria

The conference committee are finalising the program which includes an exciting line-up of speakers, panels and papers. The AFSAAP executive looks forward to seeing you there.

<http://afsaap.org.au/conference/conference-2015/>

Family violence has no boundaries: Cultural Diversity and Prevention Conference

University of Melbourne, October 26-27

The conference will explore the theme of Cultural Diversity and Prevention and look at all aspects of family domestic violence. The conference program will include keynote presentations, panel discussions and presentation of papers. See flyer on page 2, and the conference website is linked below.

<http://www.familyviolenceconference.com/>

Publish or perish in African Studies: New ways to valorise research

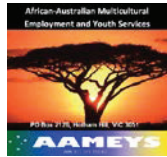
AFSAAP members are encouraged to view the discussion of a recent panel at the European Conference on African Studies which raised a number of salient points and debates about publishing in Africa and African Studies. The panel brought together academics, publishers and librarians to discuss the changes from traditional (print) to new (digital) publishing models and how they are used to support and valorise research.

<http://tondietz.wordpress.com/2015/09/14/guest-blog-publish-or-perish-in-african-studies-new-ways-to-valorize-research/>

Summer School on Decoloniality

The College of Human Sciences in collaboration with the Archie Mafeje Research Institute for Applied Social Policy, the Institute of Global Dialogue and the Thabo Mbeki African Leadership Institute will host a two-week long Summer School on Decoloniality with a focus on Power, Knowledge and Identity. The website link contains further information:

<http://www.unisa.ac.za/chs/news/2015/01/11-22-january-2016-call-for-applications-summer-school-on-decoloniality-with-a-focus-on-power-knowledge-and-identity/>



Family Violence Has No Boundaries: Cultural Diversity and Prevention Conference 26-27 October 2015

Conference Venue:
**University of Melbourne
Law School
185 Pelham Street, Parkville, Australia**

Well aware that there is an undeniable concern across the community of the human cost of violence that occurs within the home, the **African Think Tank** has seen this as an opportune moment to enable a frank discussion of community informed discussions on solutions that can save lives. The two-day inaugural **Family Violence Has No Boundaries** conference will explore the intersection of *Cultural/Religion and Prevention* and Safety and Security within the family.

Aim

The aim of the program is to present those at the fore front of the emergency, corrective and rebuilding of lives responses to articulate what is in place. However it is also an opportunity for them to hear first-hand the challenges that continue to impede access to services for the communities in question. The conference organiser are not implying that culture and religion are enabling violence against women, but they are seeking to see how they can be partners in viable and sustainable solutions.

Themes:

- Culture/ Religion
- Police and Courts
- Service Providers (Refuges/Family Violence Specialist Services)
- Community - perceptions (Both men and women)
- Impact of the violence on Children and options to minimise harm

Program:

The conference program will draw Criminal Justice (Police and the Courts); Services; Community, Religious and Cultural Commentators, as well as individual community members themselves. Most importantly the key policy areas such as Office of Women's Policy/Family Violence Prevention and Office Multicultural and Citizenship

Conference Patron

Justice Shane Marshall, Federal Court Judge

Murray McGinnes – A Director and Lead Ambassador (Legal Sector) of White Ribbon Australia

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