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“Africa: Moving the Boundaries”. 39th AFSAAP Annual Conference. 5-7 December 2016

[St. Catherine’s College](#)

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AFSAAP 2016 Conference – Extended Call for Papers extended to August 31st 2016.

All correspondence should be emailed directly to the conference coordinator

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Call for Papers

The UWA Africa Research Cluster and local organising committee are calling for the submission of paper and panel abstracts for the 39th Annual conference of the African Studies Association of Australasia and the Pacific (AFSAAP).

Located in Perth, Australia’s “Gateway to Africa”, and set amidst the stunning surroundings of UWA’s Crawley campus on the Swan River, the conference will be an opportune moment to share critical ideas, engage and network with colleagues and research students, and further advance African Studies in our region.

The 2016 conference theme, ‘Africa: Moving the Boundaries’, is designed to inspire participants to explore how physical, social, creative and conceptual boundaries are being stretched, transcended, re-constructed, re-defined, critiqued and challenged by a range of historical and contemporary dynamics, forces, and ideas of relevance to Africa, Africans and African Studies. These might include migration and the evolution of transnational communities; theories, representations and narratives of African agency; new social and scientific technologies; evolving forms of social and political activism; grand projects of regional integration; and responses to critical development and environmental challenges. The conference keynote speaker will be confirmed in due course.

To assist with organization, the committee would appreciate if abstracts could be self-identified as speaking to up to three of the following ten thematic streams: Politics, Law & International Relations • History & Heritage • Literature, Culture & the Arts • Science and Technology • Human & Sustainable Development • Gender & Sexuality • Societies, Identities & African Diasporas • Education & Research • Geography, Environment & Resources.



Expressions of Interest – AFSAAP Office Bearers for 2017

In accordance with the AFSAAP constitution, <http://afsaap.org.au/about/constitution/>, AFSAAP will elect a new Executive, including Office Bearers (President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Journal Editor, and Postgraduate Representative) and Ordinary Members. See page 4 for a summary of the responsibilities of each of these roles. As per the constitution, these positions will be declared open at the Annual General Meeting. In order to allow for an informed vote, we ask that any members who would like to nominate for any of these positions prepare a brief summary (no more than 500 words) outlining their reasons for nominating and the plans they have for their year in the role. Nominations will be open until the AGM, however we encourage members to nominate in advance so that the membership, including absentee voters, can properly consider the candidates. If you wish to nominate for a position in 2017 and would like to have your summary distributed to the AFSAAP membership in advance of the AGM, please send your nomination to secretary@afsaap.org.au no later than 1 October 2016. Please include your full name, your institutional affiliation and position, the position for which you wish to nominate, and a brief summary.

Changes to AFSAAP constitution

According to the AFSAAP constitution, <http://afsaap.org.au/about/constitution/>, any changes to the constitution require 21 days written notice to the AFSAAP membership and must then be voted on at the Annual General Meeting. If you would like to suggest any changes to the constitution please email secretary@afsaap.org.au by 1 October 2016 in order to allow time for dissemination of the suggestions.

The Annual Cherry Gertzel / AFSAAP Postgraduate Prize

Postgraduate Students are encouraged to enter their paper to The Annual Cherry Gertzel / AFSAAP Postgraduate Prize for the best postgraduate paper delivered at the AFSAAP annual conference. See <http://afsaap.org.au/conference/postgraduate-prizes/>

Outcomes of the Australia Awards for Africa: A blog by Frank Akampa

The Australia Awards for Africa scholarship programme provided hundreds of African students with opportunities to study at Australian universities. Though the Australian government under former Prime Minister Tony Abbott scrapped funding for the program, its effects and the people-to-people links that it set out to achieve have been long-lasting. [Here is a blog](#) by award recipient Frank Akampa.

Law and Governance in sub-Saharan Africa

An upcoming short course

AFSAAP members will find this focused short course of interest. Held at ANU, the dates are 9-10 and 12-13 September. It is convened by Assoc. Prof. Jolyon Ford, and a [course study guide is here](#).



John C Caldwell African Research Fellowship in Population, Health and Development

The 2017 round of applications for the John C Caldwell African Research Fellowship in Population, Health and Development has opened.

This year the fellowship will support an early career researcher, including people in the final stage of a PhD. The aim is to foster academic links between population, health and development researchers at the Australian National University and African universities and institutions.

More information can be found at <http://nceph.anu.edu.au/research/highlight-stories/caldwell-fellowship-2017-call-applications>

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Australian National University

Conference: Samora Machel in History: Memory, Education & Popular Culture

The Oficina de História-Mozambique is an academic and cultural group whose objective is to share with the academic community scientific research and projects led by academics, experts, students, and local historians. We also welcome international professionals researching Mozambique and African history.

As part of its annual activities, the Oficina de História-Mozambique is organizing its first annual, international, and multidisciplinary conference. The theme for this year's conference is "Samora Machel in History: Memory, Education & Popular Culture". The goal of the conference is to reflect on the historical legacy of Samora Machel throughout Mozambique's contemporary history. The event will be held from October 28th to the 29th in Fortaleza de Maputo, Mozambique.

The organizing committee welcomes individual papers, thematic panels and roundtables on any of the following themes:

- Samora Machel in Historiography
- Samora Machel, Biography and other Historical Narratives
- Samora Machel, Independence and Development
- Foreign Policy of Samora Machel
- Economy, Finances and Democracy during the period of Samora Machel
- Samora Machel and Youth
- Public History, Education in History, and the legacy of Samora Machel
- Samora Machel, Local and Oral Histories
- Preservation of Historical Patrimony of Samora Machel: Museums, Libraries, Schools, Archives and Monuments

Other themes that may be considered:

- Education, Art and Popular Culture in Mozambique
- Territory, Identity and Family
- Religion, Spirituality and Society
- Environment, Health and Sport



- Gender, Feminism and Social Movements
- Migration, Mozambican Diasporas and Development
- Science, University, Employment and Development
- Mozambican Languages and Historical Research
- History, Information Technology and Communication
- Collaboration and International Solidarity with Mozambique

The deadline for submitting individual papers, thematic panels, and roundtable proposals, is September 20, 2016.

Proposals for individual papers, thematic panels and roundtables must include the following information: Presenter(s)' name(s); Name of organization(s); Email address (es); Title; Summary (250 words max.)

All proposals must be submitted in MS Word with Times New Roman font, size 12. Presentations may be in Portuguese or in English. Please note that simultaneous translation will not be available.

Submit your proposal via email to ohmoz2016@gmail.com with the subject line: "Samora Machel: Memory, Education and Popular Culture".

The organizing committee will review all of the proposals received by September 20, 2016.

Please see the Call for Papers ([English](#) and [Portuguese](#)), Posters ([English](#) and [Portuguese](#)) and the Submission Form, attached.

Please kindly circulate this event, widely.

Best regards,

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