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### **AFSAAP 41st Annual Conference 2018 Conference Call for Papers**

**\*\*\*Final Call and submission of Abstracts deadline extended to August 1, 2018\*\*\***

**Africa in Transition: Governance, Society and Culture**

**University of New South Wales (UNSW), Sydney,**

**November 21st – 23rd 2018**

The African Studies Association of Australasia and the Pacific (AFSAAP) calls for proposals for preorganized 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. Long-standing 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. Elsewhere, 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 also 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 in the region. Panelists may present only one paper or one other presentation in an alternative format such as a thematic conversation or roundtable. We have set this limit in order to make limited participant spaces available to as many participants as possible.



**Individual Papers:** An abstract of maximum 250 words should be sent.

**Panels, Thematic Conversations, and Roundtables:**

**Panels** Send an overall abstract of maximum 250 words, together with a 250-word abstract for each paper. Also include names of chair and participants.

**Thematic Conversations:** Thematic Conversations extend on-going conversations among scholars while exploring new trends and approaches. They provide an intellectual venue for like-minded scholars to continue discussions that may have started before and engage in face-to-face academic exchange in an informal structure and with the audience. These might not be formal presentations but must have a chair, participants and a topic. Send an overall abstract of maximum 250 words, together with a 250-word abstract for each paper, name(s) of chair and participants.

**Roundtables:** Roundtables provide groups of scholars an opportunity to discuss an issue, share opinions, or just to brainstorm through informed discussion and debate within the wider or the particular fields of scholarship. The roundtable format provides an open discussion where the chair and participants engage themselves and audience in discussion.

Send an overall abstract of maximum 250 words, together with a 250-word abstract for each paper, name(s) of chair and participants. All proposals will be peer reviewed. Abstracts of proposed papers, panels and roundtables should be sent by July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018 to Dr. Anne Bartlett, International Studies, Morven Brown 230, UNSW Sydney, NSW, 2052, Australia. Email: [a.bartlett@unsw.edu.au](mailto: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. Standard conference technology for Power Point will be available in all rooms. If you think that you may require other forms of technology, please notify us ahead of time so that we are better able to accommodate you.

**AFSAAP ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2018 REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN**

Registration for the AFSAAP Annual Conference 2018 running under the theme “Africa in Transition: Governance, Society and Culture” is now open. The African Studies Association of Australasia and the Pacific (AFSAAP) called 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 2018. The deadline for the submission of abstracts has been extended to **August 1, 2018**. The online registration portal outlines the fees associated with the conference as well as a simplified process of paying online. All fees include 2 Day Conference fee – AFSAAP membership for 2019 – morning and afternoon teas and lunch each day. For further details, including the terms and conditions, please visit the conference registration page [here](#).

**MEMBERSHIPS DUE 2018 - Renew your AFSAAP Membership**

The African Studies Association of Australasia and the Pacific (AFSAAP) is in its 40<sup>th</sup> 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 has 40 years worthy of conference proceedings, now archived. AFSAAP also hosts an annual conference. Please see the latest AFSAAP news at [www.afsaap.org.au](http://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. 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](http://www.afsaap.org.au)



### **AFSAAP Executive 2019 – Nominations now open**

As normal, all office bearing positions of the African Association of Australia and the Pacific (AFSAAP) 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(s).

ARAS Journal Editor

Please see full details on the [website](#)

### **African Australian Legal Network launched in Melbourne**

Legal practitioners and law students of African Australian descent launched the African Australian Legal Network on 19 July 2018 in Melbourne, Victoria. The network was launched by the Honourable Justice Sifris, Judge of the Supreme Court of Victoria.

### **Africa Research & Engagement Centre (AfREC)**

The University of Western Australia has established the Africa Research & Engagement Centre (AfREC) to drive innovative and ethical collaborations with Africa. The Centre develops, produces and promotes research, teaching, training and other academic collaborations with university partners in Africa, Australia and globally to address mutual sustainable development challenges and responsibilities while strengthening wider Australia-Africa relations. There will be a 'soft launch' of the new Centre during the Australia Africa Universities Network (AAUN) Annual Forum at UWA on Monday 27 August 2018. The deadline for Forum registration is 1 August (via the AAUN link). The Centre's new website will also go live at the launch and in the meantime can be engaged with via Twitter [@UWA\\_AfREC](#). AFSAAP member David Mickler is founding Director (Interim) of AfREC. Learn more about the establishment of the centre [here](#).

### **African Writers Trust Publishing Fellowship Programme: Call for Applications**

This Publishing Fellowship programme is open to early career publishers and creative writers intending to self-publish their manuscripts. Applicants will be selected from Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania, Rwanda, Ethiopia, Sudan and South Sudan. The African Writers Trust Publishing Fellowship programme is aimed at equipping early career publishers and creative writers, who are looking to self-publish their works, with the skills they require to develop their works to high, publishable standards. The programme's focus is to facilitate the sharing of knowledge, expertise, experiences and collaborative learning between the more experienced publishers and early career and emerging ones. *Application Deadline: Monday, 30 July at 5 pm GMT.* More details [here](#).

### **ASC Visiting Fellowship Programme**

The ASC Leiden hosts visiting research fellows in the framework of the [Leiden African Studies Assembly \(Leiden ASA\)](#), a network for cooperation between Leiden based Africanists. Visiting research fellows use their time in Leiden for data analysis and/or writing, often on a joint project with one or more ASCL staff members and with Africanists at other institutes or faculties of Leiden University. A visiting research fellowship is for a maximum of 90 days. Apart from the regular visiting research fellowship programme, the ASCL also offers a joint fellowship programme with the IIAS (International Institute for Asian Studies). More details about the fellowship [here](#).



### **IIAS-ASCL Joint Fellowship Programme**

This fellowship is jointly offered by IIAS and the African Studies Centre Leiden. It aims to attract researchers whose work is informed by current theoretical debates in the social sciences and humanities over global connectivities and who are able to critically engage with shifting paradigms in “area studies” beyond the ways in which these have traditionally been conceived in the West. We are particularly interested in receiving fellowship proposals that go beyond a mere analysis of current issues associated with African-Asian comparative economic developments or Chinese investments in Africa -- although none of these themes, if appraised critically and for their societal consequences, will of course be excluded. Our definition of Asia and Africa is broad and inclusive, Asia ranging from the Middle-East to the Pacific Coast, and Africa from North-Africa to the southern tip of the continent. You can get more details [here](#).

### **Africa-Asia 'A New Axis of Knowledge' Second Edition**

**Conference dates:** 20–22 September 2018

**Where?** Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)

Building on the multiple encounters, interactions and dialogues initiated at the [1st Africa-Asia Conference](#) (Accra, Ghana, 2015), the 2nd international Conference ‘Africa-Asia, a New Axis of Knowledge’, to be held from 20-22 September 2018, in Dar es Salaam (Tanzania), seeks to deepen the explorations of new realities, and long histories connecting Africa and Asia. The conference aims to solidify an infrastructure of engagement bringing together scholars, artists, intellectuals and educators based in Africa and Asia as well as across the world to think both comparatively and holistically about the challenges and possibilities of cross-continental and trans-regional encounters. Learn more about the conference [here](#).

### **State-Building in Africa: Prospects and Challenges 1st International Social Scientists Conference Second Announcement and Call for Papers**

**Date:** March 4<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019

**Where:** Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

**Paper proposals deadline:** November 1, 2018

The Mwalimu Nyerere Memorial Academy and the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences will hold the 1<sup>st</sup> Social Scientists Conference titled “*State-Building in Africa: Prospects and Challenges*.” The Conference will take place on the premises of the Mwalimu Nyerere Memorial Academy in Dar es Salaam along the Indian Ocean. The working language is English. More details [here](#).

### **ARAS Editorial Team – Expressions of Interest 2018-2021**

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. Details at <http://afsaap.org.au/2018/07/aras-editorial-team-expressions-of-interest-2018-2021/>