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MEMBERSHIPS DUE 2018

RENEW YOUR AFSAAP MEMBERSHIP

The African Studies Association of Australasia and the Pacific (AFSAAP) is in its 41st 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 also publishes its Annual Conference Proceedings, and hosts an annual conference. Please see the latest AFSAAP news at 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, and the other amazing opportunities for members. 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

NEW PUBLICATIONS BY MEMBERS

Publications

Edson Ziso, also currently serving as Secretary in the Executive, had his book published in November 2017. The book, '*A Post State-Centric Analysis of China-Africa Relations Internationalisation of Chinese Capital and State-Society Relations in Ethiopia*', offers a new alternative to understanding the relationship between China and Africa. The book has also been nominated for the Africa-Asia ICAS Book Prize. We invite members to inform us of their published works for inclusion in future newsletters

CALL FOR PAPERS - ARAS

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 (ERA ID 18727) 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 – see <http://afsaap.org.au/ARAS/about-submissions/>, and the journal is supported by the International Editorial Board of members who represent esteemed scholars in African Studies from around the world.

UPCOMING EVENTS

AFSAAP 2018

The next AFSAAP Annual Conference (2018) will be held between November 21-23 at the University of New South Wales. More details and confirmations will be provided with each subsequent newsletter.

15 March. 'African youth gangs' in Australia?: A critical analysis. Alexander Lecture Theatre, Arts, University of Western Australia, Perth, UWA 5:30-7:30pm

This is a Free public engagement forum. To attend, please register for free via Eventbrite. Co-convened by University of Western Australia (School of Social Sciences; Africa Research Cluster; Migration, Mobilities & Belongings Research Cluster; Institute of Advanced Studies), Organisation of African Communities in Western Australia and Melbourne-based African Think Tank. (Contact: Dr David Mickler, Coordinator, Africa Research Cluster david.mickler@uwa.edu.au. More information can be found [here](#).

AFRICAN STUDIES READING GROUPS AROUND AUSTRALIA

Did you know AFSAAP will support you to set up an African Studies Reading Group? For the purchase of books and light refreshments to stimulate discussion. See <http://afsaap.org.au/resources/reading-group/> for further information. Reading group books currently available (in NSW, but arrangements can be made to send them to your group) - In My Fathers' House by Kwame Anthony Appiah; Africa Works: Disorder as Political Instrument by Patrick Chabal; Citizen and Subject by Mahmood Mamdani; Theory from the South by Jean Comaroff. Contact president@afsaap.org.au for further information

Area Focused African-Studies Organisations

Members may find that the following organisations provide useful resources and contact information:

[Congolese Studies Association](#)
[Congo Research Network](#)
[Ghana Studies Association](#)
[Mande Studies Association](#)
[Igbo Studies Association](#)
[Lusophone African Studies Organization](#)
[Nigerian Studies Association](#)
[Tanzania Studies Association](#)



AFSAAP ANNOUNCEMENTS

AFSAAP AGM 2017 – Announcing New Executive Elected for 2018

President - Prof. Peter Limb, plimb9@gmail.com

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Journal Editor - Dr. Tanya Lyons, tanya.lyons@flinders.edu.au

Ordinary members (assisting the executive) - Max Kelly, Jean Burke, Chika Anyanwu, Mariam Koslay.

Cherry Gertzel/AFSAAP Postgraduate Prize 2017

AFSAAP invited postgraduate essays for consideration for the Cherry Gertzel Postgraduate Essay for 2017. From all the brilliant entries received, Kirsty Wissing's essay was judged to be the best and thus claimed the Essay prize for 2017. The reviewers found that her paper entitled, *'Environment as justice: Akwamu reflections on river justice in Ghana'*, was original, insightful, interesting and well written, and based on primary research. Kirsty is a PhD student at the Australian National University. She is now working on submitting a revised version of the paper for consideration of publication to the editor of ARAS.

AFSAAP ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Given the effectiveness of social media, AFSAAP has been working on improving its presence there as well. It is thus very active on Twitter and Facebook. AFSAAP urges all its members to follow if they are on social media. In the same vein, are also calling on members to also share any work they have published. Follow us on Twitter on **@AFSAAP** and <https://www.facebook.com/afsaap>

AFSAAP Media Interviews

Over the past few months, with so much political economic and social developments happening in and outside Africa, AFSAAP has been engaged by various members across the media spectrum to air its contributions to ongoing debates. From gang-related issues associated with criminal activity in Melbourne and the response of the authorities - right up to the resignation of President Jacob Zuma, AFSAAP has been making its contribution. Please visit our website to access some of the audios and podcasts thereof.

AFSAAP Travel Grants to other African Studies Conferences

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST are invited from AFSAAP members to apply for small travel grants to promote AFSAAP on a wider scale. We invite expressions of interest (EOI) for one Member to represent AFSAAP at an overseas conference, identified by the Member, which focuses on African studies. This EOI is in accordance with one of AFSAAP's mission



statements, to establish contact with African universities and scholars, other overseas scholars and African Studies associations, and to promote interchanges with them. In your EOI, please clearly outline, in 500 words how you will 'deliver' on this mission statement.

Specifically, please outline:

- Key details of the conference that you have identified, including a brief background of the hosting association or institution (i.e. academic merit, quality of proceedings etc.)
- How your visit will benefit AFSAAP
- What activities will you undertake to promote AFSAAP and encourage overseas scholars to consider participating in AFSAAP conferences

You will be expected to write a report on your visit for the Habari kwa ufupi newsletter, detailing the bullet points, above. AFSAAP will contribute up to \$1,000 in travel costs.

The successful applicant will make their own travel arrangements and the applicant must provide invoices to the AFSAAP Treasurer. The AFSAAP Executive reserves the right not to award any funding in a calendar year, depending on the budget and quality of the applications.

Please Email all Expressions of Interest to Secretary@afsaap.org.au

AFSAAP MEMBERS EXPERTISE

AFSAAP Members are reminded to submit their professional details and experience, and expertise to thesecretary@afsaap.org.au for inclusion on our website <http://afsaap.org.au/join-members/members/>. It is amazing how many people require experts on African issues at short notice, and use this as a valuable source. AFSAAP's aim is to connect African studies experts with government, media and organisations

OTHER CONFERENCES

6 April, 2018, Australian National University, Canberra,

“The ballot is stronger than the bullet”?: Democracy in difficult contexts

The workshop is interdisciplinary, and invites scholars working on diverse geopolitical environments, and themes related to democracy and civil and political rights to share their work. This would especially be good for members in Canberra/Sydney including postgrads. The date for submissions and RSVPs has been extended to 30 March 2018 from the 15 March 2018 indicated on the attached pdf file [here](#)