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African Studies Center

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

Fall #7, October 13th, 2020

AFRICA @ MSU THIS WEEK



Date: Thursday, October 15th, 2020
Time: 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (EST)

This Week's Speaker and Topic:



Ndongo Samba Sylla: '*Monetary Colonialism in 21st Century Africa: the CFA Franc Case*'

Dr. Ndongo focuses on the last colonial currency circulating on the African continent: the CFA franc. Created in 1945 as the “Franc of the French colonies in Africa”, the CFA franc has survived the decolonization wave and is still used in fourteen countries in West and Central Africa, most of them former French colonies. Dr. Ndongo Samba Sylla is a development economist who currently works as a Research and Programs Manager at the Rosa Luxemburg Foundation in Dakar, Senegal.

Eye on Africa is a weekly seminar series that provides scholars, policy-makers, applied practitioners, students, and the interested public with cutting-edge and highly-contextualized knowledge about the African continent.

Due to the restrictions on travel and assembly imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic, we will meet virtually throughout the fall. Please follow this link for the fall 2020 Eye On Africa schedule and for the required one-time registration.

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TEA TIME

Date: Thursday, October 22nd, 2020
Time: 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (EST)

Next Week's Topic:
Madagascar and Senegal, Resources and Remedies for COVID-19 in Africa

African Tea Times are an opportunity to learn and share about first-hand experiences on the African continent. Every other week, the African Tea Times focus on different countries. The tea times open to everyone. They are held every other Thursday, 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m (EST), and are held virtually on Zoom.

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Ubuntu Dialogues: Virtual Webinar

Date: Wednesday, October 14th, 2020
Time: 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (EST) / 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (GMT +2)



Join our virtual webinar where we will have speakers; John Edwin Mason (Professor of History at University of Virginia) & Luvuyo Mthimkhulu Dondolo (Director of the Center for Transdisciplinary Studies at the University of Fort Hare) where they will discuss their research relating to *Gordon Parks, “A Harlem Family,”* and *the Limits of Empathy* and *Reflections on Ubuntu Philosophy and the Historical Geography of Pan Africanism in South Africa*, respectively.

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Call for Associate Editors African Studies Review


The *African Studies Review* invites expressions of interest for Associate Editors to join the editorial team. The Editorial Collective is committed to inclusivity and diversity. We are seeking to appoint up to two new editors beginning January 2021.

The ASR is a bilingual multidisciplinary journal publishing in English and French. Ideal candidates should be published scholars, either tenured professors or lecturers with workplace security, comfortable reading and engaging with scholarship beyond their areas and regions of expertise. Bilingual candidates are particularly welcome. Editors should have a working command of scholarly English; a familiarity with French modes of scholarship would be a significant asset. Applicants may reside in any part of the world. Applicants from the African continent are particularly welcome.

Expressions of interest in the form a single-page letter and complete curriculum vitae should be sent by email to Kathryn Salucka (kathryn@africanstudies.org) at your earliest convenience. Review of applications will commence October 15, 2020.

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MSU Muslim Studies Program, 13th Annual Conference - Online

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Date: Thursday, October 15th, 2020 & Friday, October 16th, 2020

Time: 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM (EST)

Michigan State University is hosting an international conference on Islam, Environmental Science and Conservation. This conference aims to foster understanding of the nexus between Islam, environmental science, and conservation.

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West African Research Center Travel Grant

- Travel grant funds may be used to:
- 1) Attend and present papers at academic conferences relevant to the applicant’s field of research
 - 2) Visit libraries or archives that contain resources necessary to the applicant’s current academic work
 - 3) Engage in collaborative work with colleagues at another institution
 - 4) Travel to a research site. Citizenship: Open only to West African nationals affiliated with institutions of higher education

Grant offers \$1,500 in travel expenses and a \$1,500 stipend.

Deadline: *October 15, 2020.*




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Schlumberger Fellowships for Women PhD Students and Researchers from Emerging Countries

The Schlumberger Foundation is accepting new applications for the 2021–2022 Faculty for the Future Fellowships from September 9th to November 9th, 2020.

The Faculty for the Future program, launched in 2004, awards fellowships to women from developing and emerging countries to pursue PhD or Post-doctoral research in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) fields at leading universities worldwide. The program’s long-term goal is to accelerate gender equality in STEM by generating conditions that result in more women pursuing scientific careers through alleviating some of the barriers they encounter when enrolling in STEM disciplines. The program is committed to gender parity in science and recognizes that full access to and participation in a STEM curriculum is essential for the empowerment of women and girls. By accelerating gender equality in STEM, the talent and capacities of these women can be developed for the benefit of their local communities, regions and nations.

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