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Welcome to the African Studies Center's Newsletter and list of upcoming events, speaker presentations, tea times, conferences, jobs and other exciting opportunities.

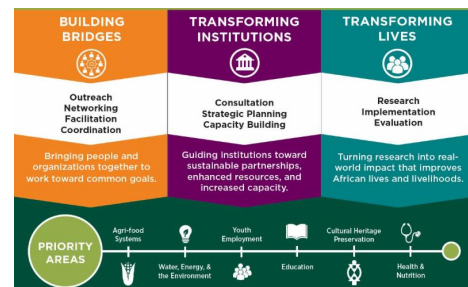
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MSU ANNOUNCEMENTS

AUTHORITARIAN NATIONALISM AND POLITICS IN ZIMBABWE IN THE 21ST CENTURY

Alois S. Mlambo, University of Pretoria, South Africa

Special History Department/African Studies Seminar
May 3 12 noon. History Department, Old Horticulture Room 255

Recent commentators on Zimbabwe's crisis since the turn of the century have drawn attention to the rise of an intolerant, selective and racialized authoritarian nationalism that is becoming increasingly parochial and exclusive. Underpinned by what Terence Ranger referred to as 'patriotic history', this latest version of Zimbabwean nationalism has proved to be highly divisive by categorising Zimbabweans as either 'patriots' or 'sell-outs' and puppets of the West, or as 'sons of the soil' versus 'aliens'. Those labelled sell-outs, puppets or aliens are then regarded as deserving the ill-treatment, political harassment and human rights abuses they are subjected to by state institutions and ruling party supporters, as the new nationalism seeks to suppress any political dissent. The lecture examines the nature of Zimbabwe's new nationalism and locates its birth in the political contestation at the turn of the century.



PUTTING VISION INTO ACTION. **TOGETHER.**

JULY 18-21, 2017 • Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

In partnership with the University of Dar es Salaam and RUFORUM, MSU is officially launching the AAP initiative this July in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. Focused on the theme of "Putting Vision into Action Together," the launch will build on AAP's mission to bring about positive change in Africa through meaningful, equitable partnerships.

The launch event will be Africa-centered and feature prominent African leaders from higher education institutes, research bodies, NGOs, donor organizations and the private sector. The launch sessions are designed to be participatory and innovative, so that invitees will join together in a process of defining the landscape and vision of partnerships; sharing experiences; proposing new ideas for collaborative implementation; and identifying socio-cultural and material resources needed to bring vision into action.

Summer Course Announcement

"African History, Culture, and Society"

ISS 330A, Africa Soc Sci Perspect (I) ONLINE- First summer session

Prof. Nwando Achebe

"African History, Culture, and Society" is a general survey of the history, culture, and society of Africa. The course presupposes no background in African History, therefore during each session the instructor will offer a mini lecture and overview that will provide a historical narrative of a given African theme. The quest for knowledge will commence with an overview of African kingdoms and small scale societies. The course will then touch on slavery, its abolition, the great scramble, and partition of Africa, colonialism in Africa, nationalism, and end with an exploration of some neocolonial realities in the new independent African states.

For additional information, please contact [Prof. Nwando Achebe](#).

CONFERENCES & PUBLISHING



59th Annual Convention Call for Proposals

April 4th - 7th, 2018, San Francisco, California

Submission Deadline: June 1st, 2017

Many approaches to understanding international politics begin with the observation that international politics

through a vast web of rules-- formal and informal, explicit and implicit. While powerful actors may have disproportionate influence in the creation, maintenance, and contestation of rules, explicit and implicit rules also influence notions of power and serve as sources of power. There is an endogenous, mutually constitutive, relationship between power and rules.

Our 2018 conference theme seeks to understand the relative and relational influence of power and rules in international politics. While the interaction between power and rules characterizes the subject we study, it also characterizes the international studies profession. We invite proposals that address and problematize power structures, rules, and norms in our discipline, our universities, and our professional associations as well as in international interactions.

[Submit a Proposal](#)

Call for Publication: "Africa and the World: The Continent in Global History"

Contributors are invited for a new book project titled, "Africa and the World: The Continent in Global History" (3 volumes), commissioned by ABC-CLIO. Editor, Saheed Aderinto. This three-volume book would have around 900,000 words and 500 alphabetically arranged entries of 1000 to 2500 words each. Topics to be covered include but not limited to the slave trade, exploration, colonization, African contributions to world civilization, global science, art, and culture, and other subjects on Africa's relationship with the rest of the world. If you are interested in contributing to this project, send your CV to [Saheed Aderinto](#).



Call for participants PhD Workshop

For the first time, the International Metropolis Conference in collaboration with the City of The Hague and the Institute for Migration and Ethnic Studies (IMES) at the University of Amsterdam will offer a special program for PhD students. The program will start on Sunday evening, September 17, 2017 and will adjourn just before the opening of the Conference on Monday afternoon, September 18. The aim is to bring PhD students together to support the development of their international networks and to offer them a platform to discuss, directly with policy officials and civil society organizations, the value of their research for policy. There will be space for 25 students who will be selected on a first come, first served basis, subject to them meeting criteria detailed on the website (see link below).

Those who are accepted will be offered dinner on Sunday evening, lunch on Monday, a waiver for the registration fee for the International Metropolis Conference (September 18-22, 2017), and accommodation free of charge from Sunday September 17 until Friday September 22.

Students who wish to sign up should send an email with information about i) their affiliation, ii) the title and topic of their PhD project, iii) details about their policy related activities, iv) a CV, and v) two letters of recommendation from their supervisors to phdmetropolis@gmail.com.

[Submit an application.](#)

CFP: AFRICAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION OF AFRICA (ASAA)

2nd Biennial Conference: African Studies and Global Politics

The University of Ghana, Legon

October 12-14, 2017

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The African Studies Association of Africa (ASAA) was established in 2013 during the climax of the 50th anniversary celebrations of the Institute of African Studies at the University of Ghana, Legon, to promote Africa's own specific contributions to the advancement of knowledge about the peoples and cultures of Africa and the Diaspora. The ASAA is currently the only multidisciplinary and transdisciplinary professional association on the continent dedicated to the study of Africa from an Africanist perspective, what Kwame Nkrumah, the first president of Ghana, referred to as studying our societies and experiences in an African-centred way.

[Submit an abstract.](#)

FELLOWSHIPS

Postgraduate Scholarships for Nationals of Developing Commonwealth Countries at University of London in UK, 2018

Applications are invited for Postgraduate Scholarships to study the MSc in Veterinary Epidemiology and Public Health by distance learning for the 2018-2020 academic year. These scholarships are open to the students of developing Commonwealth countries.

The scholarships are funded by the Commonwealth Scholarship Commission and academic direction is provided by the Royal Veterinary College (RVC), a constituent College of the University of London.

The University of London is a collegiate research university located in London, England, consisting of 18 constituent colleges, nine research institutes and a number of central bodies.

Course Level: Scholarships are available to pursue MSc programme.

Study Subject: Scholarships are awarded in the field of Veterinary Epidemiology and Public Health.

Eligibility: To study the MSc, students must have:

- * Either a second class honours degree, or the equivalent, in a scientific subject:
 - veterinary science
 - animal science
 - agriculture
 - Biological sciences or medicine.
- * Or a second class honours degree, or the equivalent, in a scientific discipline, which has, in the opinion of the University, included suitable training.

Nationality: The scholarships are available to nationals of developing Commonwealth countries.

THE DEADLINE IS MAY 12, 2017. For additional information or to apply, please visit the [program website](#).

International Postgraduate Research (PGR) Excellence Scholarship

The College of Social Sciences, Arts and Humanities is pleased to offer eight International Excellence Scholarships to the value of £15,000* for September 2017 entry, to its Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) programmes.

The College of Social Sciences, Arts and Humanities contains some of the leading research departments in the UK.

The deadline for applications is 1st June 2017. Applications received after this date will not be considered.

Eligibility Requirements

- Awards will be granted to the strongest applicants based on an assessment of your research proposal, academic record and supporting references
- You must be an international (non-EU) fee paying applicant.
- You must be able to commence studies in September 2017 as a full-time campus based student or part time Distance Learning student.

For additional information, please visit the [program website](#).

AERC-GoK Masters and PhD Fellowships for Kenyan Students in Africa, 2017

The African Economic Research Consortium (AERC) is offering Masters Fellowships for Kenyan students admitted to any one of the CMAP universities. Female candidates are highly encouraged to apply.

AERC's mission is to strengthen local capacity for conducting independent, rigorous inquiry into the problems facing the management of economies in sub-Saharan Africa.

The African Economic Research Consortium (AERC) was established in 1988 as a public not-for-profit organization devoted to the advancement of economic policy research and training in Africa.

Course Level: Fellowships are available for pursuing master's programme any one of the following CMAP universities: Addis Ababa University (Ethiopia), University of Botswana, University of Dar es Salaam (Tanzania), University of Cape Coast (Ghana), University of Ghana (Legon), University of Nairobi (Kenya), University of Mauritius (University of Namibia), University of Malawi and University of Zimbabwe.

For additional information, please visit the [program website](#).

Africa Prize for Engineering Innovation

Applications are invited for the Africa Prize from ambitious and talented sub-Saharan African engineers from all disciplines to stimulate, celebrate and reward innovation and entrepreneurship in sub-Saharan Africa.

Shortlisted applicants will receive a six-month package of tailored support to help them achieve commercial success from their innovation. The overall winner will receive £25,000 (or local currency equivalent).

For additional information, please access the [organization's website](#).

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS: Reporting Fellowship To Zanzibar, Tanzania, August 2017

The IWMF is now accepting applications for a Reporting Fellowship to Tanzania, to take place in August 2017. As part of the African Great Lakes Reporting Initiative, a group of six journalists will report from Zanzibar, a semi-autonomous island off the east coast of mainland Tanzania, covering stories related to the trip theme of civic engagement.

Applicants are asked to pitch stories relevant to the trip location and theme; stories must focus on in-depth and new narratives and be notably different from those reported on previous Fellowships. We will prioritize applications with creative, thoughtful, and original pitches.

FELLOWSHIP DATES:
August 6-19, 2017

ABOUT THE REPORTING TRIP TO TANZANIA:

Fellows will begin their trip in Nairobi, Kenya, where they will complete an orientation and Hostile Environments and First Aid Training (HEFAT) August 6-9. They then depart for eight days of in-country work August 10-19 in Zanzibar, Tanzania. Fellows will have the opportunity to network with other journalists, report independently and collaboratively with their peers, and gain access to a variety of sources and sites related to their reporting.

For additional information, please access the [organization's website](#).

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