



# AFRICA'S CHANGING INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND REALITIES

5th Pécs African Studies Conference

MAY 24–26, 2018

PÉCS (HUNGARY), UNESCO GLOBAL LEARNING CITY

## CALL FOR PAPERS

The Africa Research Centre of the Department of Political Studies, University of Pécs (HU), in co-operation with Metropolitan State University Denver (USA), also co-sponsored by the Polish African Studies Centre at the University of Wrocław (PL), the Jagellonian Research Centre for African Studies in Cracow (PL) and the Centre of African Studies at the University of West Bohemia (CZ) will host an international interdisciplinary conference on Africa's changing international relations and realities. The working language will be English.

The conference focuses on discussing Africa's potential place and role in international politics and the interconnected global economy of the 21st century, as much as how the enhanced dynamics of external actor engagements affect daily realities across the continent. It will offer the ground to present both macro and micro perspectives and to analyze the various interactions among different entities and stakeholders. One of the key questions will be how a confident 'African agency' can determine the most desirable path of development for Africans and what types of partnership African peoples want for their own future.

A special event will close the conference: part of the official program of the rotating presidency of the Visegrad Four held by Hungary in 2017-18, a V4 Political-Scientific Symposium on Africa Policies and African Studies will be organized in collaboration with the Hungarian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

## PROPOSED PANELS

- I. **History** (colonialism, imperialism revisited, decolonization, military conflicts and their aftermath, new imperialism, second scramble for Africa)
- II. **Politics** (civil wars, nation-building and ethnic cleansing, fragile states, African ownership, African Union, decentralization, regionalization, role of INOs, GOs, NGOs, security issues, political culture, Africa in world politics, women in politics)
- III. **Economics** (development plans and failures, old and new venture forms, strategic resources, raw materials and value-added production, old and new investors, FDI, ITC, from zero sum to win-win, impact of the global crises, emerging economies in Africa)
- IV. **Sociology** (interethnic co-operation, impact of education, illiteracy, new elites–old poverty, reconciliation, demobilization, child soldiers)
- V. **Humanitarian aid and voluntary action** (role of INOs, GOs, NGOs, assessment)
- VI. **Anthropology** (social- and cultural anthropology, new and old folklore, tradition and tourism)
- VII. **Medicine** (evolution of tropical medicine, AIDS prevention, virology, epidemiology, threats, prevention, health migration issues)
- VIII. **Diaspora** (global African migrations, refugees, diasporas and development, diaspora involvement and foreign policy, diasporas and peacemaking)



## REGISTRATION AND PARTICIPATION

Those interested in presenting their research findings and scientifically-backed opinions are requested to take the steps of registration as follows:

1. Send your **abstracts** of maximum 300 words to tarrosy.istvan@pte.hu no later than **midnight 20 March 2018**. The final selection will be concluded by the Scientific Board of the Conference until 1 April 2018.
2. After having been selected for the conference, arrange your **accommodation**. The organisers will assist you with information on optimal bookings and related issues.
3. Arrange your **travel** accordingly. The organisers will help you find the best ways to get to Pécs.
4. After having arranged the necessary administration with the conference organisers, and your travel and accommodation are settled, participate in the conference, after which submit your **papers** to the above e-mail address by **midnight 30 July 2018**. We plan to publish a special issue of the Hungarian journal of African Studies [Afrika Tanulmányok] by early 2019.

## PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

24 May (Thursday)	25 May (Friday)	26 May (Saturday)
09:00–10:00 Registration	09:00–12:30 Panel sessions	Optional Programme in the City of Pécs
10:00–10:30 Welcome addresses	12:30–14:00 Buffet lunch	
10:30–11:30 Keynote address including debate	14:00–17:00 V4 Symposium	09:30 Cultural tour in the City Centre, UNESCO World Heritage Sites and galleries, the Zsolnay Cultural Quarter and lunch with wine-tasting
11:30–13:00 Panel sessions	17:00–18:00 "Füssi Nagy Géza" Memorial Lecture	
13:00–14:30 Buffet lunch	18:00–18:30 Final remarks and future follow-up	
14:30–18:00 Panel sessions	20:00 Conference dinner	
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**May 24, Thursday**

09:00 – 10:00 **Registration** (Szentágothai Research Centre, University of Pécs)

10:00 – 10:30 **Welcome addresses** (Room B001)

10:30 – 11.30 **Keynote lecture** (Room B001): Cole, L. (GM) “Creating and enhancing capacity in Africa for efficient economic and social development”

11:30 – 13:00 **Morning panels I.**

Room B001

Chair: Tarrósy, I.

*Rising Africa, development, aid and democratization*

1. Taylor (UK), Why “Africa Rising” is a Myth

2. Zajontz (UK), ‘China in Africa’ and the spatio-temporal fix: Theorising Sino-African corridorism

3. Hyden (USA), Beyond Foreign Aid in Africa: Challenges and Opportunities

4. Cibian (RO), Beyond Underdevelopment: ‘Hermeneutical translations’ and democratization efforts in Sub-Saharan Africa and Central and Eastern Europe

Room A001

Chair: Kopinski, D.

*Developmental state, development policies, political economy*

5. Biedermann (HU), African developmental states facing strengthening Chinese influence: opportunity or complication?

6. Klemensits (HU), The Singapore model for the developing Africa – The legacy of Lee Kuan Yew and the island state’s relations with Africa

7. Selatole (ZA), Development Policy Implementation in Southern Africa

8. Wiegratz (UK), The political economy of the revival of cooperatives under neoliberalism: the case of Uganda

Room A002

Chair: Thobhani, A.

*Integration, regions, East Africa*

9. Mathews (ET), Regional Integration: The African Union and the European Union

10. Milej (KE), A people-centred and participative regional integration? The case of the East African Community (EAC)

11. Bagi (HU), Female Political Representation in the EAC States

12. Solymári (HU), East African presence of the Hungarian Charity Service of the Order of Malta

13:00 – 14:30 **Buffet lunch**

14:30 – 16:00 **Afternoon panels I.**

Room B001

Chair: Hyden, G.

*Children, youth and education*

13. Gila – Latief (ZA), South African Youth in Politics

14. Peter (ZA), Young South Africans: Apathetic and Disinterested in Politics or Fed Up With the System?

15. Hideg (HU), Fair play in the shadow of the Kenyan education system

Room A001

Chair: Pásztor, Sz.

*Communities, local actions*

16. Masocha (ZW), Caring for corporate plants: Tobacco Contract farming in Chiweshe, Zimbabwe

17. Czirják (HU), Activization of local resources in slum upgrading

18. Dömös (HU), Local action in Italy: the centro sociale and migration from Africa

19. Folorunso (NG), Culture and cross-cultural understanding: a panacea for peaceful co-existence among ethnic groups in Nigeria

Room A002

Chair: Klosowicz, R. (PL)

*Historical relations across Africa from the cold war up to the present day*

20. Zamponi (I), The cold war in Africa. The contexts of the Horn of Africa and of Southern Africa

21. Búr (HU), Foe or Friend? South Africa in the bipolar system

22. Thobhani (USA), The Dynamics of Morocco’s Intra-Continental Relations under King Mohammed VI

23. Besenyő (HU), The Austro-Hungarian Empire as possible coloniser of Western Sahara in 1899

16:00 – 16:30 **Coffee break**

16:30 – 18:00 **Afternoon panels II.**

Room B001

Chair: Búr, G.

*Migration and diaspora*

24. Tabe (CM), Africa-EU

Security Cooperation:

Migration Crisis Management

25. Mormul (PL),

Protracted refugeedom –

Sahrawi refugee camps in

Algeria

26. Shipilov (RU), Political

Influence of the Lebanese

Diaspora in Cote d'Ivoire

before the 2020 Elections

27. McLeod (USA), The

Feminization of Caribbean

Emigration and its Meaning

for Mothering and Masculinity

Room A001

Chair: Biedermann, Zs.

*Business and trade*

28. Mmereki (BW), Doing

business in Botswana: the

destination of choice

29. Oyewale (NG), The

Rise and decline of Cocoa

Production and its Economic

Implication on Cocoa Farmers

in Ondo State, Nigeria. 1950-

1980

30. Neszmélyi (HU),

Nigeria's foreign trade policy

in service of economic

diversification

31. Pasztor (HU), The New

Wave of Currency

Devaluations in Africa – Will

the Devalued Ethiopian Birr

Help Coffee Exports?

Room A002

Chair: Piknerova, L. (CZ)

*Horn of Africa and security*

32. Marsai (HU), Scramble

for the Horn of Africa

33. Benesova (CZ),

Ethiopian and Kenyan

Approach to Somalia since

1991: Comparative

Perspective

34. Gebrewahd (ET),

Securitization and

militarization of the Border:

Security dilemma in post-

1998 Ethiopia and Eritrea

35. Abbay (USA),

Ethiopia's Bumpy Road to

Democracy

18:30 – 19:30 Abdoul Camara's (SN) **African drum and dance show** (Nappali Café, Király u.) (*bus transport will be provided*)

20:00 – 22:00 **Conference dinner** (Palatinus Hotel)

### May 25, Friday

09:00 – 10:30 **Morning panels II.**

Room B001

Chair: Mormul, J.

*China investing in Africa*

36. Kopinski (PL), Chinese

investments in the Angolan oil

sector: continuity and change

37. Tycholiz (PL),

Dynamics of Chinese

investments in Angola:

looking beyond the oil sector

38. Zhao (CN), Risks and

Countermeasures of Sichuan

Enterprises'. International

Industrial Capacity

Cooperation with Africa

39. Ehizuelen (CN), China

Relocating Labour-intensive

Manufacturing Factories to

Africa: New Opportunities and

Strategies for Catch-up

Room A001

Chair: Hyden, G.

*Sovereignty and identity*

40. Mihatsch (AT),

Sovereignty in Africa. From a

European Idea to an African

Reality

41. Musabende (UK),

What should we make of

claims of 'African-ness' at the

African Union? Unpacking the

dynamics of African collective

identity

42. Balázs (HU), Sharing

sovereignty – state and non-

state actors in sub-Saharan

Africa supporting France's

perception as a great power

43. Sidelko (USA),

Morocco and the Arab Spring

Room A002

Chair: Marsai, V.

*Issues of security*

44. Kosciolok (PL), The

creation of the anti-genocide

movement in the USA in the

light of post-cold war

American policy on genocide

incidents in Africa and the

activities of non-governmental

organizations

45. Mokhawa (BW),

National Security Dilemmas of

Southern African States

46. Ruon Jal (ET), Question

of Viability of IGAD Mediation

Process on South Sudan

Conflict: The Challenges

Facing the South Sudan Peace

Process

10:30 – 11:00 **Coffee break**

11:00 – 12:30 **Morning panels III.**

Room B001

Chair: McLeod, J.

*Interdisciplinary issues*

47. Czerep (PL), Social media dynamics as a new factor in African politics

48. Gúti (HU) – T.

Horváth (HU), Janus-faced paradigms in the African Union's language policy

49. Biernaczky (HU), Sub-Saharan Africa's economy in the light of anthropological facts

50. Vecsey (HU), EU-Africa relations after Abidjan

Room A001

Chair: Wiegatz, J.

*Emerging actors and their policies in Africa*

51. Yetkin (TR), Turkey's relationship with Africa

52. Dudlák (HU), Between hard and soft: the political economy of Turkish involvement in Somalia

53. Csepregi (HU), The emerging role of non-traditional powers in African affairs – a case study of African-Israeli cooperation

54. Gerőcs (HU), Russia's Scramble for Africa. Critical overview

Room A002

Chair: Taylor, I.

*Visegrad-Africa relations*

55. Chmiel (PL), Visegrad Countries relations with Africa in the context of the ACP-EU Partnership Agreement after 2020

56. Tona (CD) – Mutombo (HU), Fostering the health care in Sub-Saharan Africa – introducing the pilot project of the Foundation for Africa Hungary

57. Ginelli (HU), The Ghana Job: Opening Socialist Hungary to the "Developing World"

58. Tarrósy (HU), Government scholarships as soft power tools: Hungary-Africa relations under Communism and in the post-Soviet era

12:30 – 14:00 **Buffet lunch**

14:00 – 16:30 (Room B001)

**Visegrad Political-Scientific Symposium on Africa Policies and African Studies**

With the participation of heads of departments of African Affairs in ministries of foreign affairs, as well as representatives of university departments/research centers of African Studies of the four Visegrad countries.

16:30 – 17:00 **Coffee break**

17:00 – 18:00 (Room B001)

**Füssi Nagy Géza Memorial Lecture**

Régi, T. (HU) "The problem of symbols: language and tradition in Africa"

18:00 – 18:30 **Closing**

19:00 – 20:30 **Buffet dinner**

21:00 – 24:00 DJ Director's **African Music Night** (Made in Pécs Café)