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Institute on Health, Politics and Society in Africa

Call for Applications for the 2005 Session

As part of on-going programme innovation and expansion, CODESRIA in 2004 launched an institute on Health, Politics and Society in Africa in a bid to promote an enhanced interest in multidisciplinary health research among African scholars. The initiative flows from the current CODESRIA strategic plan which has placed a considerable emphasis on the promotion of social science approaches to health studies in Africa and a structured dialogue between the Social Sciences and the Health/Biomedical Sciences. The Theme for the 2005 Session is **Access and Equity in African Health Systems**.

Organisation

The activities of all CODESRIA institutes centre on presentations made by resident researchers, visiting resource persons, and the participants whose applications for admission as laureates are successful. The sessions are led by a scientific director who, with the help of invited resource persons, ensures that the laureates are exposed to the range of research and policy issues generated by or arising from the theme of the Institute for which they are responsible. Open discussions drawing on books and articles relevant to the theme of a particular institute or a specific topic within the theme are also encouraged. Each of the participants selected to participate in any of the Council's institutes as a laureate is required to prepare a research paper to be presented during the course of the particular institute they attend. Laureates are expected to draw on the insights which they gain from

the Institute in which they participate to produce a Revised version of their research papers for consideration for publication by CODESRIA. For each institute, the CODESRIA Documentation and Information Centre (CODICE) prepares a comprehensive bibliography on the theme of The year. Access is also facilitated to a number of documentation centres in and around Dakar.

Prospective participants in the Institute are invited to address themselves to these different entry points and other related aspects of research on health system governance in Africa.

The Director

For every session of its various institutes, CODESRIA appoints an External scholar with a proven track-record of quality work to provide Intellectual leadership. Directors are senior scholars known for their expertise in The topic of the year and for the originality of their thinking on it.

Resource Persons

Lectures to be delivered at the Institute are intended to offer laureates an opportunity to advance their reflections on the theme of the programme and on their own research topics. Resource Persons are, senior scholars or scholars in their mid-career who have published extensively on the topic, and who have a significant contribution to make to the debates on it. They will be expected to produce lecture materials which serve as think pieces that stimulate laureates to engage in discussion and debate around the lectures and the general body of literature available on the theme.

Laureates

Applicants should be African researchers who have completed their university and /or professional training, with a proven capacity to carry out research on the theme of the Institute. Intellectuals active in the policy process and/or in social movements/civic organisations are also encouraged to apply. The number of places offered by CODESRIA at each session of its institutes is limited to fifteen (15) fellowships. Non-African scholars who are able to raise funds for their participation may also apply for a limited number of places.

Applications

Applicants are invited for the positions of Director, Resource Persons and Laureates.

The deadline for the submission of applications is set for **10 June, 2005**.

The Institute will be held in Dakar, Senegal in July 2005. All applications or requests for further information should be addressed to:

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FOTIM AND GAELIC Conference

Mentoring: an Instrument for Transformation
11 and 12 October 2005 at the TSA Conference
Centre, Johannesburg

The FOTIM and GAELIC Mentorships conference committee invites you to participate in the first ever conference on mentoring in higher education in South Africa! The conference will focus on three distinct sub-themes in parallel :

- mentoring in the academic community: strategies that work;
- mentoring students: changing lives;
- mentoring strategies for professional & support staff: making the link

Interactive presentations and workshops will provide valuable opportunities for dialogue, sharing ideas, best practices, and challenges in implementing mentorships in these diverse contexts implicit in the contemporary campus. There will be a wealth of opportunities for networking and for discovering what has been achieved in this most interesting platform for developing people.

www.fotim.ac.za/conference.html
(NR Accessible from mid-March)

The CODESRIA Child and Youth Studies Institute 2005 Session

*Music and Sports in the Making of Child and
Youth Identities in Contemporary Africa*

The Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa (CODESRIA) is pleased to announce the fourth session of its Child and Youth Studies Institute and invites interested scholars to send applications for consideration for selection as laureates, resource persons, and director in the session which is scheduled for October 2005. The Institute is an off-shoot of the Council's Child and Youth Studies Programme and is designed to strengthen analytic capacity on all questions affecting children and the youth in Africa and elsewhere in the world. The impetus for the introduction of the Institute was strengthened by the critique emanating from African researchers of the content and context of the developmental crises facing the continent and the link between these problems and what is now generally referred to as the Child and Youth Question. The Institute is, therefore, designed as an annual multidisciplinary forum where participants can reflect together on a specific aspect of the conditions of children and the youth in Africa and, in so doing, contribute to the advancement of the frontiers of knowledge and policy. Each session will be held over a period of four weeks under the leadership of a designated director.

Laureates

Candidates wishing to be considered for selection as laureates in the Institute should normally be researchers based in African institutions and who have completed their university education/professional training. Furthermore, they should have a demonstrable interest in the Child and Youth Question. Self-sponsoring non-African candidates will also be considered for a limited number of spaces in the Institute. A total of 15 laureates will be selected from the applications received.

Resource Persons

Four resources persons will be selected to work with the director of the Institute to facilitate the discussions and debates that will be held. The resource persons are required to deliver lectures to help the laureates to stimulate their reflections on the theme and assist laureates to revise their research proposals for the Institute. As such, the resource persons must have a strong scholarly track record on the Institute's theme. Each resource person will be given a slot to make up to

three presentations to the laureates; and will be called upon to offer comments on the proposals of the laureates.

Director

The Director takes on the overall responsibility for managing the Scientific sessions of the Institute not only in terms of designing an overall programme of presentations and discussions but also assisting the laureates to get the best out of the programme. The director is also expected to edit the proceedings of the Institute once the reports of the laureates and the revised papers of the resource persons are received. Candidates for this position should be accomplished scholars who will be able both to guide and inspire the laureates. Candidates to be considered for this role are requested to submit:

All applications received for consideration as laureates, resource persons and director will be screened by an independent selection committee made up of eminent scholars with expertise on the theme of the Institute. The deadline for the receipt of applications is: **26 August 2005.**

For further details as well as applications kindly write to:
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COVIDSET 2005

The 1st African Regional Conference of Vice-Chancellors, Provosts and Deans of Science, Engineering and Technology (COVIDSET 2005) will take place from 15th – 17th November 2005 in Accra.

This is to remind all that the deadline for submission of Abstracts is 31 March 2005. Papers are invited on any issue relating to strengthening of Science and Technology Training Institutions in Africa and the delivery of Science and Engineering Education.

Please visit our website www.ansticonference.org for further details.

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Africa Review of Books

Notes for Contributors

The Africa Review of Books presents a biannual review of works on Africa in the social sciences, humanities and creative arts. It is also intended to serve as a forum for critical analyses, reflections and debates about Africa. As such, the Review solicits book reviews, review articles and essays. Contributions that traverse disciplinary boundaries and encourage interdisciplinary dialogue and debate are particularly welcome.

Reviews and essays should be original contributions: they should not have been published elsewhere prior to their submission, nor should they be under consideration for any other publication at the same time.

The recommended length of manuscripts is 2000 words, with occasional exceptions of up to 3,000 words for review articles or commissioned essays. Notes (which should be submitted as endnotes rather than as footnotes) should be used sparingly.

Manuscripts should begin with the following publication details: title of the book; author; publisher; number of pages; price; and ISBN number.

Manuscripts are best sent electronically as e-mail attachments. If sent by post as hard copy, they should be accompanied by soft versions on diskette in the MS Word or RTF format. Authors should also send with their submissions their full address and institutional affiliation as well as a short bio-data (including a sample of recent publications) for use on the "Notes on Contributors" section.

Authors are entitled to two copies of the issue of the Review in which their contribution is published.

All communications (contributions, editorial correspondence, books for review, as well as subscription and advertising enquiries) should be addressed to:

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**The Changing Politics of Land in Africa: Domestic Policies, Crisis Management and Regional Norms
Call For Papers**

**Transformation des politiques foncières en Afrique: politiques nationales, gestion de crises et normes
régionales**

Appel A Contributions

Date: 28-29 November 2005

Venue: University of Pretoria, Republic of South Africa

Partnership: IFAS/French Embassy of South Africa /
London School of Economics

Ending post-colonial conflicts in Africa and reconstructing states and societies in their aftermaths is the focus of much international activism since the 1990s. In cases such as Mozambique and South Africa, the movement from war to peace has resulted in tangible economic and social improvements in the lives of individuals and the communities. And yet, for all the successes that can be pointed to, there remain numerous instances where peace still has only a tenuous grip on society or conflict has re-asserted itself. A common denominator of those states which have succumbed to political violence is the failure of post-conflict reconstruction to address the issue of land. As a primary and fundamental but also highly symbolic resource for the vast majority of African peoples, land holds a unique position within so-called traditionalist societies and economies. Indeed, much of the conflict experienced in the colonial and post-colonial period can be traced back to its summary expropriation from the peasantry by various authorities. In this sense, the absence of any systematic analysis of the status of land, changes to tenure and, ultimately, the integration of these insights into post-conflict reconstruction strategies - embarked upon African governments and international community - potentially undermines their very success.

This conference will seek to examine and analyse the role of land as a site and source of conflict, especially with regard to post-conflict reconstruction. The central aim of the conference, being comparative in nature, is to gain insight into the nature of policy making concerning land, not only at national level but at the broader African state system level as well and the degree to which the challenges facing it - in the form of new norms of governance of state and markets (most recently articulated in the NEPAD initiative or put forward by several African State leaders supporting anti-imperialist policies) - influence the latter.

As such, the conference will compare responses to internal crisis related to land across a range of African sub-regional groupings. It will adopt a continental perspective on the topic, that is to say, investigate cases drawn from all regions across Africa. Papers (selected through an international review committee) are welcomed from academics, policy makers or main practitioners dealing with the politics of land. Proceedings will be compiled and edited for publication. The conference is linked to a three-year project on land policy in Southern Africa jointly sponsored by the French Institute of South Africa (IFAS) and the London School of Economics (LSE).

**Abstract of papers (2000-2500 characters)
(in English only) should be sent to:**

Politics of Land Conference

Email: land.conference@ifas.co.za

before the 30th of April 2005 at the latest

Date: 28-29 Novembre 2005

Lieu: Université de Pretoria, Afrique du Sud

Partenariat : IFAS/Ambassade de France en Afrique du Sud /
London School of Economics

La fin des conflits post-coloniaux en Afrique et la reconstruction des Etats et des sociétés ont été l'objet de beaucoup d'attention de la part de différents mouvements militants internationaux depuis les années 1990. Dans des cas comme le Mozambique et l'Afrique du Sud, l'évolution des guerres et des conflits vers la paix a donné lieu à des améliorations considérables des conditions de vie des individus et des communautés. Néanmoins, parmi tous les cas de succès qui peuvent être évoqués, nombreux sont ceux où la paix n'est que très fragile, voire où les conflits réapparaissent. Un dénominateur commun de ces Etats ayant succombé à la violence politique, est l'échec de la reconstruction post-confliktuelle sur la question foncière. Ressource primaire et fondamentale mais également symbolique pour la grande majorité des Africains, la terre jouit d'une position particulière au sein des sociétés et des économies dites traditionnelles. En effet, nombreux sont les conflits des périodes coloniales et post-coloniales émanant de l'expropriation sommaire de la paysannerie par des autorités diverses. Dans ce sens, l'absence d'analyses systématiques du statut de la terre, de la transformation des tenures foncières et, enfin, de l'intégration de ces aspects aux stratégies de reconstruction post-confliktuelle dans lesquelles les gouvernements nationaux et la communauté internationale se sont engagés, compromet potentiellement leur contenu même.

Ce colloque tentera d'analyser et de comprendre le statut de la terre comme lieu et source de conflit, en particulier en liaison avec les stratégies de reconstruction post-confliktuelle. Se voulant comparatif, l'objectif central de ce colloque sera de mieux comprendre le processus d'élaboration des politiques foncières, non seulement au niveau national mais également au niveau des systèmes régionaux inter-étatiques. En particulier, le colloque permettra de saisir l'impact des défis posés au développement de politiques, sous forme de nouvelles normes de gouvernance des Etats et des marchés, récemment articulées dans l'initiative NEPAD et de la montée de discours anti-impérialiste sur les questions foncières.

La conférence comparera ainsi les réponses aux crises internes liées au foncier à travers un certain nombre de sous-régions africaines. La conférence adoptera donc une perspective continentale sur le sujet, c'est-à-dire étudiera des cas issus des différentes régions du continent africain. Des articles (sélectionnés par un comité scientifique international) d'universitaires, de décideurs politiques ou de praticiens concernés par les politiques foncières sont les bienvenus. Les actes seront regroupés et édités pour publication. Cette conférence fait partie d'un programme de recherche sur la réforme foncière en Afrique australe soutenu par l'Institut Français d'Afrique du Sud (IFAS) et la London School of Economics (LSE).

**Les résumés (2000-2500 signes) des articles proposés
(en anglais uniquement) sont à envoyer à :**

« Conférence sur les politiques foncières »

Email : land.conference@ifas.co.za

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NEPAD Council International Conference on Trade and Investment

*Promoting intra- and inter- regional trade
and investment in Africa*

Call for Attendance

You are hereby formally invited to attend the inaugural NEPAD Council conference on trade and investment in East London, South Africa, 25th – 27th May 2005. The Conference is organised by NEPAD Council, Commission for Trade and Investment.

Keynote speakers include:

- Prof W Nkuhlu “ Chairman NEPAD Steering Committee
- Minister M Mangena “ Minister of Science and Technology: South Africa
- Minister M Stofile “ Minister of Sport: South Africa
- Premier N Balindlela “ Premier Eastern Cape
- Ms M Ramos “Group Chief Executive” Transnet
- Prof B Seck “President NEPAD Council”
- Mr M Mosolo “CEO South African Tourism”
- Ms SN Sigcau “ Minister of Public Works”

Important Deadlines

- Submission of abstract and early registration 25 March 2005
- Submission of paper and registration - 05 April 2005
- Last day registration - 15 May 2005
- Conference dates - 25 - 27 May 2005

For more information and for registration form and brochure please visit our website on www.nepadcouncil.org/conference2005

Should you require any further information, wish to register for the conference, or be interested in purchasing a corporate package, kindly see attached document or contact the Conference Secretary.

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First International Conference on the Geology of Tethys

Invitation to Attend

Circular of First International Conference on the Geology of Tethys (12-14 November, 2005, Cairo University) organized by the Tethys Geological Society

The Tethys Geological Society, Cairo, Egypt has the honor of inviting you to participate in the conference activities. The conference discusses the new contributions in different fields of earth sciences and their impact on economic and environmental development in the Tethys regions.

For circular of the conference and registration form, kindly write to:.

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Africa Review of Books: Scholars to review books

The editors of the recently launched CODESRIA publication - Africa Review of Books would like to invite scholars to review any of their books. Those interested in reviewing the books should write to arb.fss@telecom.net.et <<mailto:arb.fss@telecom.net.et>> for the list of books and Notes to Contributors. Scholars should also send their mailing address so that the publishers can send the books they wish to review directly to them. The deadline for receiving the book reviews is **June 30, 2005**.

Colleagues who have come across other books worthy of review are welcome to send reviews. We thank you in advance for your support to the Africa Review of Books.