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## Lusotopie Journal

### Call for Contributions

The 'Journal Lusotopie: Recherches politiques sur les espaces issus de l'histoire et de la colonisation portugaises' is calling for articles on contemporary issues and recent political events in, or of interest to Portuguese-speaking countries for its two issues in 2006. The articles will undergo appraisal. They may be written in French, in Portuguese or in English, or exceptionally in another language using the Latin alphabet. Among the themes of interest to the journal, we can mention:

- the defeat of the right in Portugal and the European context
  - the general elections in Guinea-Bissau
  - the third victory of FRELIMO in Mozambique: political stability or large-scale marginalisation?
  - Angola in peacetime, Angola in poverty?
  - From Lula to Lula II?
  - The PT and governance?
  - Lula and the ZLEA (ALCA) project
  - Galicia without Fraga
  - Portugal, Angola and Brazil faced with the war in Iraq (comparative analysis)
  - Portugal, Spain, France and the impossible referendum (the European Constitution)
  - Cape Verde in the European Union?

Any other theme relating to contemporary issues may be submitted. Authors are warned that

their agreement for the publication of their article in the Journal also applies to on-line publication of the said article.

Please note that the deadlines are tight! The articles must have arrived at the editorial office in the course of the month of August or no later than September 2005 for the first 2006 issue (to be published in April 2006), and November 2005 for the second 2006 issue (publication in November 2006). Send the articles you propose exclusively to Brigitte Lachartre:

<[lachartre.b@wanadoo.fr](mailto:lachartre.b@wanadoo.fr)>. The articles must be sent accompanied by an abstract of about fifteen lines written in impersonal style (this abstract will be published in the three languages).

To get to know Lusotopie better, you can visit the journal's website (<http://www.lusotopie.sciencespo-bordeaux.fr>)

Lusotopie is now published by Brill (Leiden). The scientific orientation of the journal has not changed. The 2004 volume (last volume to be published by Karthala, Paris) contains a file on the subject "Media, Identity, Power" (to be published in September 2005). The first volume to be published by Brill (November 2005) contains a file on "Genre et rapports sociaux dans les espaces lusophones / Gênero e relações sociais nos espaços lusófonos / Gendered social relationships in Portuguese-speaking spaces".

## Scientific Information for African Universities

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For more information see:

[www.egranary.org](http://www.egranary.org) / [www.widernet.org](http://www.widernet.org)

## The Libyan Arab International Conference on Electrical and Electronic Engineering (LAICEEE)

The Libyan Arab international conference on Electrical and Electronic Engineering (LAICEEE) is one of the well-known technical international conferences held in Libya. The theme of the conference is the Electrical and Electronic Engineering for the services of society. The first conference was held in Tripoli March 1985, the second in March 1989, and the third in March 1996. The number of participants in the third conference was about 1000 from 19 countries, and the number of published papers in the proceedings was 102 in three volumes. The conference included 15 technical sessions and three panel discussions. Members of international technical program committee refereed the papers.

The fourth conference will be held in Tripoli, Libya from 20-23 March 2006. The call for papers is available at the conference web site ( <http://www.laiceee.org> ).

For further information, send a request via email to ([info@laiceee.org](mailto:info@laiceee.org) )  
Kindly help disseminate this information as widely as possible.

## Articles for Journals

You are specially invited to submit articles to be considered, refereed and published in the first issue i.e. Vol. 1, No. 1, of this extremely important International Journal of Computational and Applied Mathematics (IJCAM). Please kindly introduce this journal to your colleagues and invite them to submit their articles as well for consideration and publication in Vol. 1, No. 1 of IJCAM. This journal is extremely important since it provides a much needed platform for the exchange of research ideas between developed and developing countries. We are working very hard to complete the publication of this first issue latest by December 2005. Kindly forward your articles as soon as possible to the coordinating editor. For the list of editors and details for the preparation and submission of articles to IJCAM, kindly send mail to:

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**The Africa-America Institute to Administer First Data Western  
Union Foundation Scholarship**  
**Africa-America Institute gère le programme de Bourse de la  
Fondation First Data Western Union**

First Data Western Union Foundation announced that the Africa-America Institute (AAI) will receive a \$100,000 grant to facilitate a scholarship program in Africa in celebration of Western Union's successful 10 year presence on the continent.

AAI will partner with the Association of African Universities (AAU), based in Accra, Ghana, to select qualified post-graduate (Masters & Doctorate) students in business, education, engineering and natural sciences as recipients of scholarships.

One to three students from each of the ten countries in Africa where Western Union operates will receive a \$10,000 scholarship to cover tuition, books, fees and living expenses for the 2005 - 2006 academic year. The countries are Cameroon, Cote d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ghana, Kenya, Mali, Morocco, Nigeria, Senegal and Tunisia.

If a student is unable to study in his or her country, then the student can receive a scholarship to study in a neighboring country, as long as he or she is a native of one of the aforementioned countries. All awards are to be used in African universities.

Scholarships will be awarded for the 2005-2006 academic year.

To be considered for the scholarship, interested applicants must:

1. Write a three-page essay on "How can education help to further develop my country?"
2. Provide the following information:
  - a. Name:
  - b. Address
  - c. Telephone number:
  - d. Country of origin:
  - e. Expected date of enrollment:
  - f. Location of university:
  - g. Field of Concentration:
  - h. Estimated annual cost of your program:
  - i. Expected degree:
  - j. Expected year of graduation:
3. Provide proof of enrollment or admission to an African University for your program.
4. Provide one letter of reference from an academic source. This letter must highlight your character, academic accomplishments and potential. It must also confirm your country of origin.

Submit your biographical data and essay **by e-mail only** to The Association of African Universities [wunion@aau.org](mailto:wunion@aau.org). The proof of enrollment and letter of recommendation must be faxed to the AAU in Accra, GHANA at +233 21-774821. Please indicate « **WESTERN UNION** » on faxes.

All requirements must be submitted **by July 31, 2005**. Successful applicants will be notified by September 1, 2005.

La Fondation First Data Western Union a annoncé que l'établissement Africa-America Institute (AAI) recevra une subvention de \$100,000 pour faciliter un programme de bourses en Afrique pour la commémoration d'une décennie de présence et de travail fructueux de Western Union sur le continent. AAI collaborera avec l'Association des Universités africaines (AUA), basée à Accra au Ghana, pour sélectionner des étudiants du troisième cycle (DEA/DESS & Doctorat), pour l'octroi de bourses d'étude dans les domaines suivants : gestion, éducation, ingénierie et sciences naturelles.

Un à trois étudiants dans chacun des dix pays africains dans lesquels Western Union opère, recevront une bourse de \$10,000 pour couvrir les frais suivants : cours, livres, frais de scolarité, indemnité de subsistance pour l'année scolaire 2005-2006. Les pays bénéficiaires sont le Cameroun, la Côte d'Ivoire, la République Démocratique du Congo, le Ghana, le Kenya, le Mali, le Maroc, le Nigeria, le Sénégal et la Tunisie. Un étudiant qui n'est pas en mesure de faire des études dans son pays peut bénéficier de cette bourse lui permettant de poursuivre ses études dans l'un des pays limitrophes tant qu'il est ressortissant d'un des pays susmentionnés. Tous les prix sont destinés à être déboursés dans les universités africaines.

Les bourses seront décernées pour l'année scolaire 2005-2006

Pour être bénéficiaires, les candidats intéressés doivent :

1. Rédiger une dissertation de trois pages sur le sujet suivant: Comment l'éducation peut-elle aider à développer davantage mon pays ?
2. Fournir les renseignements suivants :
  - a. Nom :
  - b. Adresse :
  - c. Numéro de téléphone :
  - d. Pays d'origine :
  - e. Date envisagée d'inscription :
  - f. Pays et ville où se trouve l'université :
  - g. Domaine de spécialisation :
  - h. Estimation du coût annuel du programme :
  - i. Diplôme envisagée :
  - j. Année de fin d'études :
3. Fournir la preuve d'inscription ou d'admission à une université africaine dans laquelle le programme choisi sera poursuivi.
4. Fournir une lettre de référence provenant d'une source académique. Cette lettre doit refléter votre caractère, vos réalisations académiques et votre potentiel. Elle doit aussi confirmer votre pays d'origine.

Soumettez vos informations biographiques et votre dissertation uniquement par e-mail à l'Association des Universités Africaines - [wunion@aau.org](mailto:wunion@aau.org). La preuve d'inscription et de la lettre de recommandation doit être envoyée par télécopie à l'AUA, Accra, GHANA au numéro ci-après : +233 21-774821. Prière d'indiquer « **WESTERN UNION** »

Toutes les conditions requises doivent être remplies avant le 31 juillet 2005. Les candidats admis seront notifiés avant le **1 septembre 2005**.