



The African Studies Association of Australasia and the Pacific (AFSAAP)

33rd Annual African Studies Association of Australia and the Pacific (AFSAAP) Conference
“Engaging Africa/Engaging Africans: Knowledge, Representation, Politics”
Hosted by Victoria University, Level 11, 300 Flinders Street, Melbourne, 2 – 4 December, 2010

Conference Program



Welcome to Melbourne

Welcome to the 33rd annual international conference of the African Studies Association of Australasia and the Pacific (AFSAAP). It is with the greatest pleasure that we, once again, host a wide range of speakers from Australia and abroad. Africa-centred scholarship is an expanding field in Australia encompassing a wide and dynamic range of disciplines. This year's conference will showcase established and emerging talent in Africa-centred research. This year's conference is hosted by AFSAAP in conjunction with Victoria University. We extend our thanks to Victoria University and recognise the important contributions of the conference convenors, organisers and volunteers.

In 2010 we are proud to host participants who bring experiences and ideas of their own particular engagement with Africa and Africa-centred scholarship. It is an exciting time in Australia to be an Africanist as both governments and the public recognise the importance and relevance of Africa to Australia's domestic and foreign interests. Africa-related studies can provide the necessary supports for policy.

Thank you for your participation in this year's conference.

Fernanda Claudio

President

The African Studies Association of Australasia and the Pacific

General information

Conference Dinner

The conference dinner is to be held at Harambe Resturant at 205-207 Nicholson Street, Footscray

Dinner includes an Ethiopian banquet and coffee ceremony. It should be a great opportunity to relax and socialise.

; Please note that Harambe is licensed and beverages other than BYO wine (alcoholic or otherwise) are at your expense. Wine only is alcoholic beverages are BYO.

Late registrations for the Conference Dinner can be accepted only until Lunchtime on Friday, 3/12.

A bus has been arranged to take people from the city to the conference dinner restaurant in Footscray. Preference for the bus places will be given to interstate and international visitors attending the dinner, but others are welcome to travel by bus if there is space available. Please let the conference registration desk know if you wish to have a place on the bus.

The bus will be departing from outside the campus on Flinders Street at 7.10pm sharp on Friday 3 December. If you have not already registered to go to the dinner, please do so promptly. Registration and payment (\$35) may be made online at <http://www.afsaap.org.au/Conferences/2010/Payment.html>

Parking

Parking is available in the university car-park adjacent to the campus. Please note that the car-park closes at 10pm daily so please do not leave your car there if you are going to the dinner

Public transport

The nearest train station is Flinders Street, trams and buses to the area are frequent, for timetables and routes, please refer to <http://www.metlinkmelbourne.com.au>

Postgraduate Day and Conference Commencement – Thursday, 2 December

8.30-9.15	<i>Conference Registration opens- foyer</i>	
9.00-9.30	<p>Official Opening of the Postgraduate Day, Chair/MC: Charles Mphande Rm 11.01 Welcomes on behalf of Victoria University and the African Studies Association for Australia and the Pacific</p> <p>Dr Marianne Hicks, Monash University – Monash and Africa, including sponsorship of the AFSAAP 2010 Postgraduate Prize for Outstanding Essay</p>	
9.30-10.30	<p>Opening Plenary: ‘Understanding university culture’ Chair: Finex Ndhlovu Rm 11.01 Presenters and facilitators: Samantha Balaton-Chrimes and Kudzai Matereke</p>	
10.30-11.00	<i>Morning Tea- foyer</i>	
11.00-12.30	Parallel Paper Sessions	
	<p>Representing Africa Chair: Anne Harris Rm 11.10</p>	<p>Engaging Africa Chair: Tanya Lyons Rm 11.24</p>
	<p>Representing the pain of others: Western Sahara Carmela Baranowska</p>	<p>The Nubians of Kenya as a political community Samantha Balaton-Chrimes</p>
	<p>‘In Search of the Thing Itself’ – Africans in the Art of Three Jewish Artists: Maya Deren (1917 - 1961), Clarice Lispector (1920 -1977), Hélène Cixous (1937 -) Karen Berger</p>	<p>Behind the decline in HIV in Zimbabwe Stephen O'Brien</p>
	<p>Shapes and colours: Race and beauty among the new Africans in the diaspora Peter Run</p>	<p>The globalization of sexual violence: Resource demand and the use of rape in contemporary armed conflict Sara Meger</p>
12.30-1.30	<i>Lunch- foyer</i>	

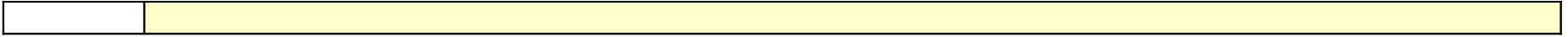
1.00 – 3.00	Parallel Paper Sessions and AFSAAP Executive Meeting (2-4pm)		
	<i>African issues in Africa</i> - Chair: Samantha Ballaton-Chrimes Rm 11.10	<i>African settlement in Australia</i> Chair: Finex Ndhlovu Rm 11.24	
	Mitigating risk of ethnic violence in Africa: An examination of Rwanda and Botswana Stephen McLoughlin	Sleep quality, beliefs and attitudes about sleep: A comparison of caucasian Australian, Zimbabwean and Ghanaian immigrants resident in Australia McLyttton Clever	
	Natural resources and conflict management: The case of Guinea Mamadou Diouma Bah	Sexuality and post-refugee experience of migrants from the Horn of Africa: A new research agenda Samuel Muchoki	2 – 4pm AFSAAP Executive Meeting – Rm 11.09
	Men who have sex with men in Sub-Saharan Africa: Decriminalisation of consensual sexual behaviours and the consequences of HIV vulnerability Shiyavanthi Johnpillai	Who killed Majur Manyang? Tragedy and culture shock among Sudanese migrant youth in Australia Martin Garang Aher	
3.00-3.30	<i>Afternoon Tea- foyer</i>		
3.30-4.45	Postgraduate Plenary: ‘Getting Published’ Chair: Charles Mphande Rm 11.01 Dr Tanya Lyons, Flinders University and Editor of ARAS Dr Finex Ndhlovu, Postdoctoral Fellow, Victoria University Dr Anne Harris, Lecturer in Education, Victoria University		AFSAAP Executive Meeting Continues until 4pm
4.00-5.30	<i>Conference Registration continues- foyer</i>		
4.45-4.55	Closing of Postgraduate Day – Towards AFSAAP 2011 , Dr Tanya Lyons Rm 11.01		
5.00-6.30	Conference Welcome Reception, Level 11 Foyer		

Main Conference Day 1 - Friday 3 December

8.30am	Registration- foyer			
9.15-9.45	Official Opening Chair: Michele Grossman Rm 11.01 Dr Fernanda Claudio , University of Queensland and President of AFSAAP - Welcome and Overview Professor Lindsay Tanner , Vice Chancellor's Professorial Fellow, Victoria University			
9.45-10.45	Keynote Address Chair: Finex Ndhlovu Rm 11.01 Professor Munashe Furusa, California State University, Dominguez Hills 'Re-imagining identities: Continuities and changes in African cultural knowledges in the African diaspora'			
10.45-11.	<i>Morning Tea- Foyer</i>			
11.00	Welcome to Country – Annette Xiberras Chair: Michele Grossman Rm 11.01			
11.15-12.45	Parallel Panel and Paper Sessions			
	Australia and Africa 2010 (Panel) Chair: David Lucas Rm 11.01	The making and re-making of African-Australian identities Chair: Virginia Mapadzahama Rm 11.07	Battlegrounds: War and conflict in Africa Chair: Samantha Balaton-Chrimes Rm 11.10	Do you see what I see? Visual representations of Africa and Africans Chair: Michele Grossman Rm 11.24
	Panel Convenor: David Lucas Speakers: David Lucas Andrew Edge Alec Thornton	"I can't become an Australian because I am always too something to be Australian": African identities, discourses of exclusion and resurgent racism in Australia Finex Ndhlovu	Mortgaged citizenship and domesticated agency in postcolonial Zimbabwe: Towards a politics of recognition Kudzai Matereke	'Culture is our Future': African-Australian representation in film and video, 1985-2010 Anne Harris
		Dropped from the moon: (Mis)representations of 'African'	Responding to mass atrocities in Africa: the responsibility to protect	'Do you see what we see?'/Africa Wants You To

		refugees in Australia Melissa Phillips	and the responsibility to punish Kwun Sun Lau (Raymond)	Leave Us Alone': Images of Africans in the west Ben Silverstein
		"You know African women want to work": Language, identity and social inclusion of African women in Australia Vera Tetteh	The regionalization of humanitarian Intervention: The study of African Union missions in Somalia (2007-2010) Artanti Wardhani	
12.45-1.30	<i>Lunch- Foyer</i>			
1.30-3.00	Parallel Paper Sessions			
	<i>Engaging Africa: Policies and practices</i> Chair: Matthew Neuhaus Rm 11.01	<i>In and out: Social integration and exclusion for African diaspora communities</i> Chair: Apollo Nsubuga-Kyobe – Rm 11.07	<i>Thriving Africa? Environment, resources and climate change</i> Chair: Geoffrey Hawker Rm 11.10	<i>Living Black: Contemporary African-Australian youth issues</i> Chair: Anne Harris Rm 11.24
	From neglected to engaged? Australia's relations with the countries of Africa 2006 - 10 Tanya Lyons	"Everyone disappears": Housing insecurity and social exclusion of Sudanese women in outer western Sydney Rachael Gavarotto	Predicting climate change impacts on yield and cyanogen levels of cassava, an important African staple Roslyn Gleadow, Julie Cliff, et al	'There's just this projection about Africans': Race, safety and policing in Melbourne's western suburbs Michele Grossman
	A way and ways: Engaging Africa and Africans Charles Mphande	Integration and the Australian society: Notions of belonging and social cohesion Janecke Wille	Village poultry: helping to meet the Millennium Development Goals Mary Young, Robyn Alders and Celia Grenning	White boy jeans and African stylez: Young Sudanese and Somalis negotiating visible difference in Melbourne's Inner west Chantelle Higgs
	Harnessing African diaspora to enhance the reengagement	Refugees as citizens, employees and customers	The effect of climate change on termite taxonomy and distribution	<i>Black first and a student second?</i> Exploring embodied

	with African countries Haileluel Gebre-Selassie	Tim Watson	in Africa Berhan Ahmed	experiences of African-born students in Australia's higher education system. Rachel Outhred
3.00-3.30	<i>Afternoon Tea- foyer</i>			
3.30-4.30	Parallel Paper and Panel Sessions			
	Engaging Africa: Nation- and culture-building Chair: Tanya Lyons Rm 11.01	Views on the Human Rights Commission's African Australians project (Panel) Chair: Matthew Albert Rm 11.07	African food futures (Panel) Chair: Kiah Smith Rm 11.10	Wired: Digital technologies and communication in African communities Chair: Helen Borland– Rm 11.24
	The cup and the horn: Globalization, neo-traditionalism and the African World Cup Alan Thorold	Views on the Human Rights Commission's African Australians project: Lived, practical, historical and academic perspectives of experiences of African Australians Convenor: Matthew Albert Speakers: David Lucas Atem Atem Ayel Akot Matthew Albert	African food futures: Problematising food security and food sovereignty Convenor: Kiah Smith Speakers: Kiah Smith Kristen Lyons Nikki Larder	Using mobile phones to support the health and wellbeing of African communities: A critical approach to communicating information with digital technology Ben O'Mara
	Beyond afropessimism: Engaging Africa through cultural renaissance Yirga Gelaw Woldeyes			Improving rural education in Sierra Leone: The potential role of small-scale solar power and ICT interventions Paul Munro and Ame Christiansen
4.45-6.30	Through New Eyes - Films and filmmakers on Africa and Africans (Main Auditorium) Chair/MC: Anne Harris – Rm 11.01			
7.30	Conference Dinner – Harambe African Restaurant, 205-207 Nicholson Street, Footscray (transport from City departing 7.10pm) Speaker: Mr Andrew Edge , Director Africa and Middle East Branch, AusAID			



Main Conference Day 2 – Saturday 4 December

8.30 am	<i>Registration- foyer</i>		
9.00-9.15	Welcome to Day 2 and Announcements , Chair/MC: Helen Borland Rm 11.01		
9.15-10.15	Keynote Address Chair: Michele Grossman Rm 11.01 Professor Paul Zeleza, Loyola Marymount University ‘Producing knowledges of Africa: Which knowledges and for which Africa?’		
10.15-10.45	<i>Morning Tea- foyer</i>		
10.45-12.15	Parallel Panels and Papers		
	<i>Australia’s role in promoting African-led development (Panel)</i> Chair: John McKay Rm 11.01	<i>African languages and language policy: Challenges and possibilities</i> Chair: Helen Borland Rm 11.07	<i>Issues in African-Australian education</i> Chair: Graeme Counsel Rm 11.24
	Convenor: John McKay Melbourne Chapter of the Society for International Development	Demography and language: African immigration to Australia Simon Musgrave, Finex Ndhlovu, Julie Bradshaw, Phuong Dzung Pho	Perceptions of post-settlement African refugee students about the usefulness of ESL programs in their adjustment into the Australian cultural context Noah Mbano
		Processing digital communications in less-resourced African languages Robert Munro	Young refugees and schooling: A paradigm shift in school leadership and pedagogical practices in an ethnically diverse school in regional New South Wales Kiprono Langat
		Challenges and solutions in implementing national languages in educational institutions:	Teaching African students in Legal Studies VU Louise Kyle, Lynne Carolan and Peter Pal

		The Case of Cameroon. Anne Le Guinio		
12.15-1.15	Parallel Panel and Paper sessions			
	<i>African-Australians: Towards enhancing developmental interventions</i> Chair: Elleni Bereded Rm 11.01	<i>Mining Africa – Part 1</i> Chair: Charles Mphande Rm 11.07	<i>Sudan’s Nuba Mountains Protocol and Peace Agreement (Forum)</i> Chair: Finex Ndhlovu – Rm 11.10	<i>Consumption and Conversation</i> Chair: Kudzai Matereke Rm 11.24
	Convenor: Apollo Nsubuga-Kyobe Speakers: Apollo Nsubuga-Kyobe Theresa Sengaaga-Ssali Haileluel Gebre-Selassie Berhan Ahmed	Mining, governance and war in Africa Helen Ware	An explicit evaluation of Nuba Mountains Protocol and Peace Agreement. What Nuba have achieved so far, the expectations of popular consultation? Talib Hamadan TiaAli	Market research in Africa: Challenges and prospects Kwamena Kwansah-Aidoo and Steven Greenland
		Extractive mining companies in Africa – the new “scramble” Geoffrey Hawker	Role of the NGOs in the southern Korodfan State/Nuba Mountain Region. What has been stipulated in the Protocol and its profound influence on the people of the region? Hussein El-Ahmer Kodi	Conserving exploitation? A political ecology of forestry policy in Sierra Leone Paul Munro and Greg Hiemstra- van der Horst
1.15-2.00	Lunch- foyer			
2.00 - 3.30	Parallel Paper Sessions			
	<i>Africa and Australia: Building health and wellbeing</i> Chair: Fernanda Claudio Rm 11.01	<i>Mining Africa – Part 2</i> Chair: Charles Mphande Rm 11.07	<i>Identity, community, inclusion and engagement</i> Chair: Kwamena Kwansah-Aidoo Rm 11.10	<i>The dynamics of (re)settlement for African-Australians</i> Chair: Apollo Nsubuga-Kyobe Rm 11.24
	Australian health research in Africa/African refugee health in Australia (<i>query on title</i>) Jill Sergeant	Australian mining companies in Africa 2008 -2010 David Lucas	The importance of arts and the African cultural heritage for Australia-Africans to maintain their identity	The determinants of subjective well-being of immigrants in Australia: The case of African Australians

			Abdullah Teia and Keith Preston	Temesgen Kifle
	The paradox of skilled nurse migration in Australia: The case of black African migrant nurses Virginia Mapedzahama, Trudy Rudge, Sandra West and Amelie Perron	'Mining' Africa: The imperatives of law, economics and leadership failures Emmanuel Laryea	<i>Mikili</i> : An initiatory and migratory route for Congolese A Clovis Mwamba	Respect and community inclusion – post-settlement Sudanese experiences Ibolya (Ibi) Losoncz
	Talking about teeth – Working together to improve the oral health of the African community in Melbourne's inner west. Carmel Hobbs	The rise of African consumer power: How activists wanting to change the world need to persuade the consumers who matter. Michael Nest	Festival as an educational experience: The African Cultural Memory Youth Arts Festival (ACMYAF) Peter Mbago Wakholi	The challenges facing single parents of African background in Wagga Wagga, NSW Ndungu wa Mungai and Yangi Moi
3.30-5.00	AFSAAP AGM – All new AFSAAP members are encouraged to attend Rm 11.01			
5pm	CONFERENCE CLOSE AND INFORMAL NETWORKING Speakers: Fernanda Claudio and the new AFSAAP President Rm 11.01/Foyer			

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