



AEGIS

Africa-Europe Group for Interdisciplinary Studies

AEGIS Summer School, Cagliari, 3-7 July 2018

Africa: Connections and Disruptions

The 2018 Summer School will be aligned with the ECAS 8 theme of *Africa: Connections and Disruptions*. This highlights both long-term continuities as well as moments of rupture across a number of specific domains, from cultural production to environmental change to politics. The Summer School will focus on some of the discontinuous processes of socio-economic transformation. Secondly, the theme points to the many points of connection within, between, and beyond Africa that have helped to shape the specific patterns of continuity and rupture. This, in turn, encourages us to reflect on the epistemic categories that we deploy as scholars within African Studies. The Summer School welcomes contributions that are based on fresh empirical data, but also invites reflections on the knowledge that is produced about Africa and about possible connections that might transcend conventional understandings of temporality, space and causality. The Summer School is intended to serve as a 'feeder' for the ECAS conference and it is anticipated that the participants will use their contributions as an opportunity to think about what they contribute as panels and presentations at ECAS 8.

The following are some of the specific sub-themes that the Summer School will address, although this should not be considered as definitive or exhaustive:

1. Critical junctures in African history
2. Changing forms of politics: local and global
3. Borders, mobilities, and globalisation
4. Securitisation and (dis)order
5. Infrastructures and power
6. Value chains, consumption and risk
7. Environmental problems, mobility and migration
8. Representing Africa: culture and critique
9. Connected and disrupted – cybercultures in Africa

The 2018 Summer School is organized by the Centro di Studi Africani in Sardegna – CSAS (AEGIS-Cagliari) in collaboration with the AEGIS Centres of Leiden, Leipzig, Vienna, Roskilde, Bayreuth, Edinburgh, Lisbon, CNRS – IMAF, Napoli and Hamburg. The aim of the Summer School is: a) to bring together advanced Ph.D. students and early career researchers with teaching staff from AEGIS Centres in order to exchange field and research experience; b) to improve the students' ability to prepare and present their research in an international context

and more specifically to serve as a 'feeder' for ECAS 8 in Edinburgh; c) to promote graduate training within AEGIS and stimulate African-European inter-university cooperation.

The workshop is open to some 20 PhD students and early career researchers (within 12 months of completion of a PhD) coming from AEGIS Centres and their affiliates in Europe and Africa. Applicants are invited to submit proposals (a 500-word abstract as well as a one-page outline of their PhD status and current research) that address the overall theme. Papers that apply and/or refine conceptual and theoretical approaches to the subject matter, as well as presenting fresh empirical information, will be especially welcome. Applicants will be selected on the basis of their research outline and their ability to engage with wider issues in African Studies today. Priority will be given to students and researchers with recent field experience and fresh research results. Application by African students based in African Universities is encouraged; subsidies for the participation of a limited number of successful African applicants will be available on the basis of merit. The deadline for submitting proposals is **21 January 2018**. Participants will be informed of acceptance by **18 February 2018**. It is a strict requirement that all participants submit their full written papers by **20 May 2018**, to leave enough time to read all of them before the start of the Summer School. The relatively short time allocated to the verbal presentations is based on the expectation that papers will have been read in advance.

Each AEGIS member participant will be asked to contribute to the Summer School expenses by paying a lump-sum of €200 to partly cover registration, food and lodging in Cagliari. The cost of travel to and from Cagliari is to be met by individual participants. Candidates coming from AEGIS Centres should apply to their Centre for financial assistance. External candidates will have to pay for their own expenses. Participants are expected to register in the afternoon of Monday 2 July 2018. Working sessions will be held from Tuesday 3 July 2018 to Saturday 7 July 2018.

For more details, please write to:

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Application form

First name				
Family name				
E-mail address				
Date and place of birth		M <input type="checkbox"/>	F <input type="checkbox"/>	
Citizenship				
Place of residence				
Are you in possession of a Schengen visa? (for non-European students)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>		
Title of proposed paper				
Title or topic of the PhD thesis				
University, department				
Town, country				
Name of the supervisor(s)				
Discipline(s) of study				
Is your PhD project part of a wider teaching or research programme?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>		
If yes, please briefly describe this programme.				
Dates and place of field work				
Further field work to be done				
If no field work has been done, when do you plan to do field work?				
Language skills	English	very good <input type="checkbox"/>	good <input type="checkbox"/>	weak <input type="checkbox"/>
	French	very good <input type="checkbox"/>	good <input type="checkbox"/>	weak <input type="checkbox"/>
	Other:			
Are you, or is your university, affiliated to an AEGIS Centre? If so, which one?				
Other remarks you find relevant for the organizers to know				
What do you expect to gain from your participation at CSS?				
Please state any special dietary requirements				