



# Africa-Asia

A NEW AXIS  
OF KNOWLEDGE



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# Africa-Asia

## A NEW AXIS OF KNOWLEDGE

Dear Participants,

As co-organisers of the momentous international conference 'Africa-Asia: A New Axis of Knowledge', we are conscious that the upcoming Accra event, the preparation of which we have been working on for close to three years, is one of those rare occasions that will shape history and accelerate future developments. This is what will happen on the campus of the University of Ghana, Legon, in the three consecutive days of 24-26 September 2015.

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## Africa-Asia: A New Axis of Knowledge

Historic, is what the Accra conference will become; for it will significantly contribute to the long-term establishment of an autonomous intellectual and academic axis of exchanges between two of the most vibrant continents on the planet. Sixty years after the Bandung conference, where heads of African and Asian states gathered at the invitation of Indonesia's President Sukarno, the Accra event is set to reflect the considerable changes that have occurred, not only in the two regions, but also at the global geopolitical level. At Bandung, parts of Africa and Asia were still in the grip of European colonialism or were subject to conflicting hegemonic designs by the then superpowers, the United States and the Soviet Union.

Today's situation is that of two continents whose interests are increasingly interconnected. On the economic front, Africa and Asia are now tightly linked through China's massive involvement in Africa, a phenomenon that is being followed by India, Japan, Korea and Turkey. This trend runs parallel with a process of relative decline of the North (or West) at the global level in both Asia and Africa. The peoples of the two regions have long been connected through circuits of trade, religion or socio-cultural exchanges as well as long-term settlements. Yet, it is the scale and intensity of the present relationships – of capital investments, commerce, political alliances, and cultural transfers of knowledge – which urgently calls for systematic intellectual and educational engagements with the past and present of the Asian and African realities.

We believe that the development of a research and educational infrastructure, capable of delivering foundational knowledge in the two regions about each other's cultures and societies, is a precondition for a sustainable and balanced socio-economic progress. If we limit ourselves to the question of developing Asian studies programmes in African universities, we think that access to knowledge about a world region as culturally diverse and economically powerful as Asia should enable the citizens of Africa to embrace this new intercontinental relation to its full potential. And because we live in a globalizing world, we think that others – European, North/Latin American and Oceanian institutions of Asian and African studies – should play a role as contributors and facilitators

of this new trans-regional configuration.

The 2015 Africa-Asia Accra conference is the result of the engagement of a wide array of public personalities, intellectuals, academics and institutions from the civil societies of Africa, Asia, Europe and North and Latin America. It was first given substance three years ago, in October 2012 in Lusaka (Zambia), where Prof. Webby Kalikiti, our colleague from the University of Zambia, convened a strategic roundtable that led to the creation of the Association for Asian Studies in Africa (A-ASIA), the continent's first network of scholars working on and with Asia. In Lusaka, not only was the idea of A-ASIA as an inclusive pan-African network introduced, but it was also decided to organize regular international Asia-Africa conferences in Africa. Ghana was chosen for A-ASIA's maiden conference.

The choice of Ghana was not random. It was the first sub-Saharan country to regain its independence. Its subsequent development into a democratic society has moreover paralleled a long tradition of intellectual freedom at the University of Ghana, which stands as one of the major academic centres in the continent. Linked to the choice of Accra was also the sixtieth anniversary of the Bandung conference, an event for which the Ghanaian leader and the country's first President, Kwame Nkrumah, served as one of the driving forces.

The partnership between A-ASIA and the International Convention of Asia Scholars (ICAS) was forged on the occasion of ICAS 8 in Macau, in 2013, to help in the organization of the Accra conference. ICAS is the world's largest network of researchers on Asia. Its Secretariat is hosted at the International Institute for Asian Studies (IIAS) in Leiden, the Netherlands ([www.iias.nl](http://www.iias.nl)). The Accra event is therefore the result of a continuing collaboration between A-ASIA ([www.a-asia.org](http://www.a-asia.org)) and ICAS ([www.icas.asia](http://www.icas.asia)), involving the cooperation of individuals from Africa, Asia and Europe.

In Ghana, A-ASIA and ICAS have joined forces with two partner and host institutions: the University of Ghana (Legon) and Ashesi University College (Berekuso), which will both host parts of the

conference. We take this opportunity to thank the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ghana, Professor Ernest Aryeetey and the President of Ashesi University College, Dr. Patrick Awuah. Both institutions have been crucial for the actualization of the Accra Africa-Asia event.

We would also like to thank all the international sponsors that not only helped us in the provision of travel funds for participants, but which from the outset believed in the idea that Africa as a world region should have its own regular academic platform in the field of Asian Studies: The Henry Luce Foundation (New York), The Chiang Ching Kuo Foundation (Taipei), Seoul National University (Seoul), The Japan Foundation (Tokyo), The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation (New York City), the International Institute for Asian Studies (Leiden) and Leiden University (Leiden). We are also beholden to the numerous institutional panel and roundtable sponsors. The full list of names is too lengthy to include here, but their efforts in mobilizing their own funding sources and ensuring a plurality of participants from Asia and Africa, must be commended.

Last but not least, our special gratitude goes to our individual friends and colleagues who have been instrumental in organizing this historical event, either directly or indirectly. We would like to thank Prof. Webby Kalikiti (University of Zambia, Lusaka), Dr. Paul van der Velde (ICAS Secretary, Leiden), Martina van den Haak (ICAS Executive Officer, Leiden), Akunu Dake (Conference Manager, Heritage Development, Accra), Titia van der Maas (International Institute for Asian Studies, Leiden), Dr. Rohit Negi (Ambedkar University, Delhi), Prof. Oka Obono (University of Ibadan, Ibadan), Dr. Thomas Asher (Social Sciences Research Centre, New York), Prof. Henrietta Mensa-Bonsu (Director, Legon Centre for International Affairs and Diplomacy), Prof. Francis Dodoo, (Acting Director, Institute of African Studies, University of Ghana, Legon), Prof. Akosua Adomako Ampofo (University of Ghana, Legon), Prof. Ama de-Graft Aikins (University of Ghana, Legon), Prof. Yoichi Mine (Doshisha University, Kyoto), Ambassador Sun Baohong (Chinese Ambassador to the Republic of Ghana), Prof. Liu Haifang (Beijing University, Beijing), Dr. Jessica Archberger (Southern African

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Our heartfelt thanks go to the three keynote speakers: Prof. Mamadou Diouf (Columbia University, New York), Prof. He Wenping (China Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing) and Prof. Engseong Ho (Duke University, Durham). Their intellectual support and enthusiasm for the project has been a constant inspiration for us.

Finally, we want to thank you all for joining us in Accra, for believing in this pioneering adventure and the great perspectives it is thereupon initiating. We hope you will enjoy the experience of the conference and that it will be both a pleasurable and a transformative one.

On behalf of the organization team, we warmly welcome you to Accra!

**Lloyd Amoah and Philippe Peycam**

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# WELCOME FROM A-ASIA

Dear Participants,

It is a privilege for me to be able to participate in what is probably the first time that a distinguished gathering such as this one has been specifically convened to discuss Africa and Asia on the African continent. This conference is the first major outcome of the 'Asian studies in Africa' roundtable held in Chisamba, Zambia, in 2012. There were thirty participants at that roundtable, while here in Accra I am told there are nearly 300 participants. This is a clear indication that there is much interest and great potential in what was started by that small group in Zambia three years ago.

The international roundtable in Zambia was premised on the realisation that even though contact between Africa and Asia stretches centuries back and has intensified and diversified in the last few decades, there has been no corresponding academic engagements with past and present African and Asian realities. This lack is more glaring on the African continent where the study of Asia is still largely absent.

The roundtable was also seen as an initial attempt to take stock of the state of Asian studies in Africa, with the view of seeking means by which such studies could be strengthened, and where they do not exist, to come up with suggestions and possible strategies that could be used to build a solid and critical infrastructure in the social sciences and humanities with a focus on Asian studies in selected African academic and research institutions.

Development of institutional academic infrastructures, capable of delivering foundational knowledge on Asia, was seen as an essential prerequisite if Africa was to benefit from its multifaceted contacts with that world region, and could provide a basis for sustained socio-economic progress on the continent. There is no doubt that access to knowledge on Asia through academic engagements should help us give meaning to the now intensified intercontinental relationships, and enable Africans to tap into Asia's immense social and economic strengths to feed their own envisaged economic development.

My personal experience from doing research in Vietnam many years ago, has made me realise how much Africa can learn from the Asian experience. I was particularly struck by how easily Vietnamese cities manage their solid waste disposal, a matter that is considered to be a major environmental issue across Africa, but I also saw how the use of coal dust as a source of energy has helped Vietnam mitigate the effects of wanton forest clearing for the production of charcoal.

Given the two above examples, building capacities in Asian studies in Africa could provide Africa with new ways of looking at and addressing its problems, and could also open new perspectives



on possible development trajectories. Lessons from Asia can be best learnt through academic engagements and with them, a deeper appreciation of that part of the world.

Over the years an increasing, though still a relatively small number of Africans have continued to obtain PhD qualifications on aspects of Asia in Asian academic institutions, some in form of comparative studies, others as in depth studies of the Asian social, economic or political scene. However, once qualified, these academics/researchers end up as isolated 'Asianists' in institutions that seem to have little use for their qualifications.

I was to some extent encouraged by the discovery that Mamadou Fall, a fellow African, already had a PhD on the history of Public Finances in French Indochina, to undertake my own historical study of migrant labour in Colonial Vietnam's rubber plantations. Since then, I have come across a comparative study of the Vietnamese and Tanzanian economies just as my colleague in the Department of History at the University of Zambia holds a PhD from Jawaharlal Nehru University on economic Reforms in India and Zambia. I am sure there are many other Africans who have studied Asia who are yet to be identified. There is therefore some academic potential that already exists, that could be tapped into through the Asian Studies in Africa Initiative.

Since the 1990s the number of Africans travelling to Asia for their studies has grown significantly. This is in no doubt a consequence of increased opportunities in the form of scholarships. It is also a reflection of individual Africans' responses to the cheaper educational opportunities in Asia as well as a more general ease of travel now existing between the two continents.

However, as is the case with Africans seeking higher education in the West, most of the African students in the social sciences and humanities end up focusing their studies on their countries of origin rather than the countries in which they find themselves. This means that apart from lived experiences, there is little that filters back to Africa in terms of in-depth academic appreciation

of Asia. African students' focus on Africa can largely be explained by a lack of foundational knowledge on Asia coupled by language and cultural challenges or limitations.

This is where an initiative on "Asian studies in Africa" comes in. Its aim of building educational capacity in the continent should help to provide the critical platform necessary for the development of regular introductory programmes on Asia in African academic institutions. However, building capacity presupposes first, the need to take stock of the existing state of Asian studies; secondly, it means identifying and regularly bringing together Africans who have studied Asia or expressed interests in Asia; and thirdly, the need to develop a network that could connect these local 'Asianists' in such a way that their combined knowledge on Asia could be harnessed for the development of continent-wide programmes on Asian studies in Africa. To achieve this ambitious objective, support and collaboration between African, Asian and Western academic and research institutions is essential. This is one of the reasons we will gather in Accra, Ghana, this year.

I strongly believe that, at the end of this ground-breaking conference, the way forward for the Asian studies in Africa initiative will have been chartered, and that concrete steps on how to expand the vision of a field of Asian studies in Africa, as was envisaged four years ago, will be established.

On behalf of the Association for Asian Studies in Africa's secretariat, I heartily welcome you all to the 'Africa-Asia: A New Axis of Knowledge' international conference.

**Webby S. Kalikiti**  
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### ASSOCIATION FOR ASIAN STUDIES IN AFRICA (A-ASIA)



The Association for Asian Studies in Africa (A-ASIA) was founded at the Asian Studies in Africa Roundtable, held in Chisamba, Zambia in

November, 9-11, 2012. The creation of A-ASIA comes at a critical moment for scholarship in Africa focused on Asia. Increasing transnational linkages between Asia and Africa underline the necessity for an association like A-ASIA. It is dedicated to the capacity enhancement of institutions, programmes, and scholars. Proposed initiatives include scholarly exchanges, new programmes and institutions, support for existing capacities, conferences, workshops, graduate student support, and curriculum development, among others.

Its steering committee consists of: Lloyd Amoah (Ashesi University College, Ghana); Thomas Asher (Social Science Research Council, USA); Scarlett Cornelissen (University of Stellenbosch, South Africa); Webby Kalikiti (Secretary A-Asia/University of Zambia); Liu Haifang (Peking University, China); Yoichi Mine (Doshisha University, Japan); Oka Obono (University of Ibadan, Nigeria); Philippe Peycam (International Institute for Asian Studies, the Netherlands).

**For more information  
see <http://www.a-asia.org>**

### INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF ASIA SCHOLARS (ICAS)



Founded in 1997 at the initiative of IIAS, the International Convention of Asia Scholars is a platform of scholars and institutions focusing on issues critical to Asia, and, by implication, the rest of the world. Usually held in Asia, the ICAS biennial conventions were (and are) the first truly international and trans-regional gatherings on Asian Studies.



Since its foundation, the nine consecutive ICAS conventions have brought together over 18,000 academics. These conventions are organised by the IIAS-hosted secretariat of ICAS, in cooperation with a local host university. ICAS also benefits from the input of an 'International Council' composed of prominent scholars from different parts of the world, which was established in 2013. With this 'global government' model, ICAS is responding to the new distribution of knowledge powerhouses on Asia. The engagement of ICAS to assist in the establishment of regional networks on Asian Studies in Africa today (Latin America and the Arab World tomorrow), suggests a dynamic appreciation of what the global platform can do to facilitate the emergence of a multi-levelled and multi-centred global field of Asian Studies.

At ICAS 8 in Macau (2013), the foundations were laid for the present cooperation between ICAS and the newly established 'Association for Asian Studies in Africa' (A-ASIA). A-ASIA's inaugural conference in Accra (Ghana), from 24-26 September 2015 has benefitted from the organisational support of ICAS. Entitled 'Africa-Asia: A New Axis of Knowledge', this ground-breaking event is set to stimulate new alignments in the way regional studies (such as Asian or African studies) are being conducted, thereby contributing to the move of these fields beyond the traditional 'East-West' paradigm. The ICAS Book Prize, founded in 2003, has grown into one of the most renowned book prizes in the field, with more than 200 English language books and 50 dissertations submitted for its sixth edition. For its next edition in 2017, the ICAS Book Prize plans to include Chinese, Japanese, French and German as eligible languages. ICAS has also supported the establishment of the first Africa-Asia Book Prize, a global competition that provides an international focus and worldwide visibility for publications on Africa-Asia interactions. The award ceremony of the first Africa-Asia Book Prize will be held at the opening of the Accra Conference.

**For more information  
see <http://www.icas.asia>**

## INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR ASIAN STUDIES (IIAS)



The International Institute for Asian Studies is a global humanities and social sciences institute with programmes that engage Asian and other international partners. IIAS is a member of the Leiden-based community of Asian and Regional Studies and works closely together with Leiden University.

As a globally oriented institute, IIAS recognises the existence of multi-levelled forms of knowledge about Asia and acknowledges the current trend toward the decentring of the academic field of Asian Studies. IIAS is responding to this new reality by building a 'global governance' model for the IIAS-facilitated International Convention of Asia Scholars (ICAS), the world's largest network of Asia scholars. It is also doing so by supporting new regional initiatives such as the Association for Asian Studies in Africa (A-ASIA), which aims to encourage the development of Asian Studies at African universities.

In all its activities, from research-led initiatives to conferences and workshops, IIAS works with partners from around the world, serving as a global clearinghouse where disciplines and professionals meet, creating connections that cut through disciplinary fields and geographic boundaries. In addition, through its international fellowship programme, other targeted network-based, research and teaching initiatives, and its free and highly acclaimed periodical The Newsletter, IIAS reaches out to scholars and representatives of civil society from around the world.

IIAS has been at the forefront of a collaborative effort to rethink Asian Studies by pioneering a number of significant projects. It played a key advisory role in the setting up of the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) and the Asia-Europe Foundation (1995). In collaboration with the Nordic Institute of Asian Studies (NIAS), it set up the European Alliance for Asian Studies, the first intra-European platform for scholarly collaboration on Asia (1997). In cooperation with the US-based Association for

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Asian Studies (AAS), IIAS created ICAS, today's largest international network for academic and civil society exchange on Asia (1997). Two recent undertakings have been the 'Asian Studies in Africa' initiative (starting in 2012) and the three-year pilot-programme 'Rethinking Asian Studies in a Global Context' (2014-2016), which is supported by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation in New York.

For its research-led projects, IIAS focuses primarily on topics related to its three thematic clusters: Asian Heritages, Asian Cities, and Global Asia. Each cluster addresses questions relevant to Asian societies, builds upon the notion of social agency, and pays attention to cultural and historical contexts. Within these three clusters, IIAS runs a number of collaborative activities with the objective of studying Asia in context, while considering the different genealogies of knowledge about Asia. Each cluster has its publication series, which is published by Amsterdam University Press.

**For more information  
see <http://www.iias.asia>**

## UNIVERSITY OF GHANA, LEGON



The University of Ghana, the premier university and the largest university in Ghana, was founded as the University College of the Gold Coast by Ordinance in 1948 for the purpose of providing and promoting university education, learning and research. As a University poised to distinguish itself in the area of research to make an impact at the national and international level, the University has launched a new Strategic Plan. This new strategic plan (2014-2024) is intended to consolidate the gains made from the review of the University's mission and practices and situate these within the context of a very dynamic environment of higher education in Ghana and beyond. Its vision is to become a world class research-intensive university over the next decade. Its mission is to create an enabling environment that makes University of Ghana increasingly relevant to national and global development through cutting-edge research as well as high quality teaching and learning.

**For more information  
see <http://www.ug.edu.gh>**

**'(RE)APPROPRIATING THE WORLD'  
DISCOURSES OF SUBJECTIVITIES  
AND COMMUNITIES.  
CASES FROM SENEGAL**

**MAMADOU DIOUF**

Columbia University, USA

**KEYNOTE  
SPEAKERS**

The work in progress from which this presentation is an extract of, is an attempt to account for the different moments of global encounters in the Senegambian West African Coast from the foundation of Saint Louis, at the mouth of the Senegal river, by the French in 1659 to the present.

In conversation with V. Y. Mudimbe's discussion of the "invention of Africa", identifying the three elements of "colonizing structure" and the colonial library associated with it, I explore the processes of refashioning European intrusion into local narratives and readjusting local narratives to engage with colonial attempts to capture and redirect dominated communities. My purpose is, to investigate the African self-reformation processes, engage in a critical reflection the dramatic political and cultural changes taking place in Senegal the last 20 to 30 years and interpret the direction of contemporary transformation and ways in which it is conceived, recorded and expressed by social actors, on the walls and streets of Senegalese cities, on male and female bodies and finally on their mind and spirituality through religious manifestations, confrontations and controversies.

Mamadou Diouf is Leitner Family Professor of African Studies and History at Columbia University, where he also the director of the Institute of African Studies. Prior to teaching at Columbia, he taught at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor and before that at Cheikh Anta Diop University, (Dakar Senegal). He holds a Ph.D. from the University of Paris-Sorbonne (France). His research interests include urban, political, social and intellectual history in colonial and postcolonial Africa. Among his publications, are *Histoire du Sénégal: Le Modèle Islam-Wolof Et Ses Périphéries* (2001) and *La Construction de l'Etat au Sénégal*, with M. C. Diop & D. Cruise O'Brien (2002). He is the author, editor and co-author of several other works including, *The Arts of Citizenship in Africa*.

*Infrastructures of Belonging* (2015) and *Les arts de la citoyenneté au Sénégal. Espaces Contestés et Civilités urbaines* (2013) [both edited with Rosalind Fredericks]; *Tolerance, Democracy and Sufis in Senegal* (2012); *Rhythms of the Afro-Atlantic: Rituals and Remembrances* (2010), edited with I. Nwankwo, *New Perspectives on Islam in Senegal: Conversion, Migration, Wealth, Power and Fertility* (2009).

**STRENGTHEN ASIAN-AFRICAN  
ACADEMIC INTERACTIONS:  
PROVIDE THE INTELLECTUAL  
SUPPORT FOR ASIA-AFRICA  
COOPERATION IN THE NEW ERA**

**HE WENPING**

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The year 2015 marks the decade anniversaries of two important historical events: the 70th anniversary of the end of World War II in September and the 60th anniversary of the Asian African Conference (also known as the Bandung Conference) in April. The former one led to the awakening and the born of many Asian and African independent countries. And the latter one not only made known the common appeal and the unity of Asian and African countries, but also marking the debut of developing countries on the world stage as an emerging force.

Asia and Africa are the two fastest growing economies with abundant experience in economic development and governance for transitional countries. Such experience can help persuade international society to focus more on development issues, help developing countries reduce poverty, and realize sustainable development. It can also promote UN discussions and implementation on development programs after 2015 (with the Millennium Development Goals deadline ends). For a long time, Western countries, due to their political, economic and military advantages and

cultural superiority feeling, have been occupying the moral high ground and the right for knowledge interpretation. The international structures reflect the wills and interests of developed countries in value orientations, legal systems and institutional arrangements. Even the story of Asian and African development & cooperation also has been told and narrated by the Western intelligentsia. Now it is the time for the academic circles of Asian and African countries to raise their collective voices on multilateral international platforms and forums to increase their discourse power and influences, and to provide the intellectual support for Asia-Africa cooperation in the new era.

HE Wenping is Professor and Research Programme Director at the Institute of West-Asian and African Studies (IWAAS), Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS), and specialises on Africa's relations with China and major Western powers, and African democratic transition. She began her research and teaching career at CASS in 1989, and has served as a visiting scholar at Yale University, London University, the Nordic Africa Institute based in Sweden, German Development Institute and the BRICS Policy Center of the Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro (PUC-Rio). Dr. HE is the Standing Member of the Chinese Asian & African Research Society, the Research Society for African Problems, and Asian-African Development & Exchange Society of China. She received B.A. and M.A. degrees in international politics and a Ph.D. in law from Peking University in China. Dr. HE also served as a Council Member of the World Economic Forum's Global Agenda Council on the Future of Africa from 2009 to 2011.

## TURNING AND THINKING CHINA-AFRICA THROUGH OTHER REGIONAL AXES

**ENGSENG HO**

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While China has been engaged with Africa for decades, their burgeoning relations across the board today are historically new. How do we think about this emergent axis of encounter? Africa's enlarged engagement with China takes place not in a vacuum, but in the context of their relations with other world regions. We examine key dimensions of US-China, Africa-Europe, China-Southeast Asia relations, past and present, to identify and think through challenges to be faced and presented by Africa's engagement with China. Shifting regional weights in the world today inject a new incalculability to the familiar dynamic of trade and war. The development of intellectual capacity to understand and inform this turning of geographical axes is a demand Africans and Asians need to address together.

Engseeng Ho is Professor of Anthropology and Professor of History at Duke University. At the Asia Research Institute of the National University of Singapore, he is the Muhammad Alagil Distinguished Visiting Professor of Arabia Asia Studies. He is a specialist in the transregional and transcultural dimensions of Islamic societies, and their relations with western empires. His primary research areas are around the Indian Ocean, in Arabia, South Asia and Southeast Asia. His thematic and teaching interests circle around mobility and anthropology-history. He has been active in promoting inter-Asian research through institutional collaborations across Asia and Arabia in recent years. These include work as a consulting editor at Comparative Studies in Society and History, board member of Modern Asian Studies, and co-editor of the Asian Connections book series at Cambridge University Press. He has previously worked as Professor of Anthropology, Harvard University; Senior Scholar, Harvard Academy for International and Area Studies; Country and Profile Writer, The Economist Group; International Economist, Government of Singapore Investment Corporation/Monetary Authority of Singapore.

# PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

The program is correct at the time of printing. The Organising Committee reserves the right to alter the program as necessary.

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FOR LOCATIONS OF EVENTS  
REFERRED TO IN THIS  
OVERVIEW**

## WEDNESDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 2015

12.00 – 17.00 **Registration**  
Reception Area, LECIAD

## THURSDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2015

8.00 – 17.00 **Registration**  
Reception Area, LECIAD

9.00 – 10.00 **Keynote Address**  
**Prof. Mamadou Diouf**  
*'(Re)Appropriating the World': Discourses of Subjectivities and Communities. Cases from Senegal*  
School of Law

10.00 – 10.30 **Morning coffee**  
Protocol Square, LECIAD

10.30 – 12.00 **Panel session I**  
Various rooms

12.00 – 13.00 **Lunch**  
Protocol Square, LECIAD

13.00 – 14.30 **Panel session II**  
Various rooms

14.30 – 15.00 **Afternoon tea**  
Protocol Square, LECIAD

15.00 – 17.00 **Panel session III**  
Various rooms

17.00 – 17.30 Transport to Opening Ceremony

17.30 – 19.00 **Opening Ceremony: Welcome Speech, Book Prize and Reception**  
Great Hall, University of Ghana



**FRIDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 2015**

- 8.30 – 17.00     **Registration**  
Reception Area, LECIAD
- 9.00 – 10.30    **Panel session IV**  
Various rooms
- 10.30 – 11.00   **Morning coffee**  
Protocol Square, LECIAD
- 11.00 – 12.30   **Panel session V**  
Various rooms
- 12.30 – 13.30   **Lunch**  
Protocol Square, LECIAD
- 13.30 – 15.00   **Panel session VI**  
Various rooms
- 15.00 – 15.30   **Afternoon tea**  
Protocol Square, LECIAD
- 15.30 – 17.00   **Panel session VII**  
Various rooms
- 17.00 – 17.15   **Short break**
- 17.15 – 18.15   **Keynote Address**  
**Prof. HE Wenping**  
*Strengthen Asian-African  
Academic Interactions:  
Provide the Intellectual  
Support for Asia-Africa  
Cooperation in the New Era*  
School of Law
- 18.15 – 19.00   Transport to Conference  
Banquet
- 19.00 – 21.00   **Conference Banquet**  
Great Hall, University  
of Ghana

**SATURDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2015**

- 8.30 – 12.00    **Registration**  
Reception Area, LECIAD
- 9.00 – 10.00    **Keynote Address**  
**Prof. Engseng Ho**  
*Turning and Thinking  
China-Africa through  
other Regional Axes*  
School of Law
- 10.00 – 10.30   **Morning coffee**  
Protocol Square, LECIAD
- 10.30 – 12.00   **Panel session VIII**  
Various rooms
- 12.00 – 13.00   **Lunch**  
Protocol Square, LECIAD
- 13.00 – 14.30   **Panel session IX**  
Various rooms
- 15.00 – 15.00   **Afternoon tea**  
Protocol Square, LECIAD
- 15.00 – 16.00   Transport to Ashesi  
University College
- 16.00 – 21.00   **Visit and Farewell  
Reception (Optional)**  
Ashesi University College
- 21.00 – 22.00   Transport to  
conference hotels

THURSDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2015

OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY  
GREAT HALL, UNIVERSITY OF GHANA,  
LEGON

*Programme*

17.00

Arrival of guests

Traditional music and dance welcome  
*Ghana Dance Ensemble (Institute of African  
Studies, University of Ghana, Legon)*

17.30

Overview of Conference and  
Introduction of Chairperson

**Dr. Lloyd G. Adu Amoah,**  
Conference Co-Convenor

Chairperson's Opening Remarks

**Prof. Henrietta Mensa-Bonsu**

Director, Legon Centre for International Affairs  
and Diplomacy (LECIAD)

Welcome Statements from Key Conference  
Organisers

Association for Asian Studies in Africa

**Dr. Webby Kalikiti**

International Institute for Asian Studies  
& International Convention of Asia Scholars

**Dr. Philippe Peycam**

Welcome Statement on behalf of Co-host

**Prof. Francis Dadoo**

Acting Director, Institute of African Studies,  
University of Ghana, Legon

Introduction of Keynote Speaker

**Dr. Lloyd G. Adu Amoah**

Conference Co-Convenor

Address by Keynote Speaker

**Prof. Samuel Agyei-Mensah**

Provost, College of Humanities,  
University of Ghana, Legon

*Drum Herald: Ghana Dance Ensemble*

# SPECIAL EVENTS

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FOR LOCATIONS OF EVENTS  
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OVERVIEW

Formal Opening Address

**Professor Ernest Aryeetey**

Vice-Chancellor, University of Ghana, Legon

Africa-Asia Book Prize Ceremony

**Dr. Paul van der Velde**, ICAS Secretary

Chairperson's Closing Remarks

**Prof. Henrietta Mensa-Bonsu**

Director, Legon Centre for International Affairs and Diplomacy (LECIAD)

19.00

End of Opening Ceremony followed by a Reception

**FRIDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 2015, 19.00**

**OFFICIAL CONFERENCE BANQUET  
GREAT HALL, UNIVERSITY OF GHANA,  
LEGON**

*Programme*

19.00

Arrival of conference participants and invited guests  
Traditional music and dance welcome  
*Ghana Dance Ensemble  
(Institute of African Studies,  
University of Ghana, Legon)  
Music by Sappers International Dance Band*

19.15

Introduction of Special Guest of Honour and Welcome  
**Dr. Lloyd G. Adu Amoah**  
Conference Co-Convenor

19.20

Statement: Special Guest of Honour,  
**Prof. Ernest Aryeetey**  
Vice-Chancellor, University of Ghana, Legon

19.30

Dinner

20.15

Toast to the Africa-Asia: A New Axis of Knowledge, Association for Asian Studies in Africa (A-Asia)  
Inaugural and First Conference:  
**Prof. Ernest Aryeetey**  
Vice-Chancellor, University of Ghana, Legon

20.20

Response to Toast and Gratitude:  
**Dr. Webby Kalikiti**, Association for Asian Studies in Africa (A-Asia)

20.30

*'Dancing Time'*  
*Music by Sappers International Dance Band*

21.00

End of Conference Banquet

**SATURDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2015**

**ASHESI UNIVERSITY COLLEGE  
CAMPUS VISIT**

*Programme*

15.00 – 16.00

Transport to Ashesi University College by bus

16.00 – 16:15

*Traditional Drum Welcome*

16.15 – 16.20

**Introduction of Ashesi Provost  
Dr. Marcia Grant**

16.20 – 16.35

**Provost's Talk-Liberal Arts in Africa**

16.35 – 16.50

**Q & A**

16.50 – 17.15

*Performance Interlude*

17.15 – 18.45

**Campus Tour (Key Facilities) and Exhibition**

18.45 – 21.00

*Reception, Interaction and Musical Climax*

21.00 – 22.00

Transport to conference hotels by bus

# PRACTICAL INFORMATION

INCLUDING  
REGISTRATION INFORMATION  
DIRECTIONAL MAP  
AND FLOOR PLANS

## Abstracts

The full Conference programme and abstracts are available online <http://www.africas.asia/program>

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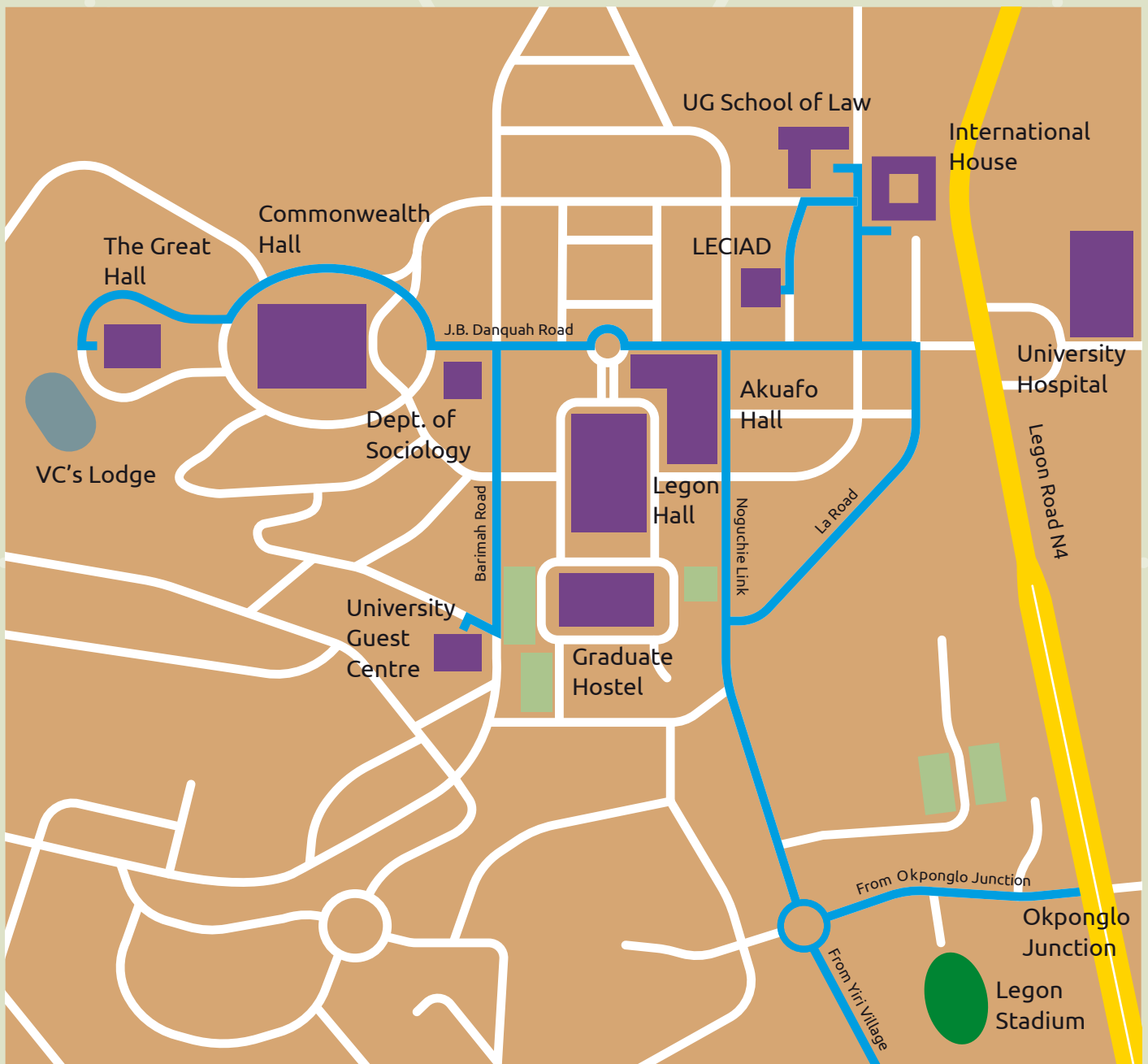
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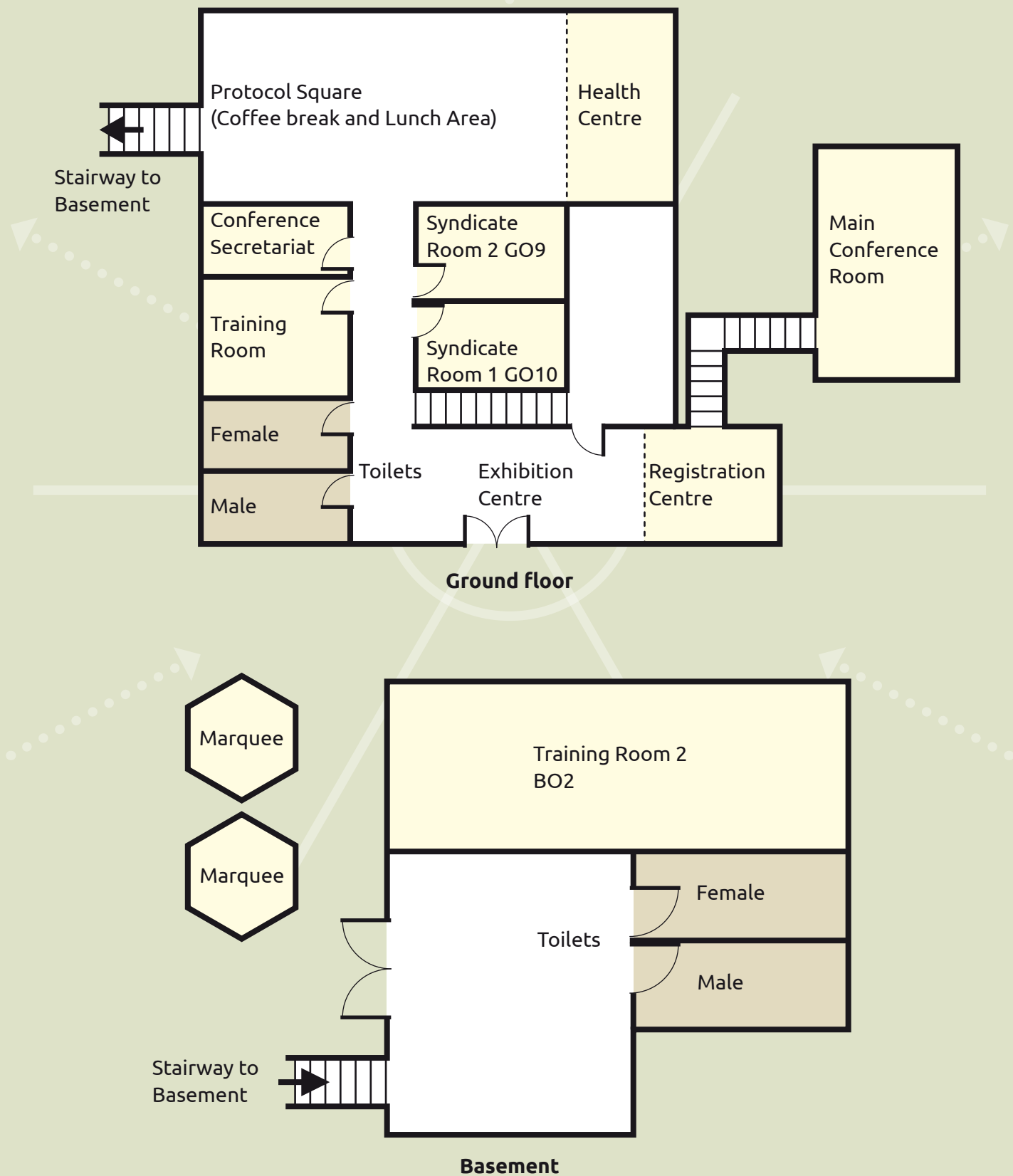
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Friday 25 September	8.30 – 17.00
Saturday 26 September	8.30 – 12.00

## DIRECTIONAL MAP



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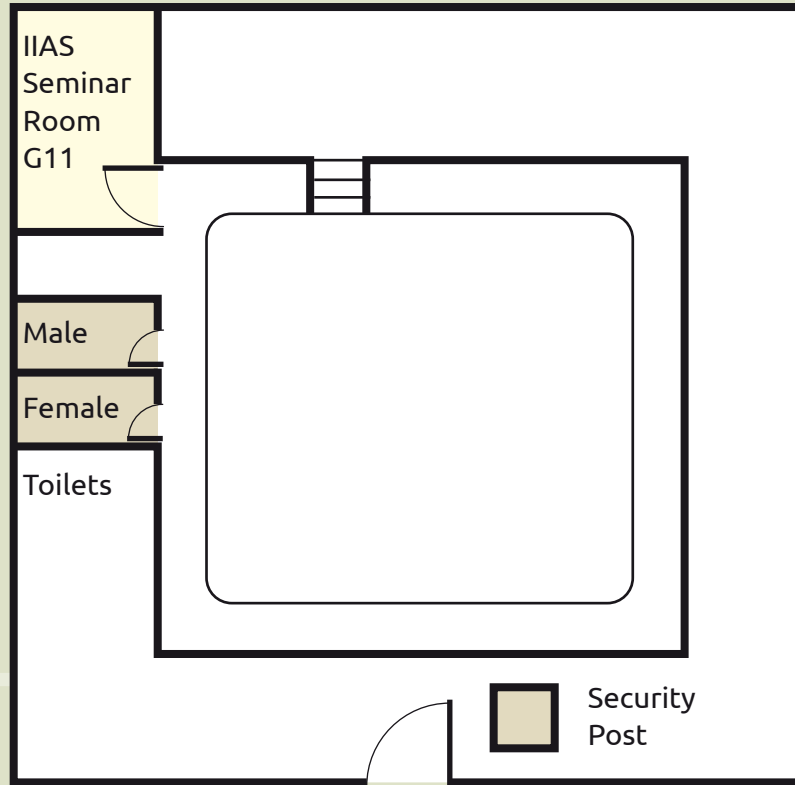
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### FLOOR PLAN

## INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDIES (IIAS) INTERNATIONAL HOUSE, UNIVERSITY OF GHANA



Ground floor

# DAILY PANEL SCHEDULE

Conference sessions are color coded according to theme as indicated below

- A-ASIA~IIAS Roundtable**
- Transcontinental Connections and Interactions**
- Economics, Aid and Development**
- Intellectual Encounters**
- Arts and Culture**
- Migration and Diasporas**
- Asian Studies In Africa and African Studies In Asia**

**Thursday 24 September**  
**Morning Session: 10.30 – 12.00**  
**Location: International House**

**AMBASSADORS ROUNDTABLE**  
**AFRICA-ASIA RELATIONS:**  
**CAN A NEW AXIS OF INTERACTION(S)**  
**BE BUILT?**

**Roundtable sponsored by Strategy3, Ghana**

*Convenors*

**Lloyd G. Adu Amoah**

Lead Strategist, Strategy3, Accra, Ghana

**Philippe Peycam**

Director, International Institute for Asian Studies, Leiden, the Netherlands

**Paul van der Velde**

Secretary, International Convention of Asian Scholars, Leiden, the Netherlands

*Ambassadorial Panel*

**Ambassador Kojo Amoo-Gottfried**

Former Ghana Ambassador to China

**Ambassador Sun Baohong**

China's Ambassador to Ghana

**Ambassador Hans Docter**

Dutch Ambassador to Ghana

*Lead Discussants*

**Alinah Segobye**

Thabo Mbeki African Leadership Institute, South Africa

**He Wenping**

Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, China

**Marcia Grant**

Former American diplomat and Provost, Ashesi University, Ghana

**Kweku Ampiah**

Leeds University, United Kingdom

**Philip Attuquayefio**

Legon Centre for International Affairs and Diplomacy (LECIAD), Ghana

**Thursday 24 September**  
**Morning Session: 10.30 – 12.00**  
**Location: LECIAD, Syndicate Room 2**

## **EAST ASIAN CORPORATE MODEL UNDER CHANGE**

**Panel sponsored by Seoul National University Asia Center, South Korea**

*Convenor and Chair*

**Myungkoo Kang**

Seoul National University Asia Center, South Korea

**Myungkoo Kang and Jong-Cheol Kim**

Seoul National University Asia Center, South Korea

*Transfer of Business Practices across Borders in East Asia*

**Takashi Shimizu**

The University of Tokyo, Japan

*Japanese Corporate Systems and Asian Capitalism: How Does a Coordination-based Economic System Actually Work?*

**Hyun-Chin Lim and Suk-Ki Kong**

Seoul National University Asia Center, South Korea

*The Role of Social Enterprises in Asia: Scoping Out a Korean Model*

**Thursday 24 September**  
**Morning Session: 10.30 – 12.00**  
**Location: LECIAD, Training Room 1**

## **ROUNDTABLE AFRICA AND ASIA IN THE WORLD: TOWARDS AN AFRASIAN PERSPECTIVE**

**Roundtable sponsored by Emerging Worlds, University of Copenhagen**

*Convenors*

**Rohit Negi**

Ambedkar University Delhi, India

**Ravinder Kaur**

University of Copenhagen, Denmark

*Participants*

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**Vineet Thakur**

University of Johannesburg, South Africa

**Persis Taraporevala**

Centre for Policy Research, India

**Oka Obono**

University of Ibadan, Nigeria

**Rohit Negi**

Ambedkar University Delhi, India

**Thursday 24 September**  
**Morning Session: 10.30 – 12.00**  
**Location: LECIAD, Training Room 2**

## **CULTURAL EXCHANGES BETWEEN ASIA AND AFRICA**

*Chair*

**Chayan Vaddhaniphoti**

Chiang Mai University, Thailand

**Frieda Ekotto**

The University of Michigan, United States

**Emily Goedde**

The University of Michigan, United States  
*Common Experiences, Common Desires: Tracing an Intellectual History between China and Africa*

**Bei Wang**

The University of Michigan, United States

*China Africa: Reading Cultural Exchange*

**Zoe Butt**

San Art, Vietnam

& University of New South Wales, Australia

*Provoking a 'Conscious Reality': Uncovering Shared Histories between Asia and Africa through Contemporary Art*

**Thursday 24 September**  
**Morning Session: 10.30 – 12.00**  
**Location: School of Law**

**ROUNDTABLE – ASIAN STUDIES IN AFRICA:  
AN IMPERATIVE FOR A SUSTAINABLE  
WORLD – REASONS AND POSSIBILITIES**

*Convenors and Chairs*

**Darwis Khudori**

University of Le Havre, France

**Lazare Ki-Zerbo**

University of Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso

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**Kweku Ampiah**

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Institute of African Studies,  
University of Nigeria, Nigeria

**Polina Nedialkova-Travert**

University of Le Havre, France

**Abdoulaye Diané**

African-Asian Research Center, Senegal

**Thursday 24 September**  
**Midday Session: 13.00 – 14.30**  
**Location: International House**

**A-ASIA~IIAS ROUNDTABLE 1  
ASIA THROUGH AN AFRICAN LENS:  
RETHINKING THE DISCOURSE  
ON ASIAN STUDIES**

**Roundtable sponsored by the IIAS Initiative  
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**Zoe Butt**

Sàn Art Gallery, HCMC, Viet Nam

**Thursday 24 September**  
**Midday Session: 13.00 – 14.30**  
**Location: LECIAD, Syndicate Room 2**

**ASIAN AID RELATIONSHIPS  
IN AFRICA I: A BROADER TEMPORAL  
AND GEOGRAPHIC PERSPECTIVE**

*Convenor*  
**Annette Skovsted Hansen**  
Aarhus University, Denmark

*Chair*  
**David Arase**  
The Johns Hopkins-Nanjing University  
Center for Chinese and American Studies,  
United States

**Annette Skovsted Hansen**  
Aarhus University, Denmark  
*Time and Trust: Impact of Historical Networks  
on Aid Distribution in Africa*

**Peter Adebayo**  
Ilorin University, Nigeria  
*A Historical Reassessment of Chinese Aid  
to Africa, 1956-2014*

**Hyo-sook Kim**  
Kansai Gaidai University, South Korea  
*Policy-Making of Korean Aid to Africa*

**Ajay Kumar Dubey**  
Center for African Studies,  
Jawaharlal-Nehru University, India  
*Political Economy of Indian Aid Diplomacy  
in Africa*

**Thursday 24 September**  
**Midday Session: 13.00 – 14.30**  
**Location: LECIAD, Training Room I**

**THE AFRO-ASIAN  
INTELLECTUAL ENCOUNTER**

*Chair*  
**Aaron Tesfaye**  
William Paterson University, United States

**Nixon Njau Mwangi**  
Egerton University, Kenya  
*Indigenous Knowledge on Conservation  
of Natural Resources: A Platform for  
Exchange between African and Asian  
Knowledge Systems*

**Yonas Ashine**  
Makerere Institute of Social Research,  
Kampala, Uganda  
*Africa-Asian Scholars Interaction in the Study  
of Trans Red Sea Slavery for Comprehensive  
and Representative History of Slavery:  
The Life of Malik Ambar as a Case in Point*

**Netsanet Gebremichael**  
Makerere Institute of Social Research,  
Kampala, Uganda  
*Reconstructing Traces of Interaction from  
Travel Narratives, Newspapers and Memoirs:  
India, Abyssinia and Ethiopia*

**Awet T. Weldemichael**  
Queen's University, Canada  
*Maoism & African Armed Struggles  
for Liberation*

**Thursday 24 September**  
**Midday Session: 13.00 – 14.30**  
**Location: LECIAD, Training Room 2**

**ROUNDTABLE  
CULTURAL ENCOUNTERS  
AND HYBRIDATION BETWEEN  
ASIA AND AFRICA**

**Roundtable sponsored by Ecole des  
Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, France**

*Convenor*  
**Kae Amo**  
Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences  
Sociales, France

*Chair*  
**Rémy Bazenguissa-Ganga**  
Institut des Mondes Africaines (IMAF),  
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Université de Tahoua, Niger

**Takao Shimizu**

Research Institute for Humanity and Nature à Kyoto, Japan

**Frédérique Louveau**

Université Gaston Berger Saint-Louis du Sénégal

**Thursday 24 September**

**Midday Session: 13.00 – 14.30**

**Location: LECIAD, Main Conference Room 118**

**AFRICAN MIGRATIONS TO ASIA I**

*Chair*

**Benjamin Soares**

African Studies Centre & University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands

**Yang Zhou**

University of Cologne, Germany

*Segmentation or Integration: Cultural Adaption of African-Chinese Families in Yiwu*

**Xiangming Chen**

Center for Urban and Global Studies, Trinity College, Connecticut, United States

**Ruzhe (Ivan) Su**

Trinity College, Connecticut, United States

*The Emergence and Shift of the 'Chocolate City': The Socio-spatial Dimensions of the African Community in China and Its Implications*

**Ibrahima Niang**

Renmin University of China & Cheikh Anta Diop University of Dakar, Senegal

*Construction or Deconstruction of Discourses on China: Cross Perspectives of Africans in China and of Africans in Africa*

**Thursday 24 September**

**Midday Session: 13.00 – 14.30**

**Location: School of Law**

**ROUNDTABLE**

**TEN YEARS ON: REFLECTIONS ON RUNNING A CENTRE FOR CHINESE STUDIES IN AN AFRICAN SETTING**

**Roundtable sponsored by the Centre for Chinese Studies, Stellenbosch University, South Africa**

*Convenor*

**Ross Anthony**

Centre for Chinese Studies, Stellenbosch University, South Africa

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**Ross Anthony**

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**THE INDIAN OCEAN AS  
A PATHWAY FOR CONTACT  
BETWEEN AFRICA AND ASIA**

*Chair*

**René Barendse**

Independent Scholar, the Netherlands  
& Ghana

**Tom Hoogervorst**

KITLV, the Netherlands

*Navigating the Waves of an African Ocean:  
Chronicling Cultural Contact between  
East Africa and Asia*

**Marina Martin**

Goethe University, Frankfurt am Main,  
Germany

*The Indian Question Revisited:  
The Creation of British Colonial Immigration  
Laws in Southern Africa*

**Nidhi Mahajan**

Leiden University, the Netherlands

*Onboard the Sagar Sanpati: Commerce,  
Terrorism, and Insecurity in the Western  
Indian Ocean*

**Jatin Dua**

University of Michigan- Ann Arbor,  
United States

*A Sea of Protection: Piracy and Policing  
in the Western Indian Ocean*

Thursday 24 September  
Afternoon Session: 15.00 – 17.00  
Location: LECIAD, Syndicate Room 2

**ASIAN AID RELATIONSHIPS  
IN AFRICA II: COMPARING JAPAN  
AND CHINA**

*Convenor and Chair*  
**Annette Skovsted Hansen**  
Aarhus University, Denmark

*Discussant*  
**Kweku Ampiah**  
University of Leeds, United Kingdom

**David Arase**  
The Johns Hopkins-Nanjing University  
Center for Chinese and American Studies,  
United States  
*The Evolution of Japanese and Chinese  
Economic Development Assistance to  
Sub-Saharan Africa: Deja Vu All Over Again?*

**Yumiko Yamamoto**  
Sciences Po Paris – Center for International  
Studies (CERI) and Fondation France-Japon  
de l'EHESS, France  
*Japanese ODA to West Africa (2000-2009):  
From Comparative Perspective with Chinese  
and Indian Aid*

**Cheng Cheng**  
Nanjing University, China  
*'ODF with Chinese Characteristics'  
and ODA in Africa*

**Fatai Ayinde Aremu**  
University of Ilorin, Nigeria  
*Giving with Good Intentions? Convergence  
and Divergence of Ideas on Japanese  
Foreign Aid in Africa*

**Pedro Miguel Amakasu Raposo  
de Medeiros Carvalho**  
University Lusitana, Portugal  
*The TICAD Aid Network in the Shadow  
of Rising Asia-Africa Partnerships*

Thursday 24 September  
Afternoon Session: 15.00 – 17.00  
Location: LECIAD, Training Room 1

**GENEALOGIES OF AFRO-ASIAN  
COALITIONAL PRACTICE**

*Convenor*  
**Grace Hong**  
University of California, Los Angeles,  
United States

*Chair*  
**Mariam Lam**  
University of California, Riverside,  
United States

**Tiffany Willoughby-Herard**  
University of California, Irvine, United States  
*Banned "Asiatics": Racialization under Apartheid  
and the Black Women's Federation*

**Grace Hong**  
University of California, Los Angeles,  
United States  
*Alternative Genealogies of Afro-Asian Encounter*

**Jodi Kim**  
University of California, Riverside,  
United States  
*Militarized Pivots: Asia, Africa, and America's  
Pacific Century*

Thursday 24 September  
Afternoon Session: 15.00 – 17.00  
Location: LECIAD, Training Room 2

**CASE STUDIES ON AFRICA AND ASIA**

*Chair*  
**Adam Lifshey**  
Georgetown University, United States

**Claudio Costa Pinheiro**  
Sephis Programme, Brazil  
*Tropical Orientalism. Latin American  
Post-colonial Imagination Regarding Asia*

**Kwang-Su Kim**

Hankuk University of Foreign Studies, South Korea

**Kobus Du Pisani**

North-West University, South Africa

*Asian-African comparative studies on place name changes*

**Ayako Hatano**

University of Tokyo, Japan

*The Reintegration and Rehabilitation of Children in Conflict with the Law: From the Case of Child Detention in Sierra Leone*

**Thursday 24 September**

**Afternoon Session: 15.00 – 17.00**

**Location: LECIAD, Main Conference Room 118**

**AFRICAN MIGRATIONS TO ASIA II**

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African Studies Centre & University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands

**Malwina Bakalarska**

Polish Academy of Sciences, Institute of Mediterranean and Oriental Cultures, Poland  
*Nigerian Students in Malaysia and China – Comparative Analysis of Motivations to Study in Asia and Challenges in Adaptation*

**Persis Taraporevala**

Centre for Policy Research, India  
*Criminalising Africans in Khirki Extension: Race-tinged Moralities and the Depoliticization of Gentrification*

**Antje Missbach**

Monash University, Australia  
*Transit Migration and People Smuggling in Asia and Africa: A Potentially Rich Field for Comparison*

**Yijie Zou**

Brandeis University, United States  
*Gaze beyond Africa and China: A Case Study on the Visual Representation of Africans in China*

**Thursday 24 September**

**Afternoon Session: 15.00 – 17.00**

**Location: School of Law**

**WHO NEEDS ASIAN STUDIES IN AFRICA AND WHY?**

*Convenor and Chair*

**Lawrence Ogbo Ugwuanyi**

University of Abuja, Nigeria

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University of Abuja, Nigeria  
*From Geo-Politics to Geosophy: Asian Studies in Africa and the Challenge of Knowledge Base for the Global South*

**Rose Sackeyfio**

Department of English, Winston Salem State University, United States  
*Africa and Asia in the 21st Century: Educating for Global Citizenship*

**Dennis Masaka**

Great Zimbabwe University, Zimbabwe  
*The Imperative for the Asian Studies in the African Academy*

**Munamoto Chemhuru**

Great Zimbabwe University, Zimbabwe  
*Interrogating the Values of Confucian Philosophy and Ubuntu in the Context of Environmental Ethics*

**Chinweizu**

Private scholar and Niggerologist, Nigeria  
*A Dose of East Asia: Cultural Antidote for Black Africa's Eurocentrism – A Theme in Niggerology*

**Friday 25 September**  
**Early Morning Session: 9.00 – 10.30**  
**Location: International House**

**A-ASIA~IIAS ROUNDTABLE 2  
TOWARDS A SUSTAINABLE MODEL  
OF ASIAN STUDIES IN AFRICA**

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Sàn Art Gallery, HCMC, Viet Nam

**Friday 25 September**

**Early Morning Session: 9.00 – 10.30**

**Location: LECIAD, Syndicate Room 1**

**CHINA'S IMPACT ON THE AFRICAN  
POLITICAL AND SOCIAL LANDSCAPES**

*Chair*

**Alinah K. Segobye**

Thabo Mbeki African Leadership Institute, South  
Africa

**Philipp Gieg**

University of Würzburg, Germany

*Invoking History, Projecting Success. China's and  
India's Policy and Soft Power vis-à-vis Africa*

**Tracy Barrett**

North Dakota State University, United States  
*Structures of Colonial Control: Confronting the  
Chinese in Madagascar*

**Jacob Waiswa Buganga**

Department of Religion and Peace,  
Makerere University, Uganda  
*Evolution of Buddhism in Uganda*

**Friday 25 September**

**Early Morning Session: 9.00 – 10.30**

**Location: LECIAD, Syndicate Room 2**

**ECONOMIC HISTORY  
AND LOCAL DEVELOPMENT**

*Chair*

**René Barendse**

Independent Scholar, the Netherlands  
& Ghana

**Agnes Khoo-Dzisi**

University of Utrecht, the Netherlands  
*Reframing Asia's Economic Development  
and Industrialization: Asian Social Movements*

**Olukayode Faleye**

Joseph Ayo Babalola University, Nigeria  
& University of Ilorin, Nigeria  
*Toward a Comparative Economic  
History of Africa and Asia*

**John Walsh**

School of Management, Shinawatra  
University, Thailand

**Eric Bediako**

Shinawatra International University,  
Thailand  
*Special Economic Zones in the Mekong  
Region and Africa*

**Kudus Adebayo**

University of Ibadan, Nigeria  
*'Tokunbo' and 'Chinco' Economies in Nigeria:  
Rethinking Encounters and Continuities  
in Local Economic Transformations*

**Friday 25 September**

**Early Morning Session: 9.00 – 10.30**

**Location: LECIAD, Training Room 1**

**INTELLECTUAL INTERACTIONS  
BETWEEN ASIA AND AFRICA**

*Chair*

**Mayke Kaag**

African Studies Centre, the Netherlands

**Pascal Touoyem**

Université Yaoundé 1, Cameroon  
*Mondialisation et Enjeux de la Production  
des Savoirs Interculturels à l'Ere du Partenariat  
Afrique – Asie*

**Sissy Helff**

Goethe-University Frankfurt, Germany  
*Decoding Intellectual and Educational  
Interactions between Asia and Africa in Digital  
Photography and Digital Image Archives*

**Sakah Mahmud**

Kwara State University, Malete, Nigeria  
*The Intellectual Deficit in Africa Asia Relations  
and the Prospects for Revival and Renaissance*

**Brij Mohan Tankha**

Institute of Chinese Studies, Delhi, India  
*Breaking the Boundaries of Asia: Recovering  
the Afro-Asian Moment*

Friday 25 September  
Early Morning Session: 9.00 – 10.30  
Location: LECIAD, Training Room 2

## SOUTHERN VOICES OF STRUGGLE

Convenor and Chair

**Tariq Mehmood**  
American University of Beirut, Lebanon

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American University of Beirut, Lebanon  
*Afro-Asian Literary Dialogues: The Afro-Asian  
Writer's Association and its Journal Lotus*

**Nate George**  
Rice University, Houston, Texas,  
United States  
*Solidarity Means to Step Across Continents:  
Mehdi Ben Barka and Arab Routes to the  
Tricontinental*

**Amany Al-Sayyed**  
American University of Beirut, Lebanon  
*Scattered Genealogies of Resistance:  
Reflections on Palestinian Alternative  
Broadcast Radio in Ghana  
(Lotus Magazine)*

Friday 25 September  
Early Morning Session: 9.00 – 10.30  
Location: LECIAD, Main Conference Room 118

## ETHNIC GERMANS IN CENTRAL ASIA, KAZAKHSTAN, AND SIBERIA

Convenor

**Jonathan Pohl**  
University of Ghana, Legon, Ghana

Chair

**Nana Sapon**  
University of Ghana, Legon, Ghana

**Jonathan Pohl**  
University of Ghana, Legon, Ghana  
*Ethnic Germans in Kyrgyzstan from 1882-1992*

**Eric Schmaltz**  
Northwestern Oklahoma State University,  
United States  
*Reconsiderations of the USSR's Aborted  
National Oblast Plan for Soviet Kazakhstan's  
Ethnic Germans, 1976-1980*

**Brent Mai**  
Concordia University, United States  
*Settling the Frontier: The Volga German  
Pioneers to Siberia*

Friday 25 September  
Early Morning Session: 9.00 – 10.30  
Location: School of Law

## CAPACITY BUILDING OF ASIAN STUDIES IN AFRICA

Chair

**Adebayo Olukoshi**  
Director, African Institute for Economic  
Development and Planning, Senegal

**Satinder Bhatia**  
Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, India  
*Faculty Development Initiatives in Africa  
on Asian Studies: Key to Integration*

**Aaron Tesfaye**  
William Paterson University, United States  
*Alternative Paradigm for Building Enduring  
Afro-Asian Institutions in Africa*

**Lazare Ki-Zerbo**  
University of Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso  
*Richard Wright's Contributions to New Areas  
of African-Asian Studies*

**Renu Modi**  
Centre For African Studies,  
University of Mumbai, India  
*Changing Representations of India through  
Higher Education and Media in Africa*



**Friday 25 September**

**Late Morning Session: 11.00 – 12.30**

**Location: International House**

**A-ASIA~IIAS ROUNDTABLE 2  
TOWARDS A SUSTAINABLE MODEL  
OF ASIAN STUDIES IN AFRICA**

**Roundtable sponsored by the IIAS Initiative  
'Rethinking Asian Studies in a Global Context'  
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**Rohit Negi**

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Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, Delhi, India

**Albert Tzeng**

United Daily News & CNEX Doc Channel,  
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**Chayan Vaddhanaphuti**

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**David Szanton**

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Dakar, Senegal

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**Françoise Vergés**

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**Ian Solomon**

The University of Chicago, United States

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**Lazare Ki-Zerbo**

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**Lungisile Ntsebeza**

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**Friday 25 September**

**Late Morning Session: 11.00 – 12.30**

**Location: LECIAD, Syndicate Room 1**

**CHINA'S RISE AND ASIA-AFRICA  
INTERACTIONS**

*Chair*

**Jianwei Wang**

University of Macau, Macao S.A.R., China

**C.X. George Wei**

University of Macau, Macao S.A.R., China

**Wanwen Feng**

University of Macau, Macao S.A.R., China

*Brothers at the Ends of Oceans: A Historical  
Analysis of Sino-African Interactions*

**Jianwei Wang**

University of Macau, Macao S.A.R., China

**Jing Zou**

University of Macau, Macao S.A.R., China

*China's Image in Asia and Africa:  
A Comparative Study*



## Africa-Asia: A New Axis of Knowledge

### Isaac Odoom

University of Alberta, Canada

*Resistance as Agency? Locating Ghanaian Agency in Ghana-China Relations*

### Tara Mock

Michigan State University, United States

*Turning Dragons into Pandas: A Rhetorical Analysis of Chinese Advertising in Africa*

### Friday 25 September

Late Morning Session: 11.00 – 12.30

Location: LECIAD, Training Room 1

## ROUNDTABLE GOVERNANCE: WHAT POLITICAL ANTHROPOLOGISTS OF ASIA AND AFRICA CAN CONTRIBUTE

*Convenor and Chair*

### Gerry van Klinken

Royal Netherlands Institute of Southeast Asian and Caribbean Studies (KITLV), the Netherlands

*Participants*

### Ward Berenschot

Royal Netherlands Institute of Southeast Asian and Caribbean Studies (KITLV), the Netherlands

### David Henley

Leiden University, the Netherlands

### Ahmad Helmy Fuady

Research Center for Regional Resources, Indonesian Institute of Sciences, Indonesia

### Akinyinka Akinyoade

African Studies Centre, the Netherlands

### Friday 25 September

Late Morning Session: 11.00 – 12.30

Location: LECIAD, Training Room 2

## AFRICAN STUDIES IN ASIA

*Chair*

### Adam Lifshey

Georgetown University, United States

### Takayuki Yokota-Murakami

Osaka University, Japan

*How the 'South' Has Been Studied and Constructed in the Japanese African Studies: Imaginary Africa of the Japanese Popular/Juven*

### Ravi Palat

State University of New York at Binghamton, United States

*Asia in Africa: Reframing Area Studies for the 21st Century*

### Gaby Bamana

University of Groningen, the Netherlands  
*Epistemology and Method: Lessons from an African Anthropologist in Mongolia*

### Friday 25 September

Late Morning Session: 11.00 – 12.30

Location: LECIAD, Main Conference Room 118

## UNDERSTANDING RACE AND INTERSECTIONALITY IN CHINA-AFRICA INTERACTIONS

*Convenor and Chair*

### Huamei Han

Simon Fraser University, Canada

*Discussant*

### C. Jama Adams

City University of New York, United States

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City University of New York, United States  
*Racial Identity and Class Status among Africana Migrants in China*

**Tu Huynh**

Chinese in Africa/Africans in  
China Research Network  
*Chinese Laborers and Race Making  
in South Africa, 1904-1910*

**Yoon Jung Park**

CA/AC Research Network; African Studies,  
Georgetown University, United States;  
Sociology, Rhodes University, South Africa  
*Still neither White nor Black: Continuities and  
Discontinuities in Chinese Identity Construction  
in South Africa and the Continent*

**Huamei Han**

Simon Fraser University, Canada  
*Stratification in Globalization:  
The Intersection of Race, State,  
and Class in China-Africa Interactions*

**Friday 25 September**  
**Late Morning Session: 11.00 – 12.30**  
**Location: School of Law**

**AFRICAN-ASIAN STUDIES  
AS A NEW RESEARCH FRONTIER**

*Chair*

**Pinkie Mekgwe**

University of Johannesburg, South Africa

**Jacqueline Knörr**

Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology,  
Germany  
*Beyond the 'Triangular Bias': African-Asian  
Interaction and Exchange as a New Research  
Frontier*

**Ayanda Wiseman Nombila**

Makerere Institute of Social Research,  
Kampala, Uganda  
*A Study of African Intellectual Debates  
at the Council for the Development  
of Social Sciences Research in Africa:  
Towards Africa/Asia 'Intellectual Interactions'*

**Mehita Iqani**

University of the Witwatersrand,  
South Africa  
*Allegations of Consumption: Wealth and  
Luxury in News Reports of Corruption  
in South Africa and India*

**Friday 25 September**  
**Midday Session: 13.30 – 15.00**  
**Location: LECIAD, Syndicate Room 1**

**ENGAGING JAPAN IN DISCOURSES  
ABOUT AFRICA**

*Convenor*

**Kweku Ampiah**

University of Leeds, United Kingdom

*Chair*

**Yoichi Mine**

Doshisha University, Japan

*Discussant*

**David Arase**

John Hopkins School of International  
Relations, United States

**Katsuhiko Kitagawa**

Kansai University, Japan  
*Japan's Economic Relations with Africa  
in the Inter-War Years: Examining the  
Narratives of Consular Reports*

**Scarlett Cornelissen**

University of Stellenbosch, South Africa  
*The Political Implications of Japan's Relations  
with South Africa in the Cold War Era*

**Kumiko Makino-Yamashita**

Institute of Developing Economies,  
Japan External Trade Organization, Japan  
*The Anti-apartheid Movement in Japan*

**Kweku Ampiah**

University of Leeds, United Kingdom  
*The Discourse of Japanese Development Assistance and the Scaling-up of Community-based Health Planning and Services (CHPS) in Ghana*

**Yutaro Sato**

Doshisha University, Japan  
*Karayuki san in Zanzibar: Texts about Japanese women in the water trade in Colonial Africa*

**Friday 25 September**

**Midday Session: 13.30 – 15.00**

**Location: LECIAD, Syndicate Room 2**

**URBAN DEVELOPMENT  
IN AFRICA AND ASIA**

*Chair*

**Jacob Waiswa Buganga**

Department of Religion and Peace, Makerere University, Uganda

**David Bénazéraf**

University Paris 1 Pantheon Sorbonne, France  
*China and the Making of African Cities. The Impact of Chinese Urban Development Practices on Africa's Path of Urbanization*

**Cole Roskam**

University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong S.A.R., China  
*Defining a New Modern Architecture for Africa: Cheng Taining's National Theatre of Ghana, 1989-92*

**Emeka Umejei**

Wits University, Johannesburg, South Africa & Chinese in Africa Africans in China Google Group  
*China's engagement with Nigeria: Opportunity or Opportunist?*

**Friday 25 September**

**Midday Session: 13.30 – 15.00**

**Location: LECIAD, Training Room 1**

**MODERNITY AND AGENCY**

*Chair*

**Mayke Kaag**

African Studies Centre, the Netherlands

**Shipeng Guo**

Boston University, United States  
*'So You Only Have Your Culture?' How Chinese and Kenyans Challenge Each Other's Notions about What is Modern*

**Vineet Thakur**

Johannesburg Institute for Advanced Study, University of Johannesburg, South Africa  
*Africa and the End of International Relations Theory*

**Laury Ocen**

Makerere Institute of Social Research, Kampala, Uganda  
*Hidden Ruins: Contradictions in Postwar Discourses of Intervention and Restoration*

**Henry Kam Kah**

University of Buea, Cameroon  
*Chinese Cultural Influence in the Gulf of Guinea in the 21st Century*

Friday 25 September

Midday Session: 13.30 – 15.00

Location: LECIAD, Training Room 2

**POLITICAL AGENCIES IN THE COLONIAL/POST-COLONIAL GLOBAL: CONVERGENCES AND CONTRASTS OF AFRICAN AND ASIAN CONTEXTS I**

**Panel sponsored by the Asian Modernities and Traditions Research Profile at Leiden University, the Netherlands**

*Convenors and Chairs*

**Nira Wickramasinghe**

Leiden University, the Netherlands

**Philippe Peycam**

International Institute for Asian Studies, the Netherlands

*Discussant*

**Mamadou Diouf**

Leitner Professor of African Studies, Columbia University, United States

**Nira Wickramasinghe**

Leiden University, the Netherlands

*The Modern as Desire and the Making of a Market Imaginary: Sewing Machine and Gramophone In Colonial Lanka*

**Walter Nkwi Gam**

University of Buea, Cameroon

*Peddling and Listening to Asian Modernities in Africa: From Japanese Zyphy Bicycles, Motor Cars and National Panasonic Radios to Chinese Cell Phones*

**Philippe Peycam**

International Institute for Asian Studies, the Netherlands

*1920s Saigon: Urban Métissages, Newspapers, and the Origins of Vietnam's Public Culture of Contestation*

**Remco Raben**

University of Amsterdam & University of Utrecht, the Netherlands  
*Democracy between Empire and Nation in Asia and Africa*

Friday 25 September

Midday Session: 13.30 – 15.00

Location: LECIAD, Main Conference Room 118

**ASIAN MIGRATIONS TO AFRICA**

*Chair*

**Desai Gaurav**

Tulane University, New Orleans, United States

**Hai Xiao**

University of Wisconsin-Madison, United States

*When Guanxi Encounters Dash: Social Interactions between Chinese Petty Entrepreneurs and Nigerians*

**Jessica Achberger**

Southern African Institute for Policy & Research, Zambia

*Follow the Tofu: Mapping Chinese Agricultural Value Networks in Zambia*

**Nimrita Rana**

University of Birmingham/ ESRC (Economic and Social Research Council), United Kingdom

*'I am Ghanaian'... 'Ah! How can you be Ghanaian, you are white': Negotiating Ghanaian identities for descendants of Sindhi migrants*

**Iqbal Akhtar**

Florida International University, United States

*Religious Citizenship: The Case of the Globalised Khōjā of Tanzania*

Friday 25 September

Midday Session: 13.30 – 15.00

Location: School of Law

**ROUNDTABLE – THE EVOLUTION OF ASIAN STUDIES IN THE UNITED STATES**

**Roundtable sponsored by the Association for Asian Studies, United States**

*Convenor and Chair*

**David Szanton**

University of California, Berkeley emeritus, United States

*Participants*

**Jennifer Chun**

University of Toronto, Canada

**Sharad Chari**

University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa

**Rachel Rinaldo**

University of Colorado Boulder, United States

**Friday 25 September**

**Afternoon Session: 15.30 – 17.00**

**Location: LECIAD, Syndicate Room 1**

**AFRICA-ASIA POLITICAL  
INTERACTIONS & PERSPECTIVES**

*Chair*

**Chayan Vaddhaniphoti**

Chiang Mai University, Thailand

**Oka Obono**

University of Ibadan, Nigeria

*The Role of Berlin and Bandung  
in the Making of Modern Africa*

**Muhadi Sugiono**

Universitas Gadjah Mada, Indonesia

*Bringing Bandung Spirit Back In Asia –  
Africa Relations in the Changing World*

**Grace Cheng**

Hawaii Pacific University,  
United States

*Asian and African Perspectives  
on Sovereignty*

**Ian Solomon**

University of Chicago,  
United States

*A seat at the table? Influence  
and impact in multilateral development  
and international education*

**Friday 25 September**

**Afternoon Session: 15.30 – 17.00**

**Location: LECIAD, Syndicate Room 2**

**ISSUES IN CHINESE-AFRICAN TEXTILE  
TRADE AND MANUFACTURING**

*Convenor and Chair*

**Elisha Renne**

University of Michigan, United States

*Discussant*

**Yoon Jung Park**

CA/AC Research Network; African Studies,  
Georgetown University, United States;  
Sociology, Rhodes University, South Africa

**Esther Naa Dodua Darku**

University of Fort Hare, South Africa

*Surfing Global Competition with Local Initiatives*

**Allison Joan Martino**

University of Michigan, United States

*The 'Sweetness' of Cloth: Creative Exchanges  
with Chinese Textiles in Ghana's Adinkra Cloth*

**Elisha Renne**

University of Michigan, United States

*Chinese-Nigerian Textile Production and Trade  
in the 21st Century*

**Mark Kwaku Mensah Obeng**

Department of Sociology, University  
of Ghana, Ghana

*Chinese Retailers in Ghana and the Formation  
of Traders Alliance amongst Ghanaian Traders  
in Ghana's Market Space*

Friday 25 September

Afternoon Session: 15.30 – 17.00

Location: LECIAD, Training Room 1

**POUR UNE HISTOIRE COMPARÉE  
AFRIQUE/ASIE DES MISSIONS  
CHRÉTIENNES**

*Convenor and Chair*

**Nathalie Kouamé**

Université Paris Diderot Paris 7, France

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*Les Premiers pas de la Mission Jésuite dans  
le Japon du XVIe Siècle*

**Magloire Somé**

Université de Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso

*L'Accueil et le Refus du Christianisme en Afrique  
et en Chine*

**Jean-Paul Messina**

Université catholique d'Afrique central,  
Cameroun

*L'Accueil du Christianisme en Afrique:  
Le Rôle des Catéchistes au Cameroun*

Friday 25 September

Afternoon Session: 15.30 – 17.00

Location: LECIAD, Training Room 2

**POLITICAL AGENCIES IN THE  
COLONIAL/POST-COLONIAL GLOBAL:  
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University of Amsterdam  
& University of Utrecht, the Netherlands

**Vilasnee Tampoe-Hautin**

University of la Réunion, Ile de la Réunion, France  
*What is Indigenous? Cinema and State Policy  
in Sri Lanka (1960 – 1997)*

**Mirjam de Bruijn**

Leiden University & African Studies Centre,  
the Netherlands

*Connecting Political Voices in Africa:  
Music and Resistance in the Era of (New) Icts.*

**Daive Dunkley**

Black Studies Department, University  
of Missouri, United States

*African Decolonisation and the Founders of  
the Rastafari Spiritual and Cultural Movement  
in Jamaica, 1932-1941*

**Claire Thi Liên Trần**

Université Paris Diderot, Cessma, France

*The Quest for New Knowledges, The Quest  
for Equality of Nguyễn Xuân Mai, Vietnamese  
Physician in the Early 20th Century:  
Individual Strategies within, despite and  
beyond the French Colonial Order*



Friday 25 September  
Afternoon Session: 15.30 – 17.00  
Location: LECIAD, Main Conference Room 118

**GHANA'S DEVELOPMENT STRUGGLES  
IN THE FACE OF NEW OIL FINDS:  
INSTITUTIONAL UNDERPINNINGS  
AND LESSONS FROM ASIA**

*Convenor and Chair*

**Stephen Armah**

Ashesi University College, Ghana

*Discussant*

**Albert Ninepence**

Ashesi University College, Ghana

**Nana Serwah Asiedu**

Ashesi University College, Ghana

*The Role of State Driven Capitalism  
in ensuring Economic Development in Ghana;  
A Case Study on the Asian Tigers*

**Stephen Armah**

Ashesi University College, Ghana

*Strategies for Ghana's Economic Transformation  
and Diversification*

**Marian Ohui Apronti**

Ashesi University College, Ghana

**Stephen Armah**

Ashesi University College, Ghana

*Using Natural Resources for the Benefit of All:  
Lessons from Nigeria and Botswana for Ghana*

**Daniel Torku**

Ghana Education Service, Ghana

*Are Ghana's Current Policies sufficient to  
transform the Resource Curse into a Blessing?*

Friday 25 September  
Afternoon Session: 15.30 – 17.00  
Location: School of Law

**ROUNDTABLE  
NEW AREA STUDIES IN AN ERA  
OF GLOBAL TRANSFORMATION**

**Roundtable sponsored by the Social Science  
Research Council (SSRC), United States**

*Chair*

**Tatiana Caryannis**

Social Science Research Council, United States

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**Thomas Asher**

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**Mamadou Diouf**

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**Liu Haifang**

Peking University, China

**Dzodzi Tsikata**

CODESRIA, Ghana

**Seteney Shami**

Arab Council for the Social Sciences, Lebanon  
& Social Science Research Council, United States

**Sharad Chari**

University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa



**Saturday 26 September**

**Late Morning Session: 10.30 – 12.00**

**Location: LECIAD, Syndicate Room 1**

**ROUNDTABLE  
AFRICA-CHINA RELATIONS  
IN AFRICAN PERSPECTIVE:  
RE-CENTERING A NARRATIVE**

**Roundtable sponsored by Thabo Mbeki  
African Leadership Institute, South Africa**

*Chair*

**Lloyd G. Adu Amoah**

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Thabo Mbeki African Leadership Institute,  
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**Kwesi Prah**

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South Africa

**Paul Tembe**

Center for Chinese Studies, Stellenbosch,  
South Africa

**Saturday 26 September**

**Late Morning Session: 10.30 – 12.00**

**Location: LECIAD, Syndicate Room 2**

**ASIAN AID AND AFRICAN  
DEVELOPMENT I**

*Chair*

**Jessica Achberger**

Southern African Institute for Policy  
and Research (SAIPAR), Lusaka, Zambia

**Jinqiu Zhao**

Communication University of China, China  
*Media Perception of China's Development Aid  
to Africa: A Country Study of Ghana*

**Ansoumane Douy Diakite**

University of Saint Joseph, China

*Assessing Poverty Reduction in China*

*Aid Policies toward Africa*

**Yejuo Kim**

Centre for Chinese Studies

& Stellenbosch University, South Africa

*Mapping South Korea's engagement*

*with Africa*

**Saturday 26 September**

**Late Morning Session: 10.30 – 12.00**

**Location: LECIAD, Training Room 1**

**AFRICAN-ASIAN INTERACTIONS  
IN LITERATURE AND FILM**

*Chair*

**Mariam Lam**

University of California, Riverside,  
United States

**R. Benedito Ferrão**

Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, The College  
of William and Mary, Virginia, United States

*Asia and Africa: Portuguese Colonisation,  
Literature, and Goa Between*

**Mara Matta**

Università degli Studi di Napoli 'L'Orientale',  
Italy

*Migrations and Diasporas South to South:  
Soul's Mappings, Heart's Wanderings*

**Alessandro Jedlowski**

Marie-Curie/COFUND Post-doc Fellow,  
University of Liege, Belgium

*The Bollywood Connection: Transnational*

*Collaborations and the Impact of the 'Indian Model'*

*on the Nigerian Video Film Industry*

**Katie Young**

Royal Holloway, University of London,  
United Kingdom

*Global Bollywood in Ghana: Tracing the  
Circulation of Hindi Film Music in Tamale,  
Northern Ghana, 1957-Present*

**Saturday 26 September**  
**Late Morning Session: 10.30 – 12.00**  
**Location: LECIAD, Training Room 2**

**IMAGES, IMAGINATIONS,  
EMBODIMENT AND CONTEMPORARY  
ART**

*Chair*  
**Karen Fiss**  
California College of the Arts, United States

**Serigne Mbaye Mbodj**  
Imagine Africa Institute, Senegal  
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