

Rethinking the refugee crisis



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Create legal entry points into the EU and start recruiting labour through EU embassies in Africa. And don't forget the individual aspirations and capabilities of the migrants. NAI's migration researcher Jesper Bjarnesen offers advice to EU policymakers in the new Policy Report "Rethinking the Mediterranean Crisis".

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Digging for environmental justice in the NAI library



Political ecologist Connor Cavanagh is studying the politics of land and environmental protection in Kenya. He divides his time between Oslo and Nairobi, but some of the most crucial sources for his research, sensitive documents from the Kenyan government, he found at the NAI Library in Uppsala.

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Material remains tell the story



"By reading documents you get one image of the past. But archaeology can uncover so many more details of what it was really like to live there then."

South African archaeologist Natalie Swanepoel is a guest

researcher at NAI during fall 2015. Her current project focuses on the Botshabelo Mission Station in Mpumalanga province, South Africa.

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TALKS ON INCLUSIVE GROWTH IN MOZAMBIQUE

NAI director Iina Soiri and other Nordic experts, academics and development practitioners will engage in dialogue with their Mozambican partners in October on the topic of inclusive growth. The conference is opened by the President of Mozambique Filipe Nyusi and involves the country's ministers for finance and natural resources.

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PUBLIC LECTURE: AFRICA'S RETURN MIGRANTS

NAI researchers Lisa Åkesson and Maria Eriksson Baaz present their new book [Africa's Return Migrants - The New Developers?](#) at a public lecture at the Nordic Africa Institute in Uppsala on Monday 5 October.

Many African migrants nurture a hope to one day return to their home country. Such returnees are often portrayed as agents of development, bringing with them capital, knowledge, skills and connections. Yet, the reality is altogether more complex. Based on extensive original fieldwork, Åkesson's and Eriksson Baaz' new book reveals that there is all too often a gaping divide between abstract policy assumptions and migrants' actual practices and possibilities.

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NAI AT PEACE CONFERENCE IN KHARTOUM

[Redie Bereketeab](#), researcher at the Nordic Africa Institute, has been invited to discuss possible solutions to the ongoing conflicts in Sudan and South Sudan at a conference arranged by University of Bahri in Sudan, University of Juba in South Sudan and George Mason University in USA. The conference will be held in the Sudanese capital Khartoum from 29 September to 1 October.

WORKSHOP ON TRADITIONAL AFRICAN HEALING

Traditional African medicine was long dismissed and discriminated against as harmful superstition. In recent years, however, the value of traditional healing practices has been slowly recognized by researchers as well as a number of African governments and official authorities. The Nordic Africa Institute is now, together with University of the Western Cape and University of Jyväskylä, taking the initiative to bring together researchers, activists and policy practitioners within this discipline to discuss issues of public health and traditional healing.

For two days 15 researchers and other experts from Finland, South Africa and Sweden will take part in a work on collaboration between traditional African healers and biomedical health practitioners. [Annika Teppo](#), associate professor at the Nordic Africa Institute, will be hosting of the workshop, taking place in Uppsala 1-2 October. In her research she's been following traditional healers for many years.

– The purpose is to strengthen professional networks and I'm also hoping that we can establish a basis for a joint publication, a book or a special edition of a journal, says Annika Teppo.

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