

# The Claude Ake Visiting Chair 2024

## Deadline for applications: 21 January 2024

### The Claude Ake Visiting Chair

The Claude Ake Visiting Chair was set up in 2003 at the Department of Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala University (DPCR), in collaboration with the Nordic Africa Institute (NAI). The Chair honors the memory of Professor Claude Ake, a distinguished scholar, philosopher, teacher and humanist, who died tragically in 1996. The Chair is intended for scholars who, like Claude Ake, combine a profound commitment to scholarship with a strong advocacy for social justice. The Chair is open to social scientists working at African universities with problems related to war, peace, conflict resolution, human rights, democracy and development on the African continent.

The Chair holder is offered a conducive environment to pursue his or her own research, while there is also opportunity for lecturing, holding seminars and contributing to ongoing research activities at the Department of Peace and Conflict Research and the Nordic Africa Institute.

### Application and Appointment

The Department of Peace and Conflict Research and the Nordic Africa Institute currently invite applications to the Claude Ake Visiting Chair for 2024. Applicants should be internationally recognized senior scholars with professorial competence in their respective fields of expertise. Normally, this translates to Professor, Associate Professor, or their equivalence. The Chair holder is expected to spend three (3) months in Uppsala in the time-span mid-August to mid December 2024. Applications from female candidates are encouraged.

### The application must contain

- A complete and updated curriculum vitae (CV), including relevant information regarding academic title, current and previous positions, research and teaching activities, and a list of publications. It should also include all relevant contact information.
- A short abstract of the research project to be carried out as visiting chair holder.
- A research proposal outlining the main features of the research project to be carried out during the visit including the expected results. The length of the proposal should be a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 5 pages.
- Two of the applicant's publications. These should normally be the two most important articles related to the research project to be pursued during the visit.
- A signed recommendation letter from a senior scholar or policymaker working in the same field as the applicant.
- A signed letter from the applicant's Head of Department or Dean (or equivalent) which confirms that the application is supported by the institution with which the nominee is affiliated.

The Claude Ake Visiting Chair Committee reviews the applications and appoints the Chair. The Committee is currently made up of Associate Professor Anders Themnér (Project Leader for the Claude Ake Visiting Chair, DPCR), Professor Eleanor Fisher (NAI), and Marie Karlsson (Administrative Coordinator for the Claude Ake Visiting Chair, NAI).

## Terms

The awardee is entitled to a tax-free stipend/scholarship of 30 000 SEK/month. If the awardee is absent from Uppsala for reasons not associated with the program, deductions will be made to the stipend/scholarship. In addition, travel costs and accommodation for the holder of the position is covered by the grant. The Chair holder is provided office space at the DPCR and NAI, and basic office equipment

## Claude Ake Memorial Lecture and Publication

The holders of the Claude Ake Visiting Chair give, at the end of their stay in Uppsala, a public lecture called the 'Claude Ake Memorial Lecture.' The title, theme and content of the lecture should be based on the research project being pursued by the chair holder while in Uppsala. The assumption is that the topic of the lecture shall, in a general sense relate to the work of Claude Ake, for example in terms of themes or issues covered, or in the theoretical or normative points of departure. The lecture is to be based on a paper prepared and submitted before the chair holder leaves Uppsala. After a review process, the paper will be published in the Claude Ake Memorial Paper Series (CAMP). Please note that 20 % of the scholarship (6,000 kr/month, 18,000 kr in total), will be retained and paid out first after the delivery of the first draft of the paper.

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Applications are submitted online at: <https://nai.uu.se/opportunities/claudeake.html>

Please note that incomplete applications or applications received after this date will not be considered. Also note that the Claude Ake Visiting Chair is dependent on external funding. In the *extraordinary event that the program does not receive full funding – and the awarded position is withdrawn or the size of the scholarship reduced – the awardee or applicants will be informed immediately.*

## Previous holders of the Claude Ake Visiting Chair

2003 Professor L. Adele Jinadu (Nigeria); a former President of the African Association of Political Science (AAPS); Jinadu is Executive Director of the Centre for Advanced Social Science (CASS), in Port Harcourt, Nigeria.

2004 Dr. Cyril I. Obi (Nigeria); Associate Research Professor at the Nigerian Institute of International Affairs and Senior Research Fellow/Programme Coordinator at the Nordic Africa Institute, Uppsala.

2005 Professor Amadu Sesay (Sierra Leone); Head of the Department of International Relations, Obafemi Awolowo University, Nigeria.

2006 Professor Kwame Boafo-Arthur (Ghana); Head of the Department of Political Science, University of Ghana at Legon.

2007 Professor Charles Villa-Vicencio (South Africa); Professor Emeritus at the University of Cape Town and Executive Director of the Institute for Justice and Reconciliation (IJR), Cape Town.

2008 Professor Adam Azzain Mohamed (Sudan); Director of the Institute for the Study of Public Administration and Federal Governance at the University of Khartoum.

2009 Professor Yash Tandon (Uganda); writer, policymaker and former executive director of the South Centre, a leading international policy institute, based in South Africa.

2010 Dr. Yacob Arsano (Ethiopia); Associate Professor of Political Science & International Relations at Addis Ababa University. He has also been serving as Dean of the College of Social Sciences at AAU since 2006.

2012 Dr. Pamela Mbabazi (Uganda); Associate Professor of Development Studies at Mbarara University of Science & Technology and Deputy Vice Chancellor.

2013 Professor Victor Adetula (Nigeria); Professor of International Relations & Development Studies at the University of Jos, Nigeria.

2014 Professor Maxi Schoeman (South Africa); Head of Department of Political Sciences and Professor of International Relations at University of Pretoria, South Africa.

2015 Professor Pumla Gobodo-Madikizela (South Africa); Senior Research Professor for trauma, forgiveness and reconciliation at the University of the Free State, South Africa. She served on the South African Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Human Rights Violations Committee.

2016 Professor Tim Murithi (Kenya/South Africa); Head of the Justice and Reconciliation in Africa Programme at the Institute for Justice and Reconciliation, South Africa and Extraordinary Professor of African Studies, at the Centre for African Studies, University of the Free State, South Africa.

2017 Professor Rachid Tlemçani, (Algeria); Professor of Political Science at the University of Algiers. His areas of expertise include state- and nation building, democratization and economic development in Africa in general and the Maghreb in particular.

2018 Professor Heidi Hudson (South Africa); Professor of International Relations and Dean of the Faculty of the Humanities at the University of the Free State. She specializes in feminist security studies, with a specific focus on Africa.

2019 Professor Eghosa E. Osaghae (Nigeria); Professor of Comparative Politics at the University of Ibadan. His areas of expertise include ethnicity, federalism, governance and state politics in Africa.

2020-2021 No Claude Ake Visiting Chair due to the covid pandemic.

2022 Professor Kwesi Aning (Ghana); Director of Faculty of Academic Affairs & Research, Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre. His areas of expertise include peacekeeping, counter-terrorism, West African security and decolonizing research methodologies.

2023 Professor Shola Omotola (Nigeria); Professor of Political Science, Federal University Oye-Ekiti. His areas of expertise include democratization, governance, minority questions, security, and coups in Africa.

## **The Department for Peace and Conflict Research at Uppsala University**

The Department of Peace and Conflict Research (DPCR) was established in 1971 to conduct peace research and offer courses in peace and conflict studies. It is internationally recognized as a leading institution in its field. At present some 200-300 students are enrolled every academic year. Research is conducted in several major areas of peace and conflict studies, and on a wide range of geographical regions and countries across the globe. The Department also houses its own data collection program, the internationally renowned Uppsala Conflict Data Program (UCDP). Website: [www.pcr.uu.se](http://www.pcr.uu.se)

## **The Nordic Africa Institute**

The Nordic Africa Institute (NAI), founded in 1962, is a center for research, documentation and information on modern Africa in the Nordic region. Based in Uppsala, Sweden, the Institute is dedicated to providing timely, critical and alternative research and analysis of Africa in the Nordic countries and to strengthen the co-operation between African and Nordic researchers. The institute offers grants for Nordic and African scholars and it has a unique library specialized on contemporary Africa within the field of social sciences. Website: [www.nai.uu.se](http://www.nai.uu.se)