African Mobilities – reshaping narratives and practices of circulation and exchange

NORDIC AFRICA DAYS 2018

Uppsala 19-21 September

PROGRAMME
The Nordic Africa Days just keeps growing. Ten years ago, the conference gathered some 100 scholars, mainly from the Nordic countries. This year, we are proud to welcome nearly 300 researchers and experts from over 40 countries. I am particularly glad to welcome researchers from 25 African countries.

The Nordic Africa Days is about sharing ideas, knowledge and experiences with colleagues spread over several continents. I am proud that the Nordic Africa Institute is able to pull you all together in an autumn-clothed Uppsala.

This year, we have a very timely theme: African Mobilities – reshaping narratives and practices of circulation and exchange. Our first roundtable, African migration and the Mediterranean crisis, focuses on Africa-to-Europe migration. Here, I am particularly happy that we will get valuable insights from the representative of the Moroccan government, Mr Ahmed Skim.

I am also proud to announce our two distinguished keynote speakers. On Thursday, Cameroonian social activist, entrepreneur and politician Ms Kah Walla will give a talk about African Mobilities – governing to make African movement free and fair. Walla is an expert in regional labour migration in West Africa.

On Friday, Prof. Francis Nyamnjoh delivers his keynote on Mobility, globalisation and the policing of citizenship and belonging in the 21st century. Nyamnjoh was one of the first to theorise around globalisation in an African context. He will also share his insights in our second roundtable, Friday’s Decolonisation and Social Media which draws on the #RhodesMustFall movement in South Africa.

There are many gold nuggets in the programme – let this booklet guide you. The abstracts for the 33 panels can be found on our website: www.nai.uu.se/nad-2018.

Free wifi is available at the venue. Instructions for how to access the wireless network are available on paper flyers at the venue, as well as on www.nai.uu.se/nad-2018.

Lastly, apart from hard work and debate, let’s have fun as well. We have book launches with drinks on Thursday afternoon, dinner the same evening and a film screening, with an introduction by the director, Dani Kouyaté, on Friday afternoon. Enjoy!

Iina Soiri, Director
The Nordic Africa Institute

#NAD2018 #AfricanMobilities
Getting around. Uppsala is not a big city, but you might still need a map to find your way.

**The University Hall** (Universitetshuset), Biskopsgatan 3, is the venue for the keynote speeches, roundtables, book launches and most panels.

**Norrland’s Nation** (Norrlands nation), Västra Ägatan 14, is just by the Fyris River. This is the venue for the conference dinner on Thursday evening.

**Akademihotellet**, Övre Slottsgatan 5, is less than two minutes walk from the University Hall. Some of the panel sessions will take place here.

**Nordic Africa Institute (NAI)**, Villavägen 6, in the Botanical Garden is the venue for preregistration and welcome reception on Wednesday evening.
Thursday 20 September

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<td>Welcome address&lt;br&gt;The NAD 2018 Organising team. <em>Room X.</em>&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;African mobilities – governing to make African movement free and fair&lt;br&gt;Lecture: Kah Walla, political leader, social activist and entrepreneur, president of the Cameroonian Gender and Development Network. <em>Room X.</em></td>
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<td><strong>African migration and the Mediterranean crisis</strong>&lt;br&gt;Towards a Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration? Co-arranged by the Embassy of Morocco and NAI. <em>Room IX.</em>&lt;br&gt;• Ahmed Skim, Director of Migration Affairs, Moroccan Government&lt;br&gt;• Kristof Tamas, Director, Swedish Migration Studies Delegation (DELMI)&lt;br&gt;• María Hernández Carretero, Social Anthropologist, University of Oslo&lt;br&gt;• Chair: Jesper Bjarnesen, Senior Researcher, NAI&lt;br&gt;Moroccan specialties will be served to the roundtable participants, compliments of the Embassy of the Kingdom of Morocco in Sweden.</td>
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<td><strong>Book launches with mingle</strong>&lt;br&gt;From 18:00 to 19:00. <em>Room IV.</em>&lt;br&gt;• Atakilte Beyene: Agricultural Transformation in Ethiopia&lt;br&gt;• Jesper Bjarnesen: Violence in African Elections&lt;br&gt;• Terje Østigaard: The Religious Nile</td>
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<td><strong>Nordic Journal of African Studies</strong>&lt;br&gt;Presentation by Annika Teppo, Nordic Africa Research Network (NARN). <em>Room VIII.</em></td>
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Since the 2015 European refugee crisis, irregular migration across the Mediterranean Sea has become central to EU immigration policy, and as a topic of wider debates and concerns regarding the governance of migration and mobility.

Welcome to a roundtable that reflects on the prospects for and implications of the current efforts at articulating a global agreement for the governance of international migration.

In December, Morocco will host the concluding session of the UN-lead consultations towards a Global Compact for Safe, Orderly, and Regular Migration. Panellists will include academic researchers and policy analysts, representing both African and European perspectives on this complex issue.

After the opening round of remarks from the panellists, we will invite the political representatives of different political parties in Sweden with particular responsibilities on migration policies to share their thoughts, comments, or questions, before engaging the audience in the discussion.

TIME AND VENUE:
Thursday 20 September, 14:40-16:10
Room IX, University Hall, Biskopsgatan 3

This seminar is co-arranged by the Embassy of the Kingdom of Morocco and the Nordic Africa Institute.
### Friday 21 September

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34. The meanings of migration: connecting inequality and the culture of migration in West Africa. AH – Prefekten.<br>40. Suspicious medical matters (Forum for Africa Studies). Room IV. |
| 10:30  | Coffee break                                                        |
| 11:00  | **Mobility, globalisation and the policing of citizenship and belonging in the 21st century**  
**Keynote** Francis Nyamnjoh, Professor of anthropology at University of Cape Town, South Africa, has written extensively on issues as diverse as democratization, ethnicity and regionalism in Africa, globalization, and the role and place of the media in Africa. Room X. |
| 12:00  | Lunch                                                               |
| 14:30  | Short break                                                         |
| 14:40  | **Decolonisation and Social Media**<br><br>**Roundtable**<br>On the sustained calls for the decolonisation of African(ist) academia, with particular attention on the roles and potential of social media. Room IV.<br>Patience Mususa, senior researcher, NAI<br>Henning Melber, senior research associate, NAI<br>Robtel Neajai Pailey, academic, activist and author, University of Oxford<br>Francis Nyamnjoh, writer and professor, University of Cape Town |
| 14:40  | **Panel session 7**<br>7. Beyond marginality: ambiguities and potentialities of informality in Africa. AH – Professor.  
32. Women, men, language and movement: African language and gender (im)mobilities. Room VIII.  
41. Terrorism and forced migration in Africa in the 21st century. Room XI. |
| 16:10  | Coffee break                                                        |
| 16:30  | **Panel session 8**<br>12. Regional integration amid changing global balances: Considering the prospects for an African Economic Community, AH – Doktoranden.  
32. Women, men, language and movement: African language and gender (im)mobilities. Room VIII.  
35. Africans in diaspora and the media. Seminar room 3.  
41. Terrorism and forced migration in Africa in the 21st century. Room XI.  
43. Nordic Africanists building networks for research. Room IV. |
| 18:00  | **Film screening: “While we live”**<br>Screening of the film **Medan vi lever** (“While we live”). Opening address by Dani Kouyaté, film director from Burkina Faso. Co-arranged with Vänskapsgruppen för afrikansk film. From 18:00 to 20:00. Room IV. |
Global academia, and African Studies in particular, are in the midst of a new wave of debates and interventions calling for the decolonisation of academic disciplines, school curricula and university structures. South Africa’s #RhodesMustFall movement was not only one of the trailblazers in this most recent mobilisation against the persistent inequalities and prejudice in African and Africanist higher education – it also demonstrated the power and potential of social media as a platform for social and political mobilisation.

This roundtable considers the sustained calls for the decolonisation of African(ist) academia, with particular attention on the roles and potential of social media.

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These titles – and many more – can be found at the NAI book table at the information centre in the conference venue.

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