

African Mobilities

Reshaping narratives and practices of circulation and exchange

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Nordic Africa Days arranged by the Nordic Africa Institute

Keynote speakers

Francis Nyamnjoh; professor of anthropology, University of Cape Town

Kah Walla; activist, politician and entrepreneur from Cameroon

Call for papers

The Nordic Africa Days (NAD) is the biannual conference of the Nordic Africa Institute organised for the past 17 years in the Nordic countries, with participants representing the state of the art in African Studies and Africa-related knowledge production. The Nordic Africa Days 2018 has a thematic focus on African mobilities.

Mobilities have always been central to economic, social, cultural, and political formations across the African continent. In light of rising concerns over mass displacement and irregular migration towards the global North, the movement of people tends to be seen in an intellectually limiting and politically hostile manner. The unequal distribution of social mobility continues to raise concerns relating to economic and political prospects for African polities. These different mobilities, moreover, combine and overlap in significant ways that are often neglected in public debates and policy initiatives. By highlighting the multiplicity of mobilities that characterise contemporary Africa and the wider world today, as well as the social, cultural, economic and political anchorage of these movements in localised understandings and agendas, the theme African Mobilities encourages a holistic understanding of human movements as embedded in wider webs of circulation and exchange.

The conference aims to be a forum for academic exchange and intellectual development, where contributions from a new generation of researchers are important and welcome. PhD candidates and other young scholars are strongly encouraged to participate. The conference also provides a venue for dialogue between Africa specialists within academic and policy arenas.

Submission of Paper Proposals

On the conference web page (<http://nai.uu.se/nad-2018/>) you will find descriptions of all panels accepted for the conference. For questions on panel content, please contact the panel organisers directly.

Paper abstracts should include a description of the topic not exceeding 300 words, in Word format (not Pdf), name, affiliation, and contact details of the author(s). Indicate clearly in your submission, by panel number and title, the panel for which you are submitting your proposal. The conference only accepts one paper per participant.

Paper proposals should be submitted to the panel convenor through the e-mail address listed alongside the panel description, no later than **20 May 2018**. Authors will be notified on acceptance by early June.

Conference Registration

The conference registration fee is SEK 1000 (appr. EUR 100) in general and SEK 500 (appr. EUR 50) for registered students and participants with residence in Africa. Conference registration is open from 15 April 2018.

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