



The African Studies Association of Australasia and the Pacific (AFSAAP)

AFSAAP Conference 2008 Revised Program (as at 25 January 2008)

The main conference venue on Thursday and Friday will be the Finkel Theatre in the John Curtin School of Medical Research (JCSMR) new building 54C. Use the entrance in Garran Road, opposite Ward Road). For some sessions the Bob Douglas theatre in nearby Eggleston Road will also be used. The parking map is at <http://transport.anu.edu.au/index.php?pid=93> but unfortunately the nearest parking, in Ward Road, is unavailable.

On Saturday we will be using the Coombs Theatre and the adjacent Coombs Annexe Room A104. See the campus map <http://campusmap.anu.edu.au/displaymap.asp?grid=cd32> Parking is easily available on Saturdays and after 5pm on weekdays

Wednesday, January 30th. *Postgraduate Workshop at 20 Balmain Crescent, ANU (near junction with Mills Road).*

5.30-7pm *Sundowner drinks for early arrivals at 20 Balmain*

Thursday, January 31st.

9-10am *Registration at Finkel Theatre (John Curtin School)*

10am **Plenary Session: THE FUTURE OF AFRICAN STUDIES**

10am Geoffrey Hawker *Welcome from the President of AFSAAP*

10.05 am Andrew Middleton *Statistics on Africans in Australia*
(ABS)

10.35am James Jupp (ANU) *African Ethnic Communities: a new dimension*

11.05am Liz Dimock (La Trobe) *A bibliography of Africans in Australia*

11.20am Stephanie Fahey *The Monash Africa Research Institute*
(Monash)

Thursday, 12-1 **Lunch (Finkel foyer)**

Thursday, 1-2.30 **AFRICAN CHALLENGES** (*Finkel Theatre*)

1pm. Simon Adams *The challenge of Africa*
(Monash)

1.30pm. Moya Collett (NSW) *Statehood and insecurity in West Africa: the organisation of regional conflict*

2pm Cherry Gertzel (Curtin) *Frontiers, Borders and Peripheries: the case of Uganda*

Thursday, 1-2.30 **LITERATURE AND LANGUAGE** (*Bob Douglas Theatre*)

1 pm Bernth Lindfors, (ANU) *Paton's Discovery / Soyinka's Invention*

1.30. Russell McDougall (UNE) *Things Fall Apart: Culture, Anthropology, Literature*

2pm. Finex Ndhlovu, (Monash) *Languages, Identities and African Studies*

2.30-3.00 **Afternoon Tea** (*Finkel foyer*)

Thursday, 3.00-4.30 **ARTS AND BOOKS** (*Bob Douglas theatre*)

3pm. Margaret Waller (CSU) *Imaginary Links between Africa and Australia*

3.30. Nick Walker, (Monash) *African publishing today – a post-colonial development*

4pm. Graeme Counsel (Melbourne) *The search for Authenticity in a global age: Artists and arts policy in Francophone West Africa*

Thursday, 3.00-4.30 **ZIMBABWE** (*Finkel Theatre*)

3pm Virginia Mapedzahama, (USA) *“This business of selling things on the side is what helps us make ends meet!” Informal Sector Activities of Working Mothers in Harare: Women Balancing and Weaving*

3.30. Kudzai Matereke (UZ) *One Zimbabwe Many Faces: The Quest for Political Pluralism in Postcolonial Zimbabwe*

4pm. Tim Curtin (ANU) *The economic history of land tenure in Zimbabwe*

Thursday, 5.00-6.30 **PANEL DISCUSSION ON ‘ZIMBABWE: TODAY AND TOMORROW’** - Open to the public (*Finkel Theatre*)

Geoffrey Hawker *Lead Discussant*

Thursday, 7.15 for 7.30. *Conference Dinner (payment in advance: tickets will be issued at registration). Red Sea Restaurant, 47 Northbourne Avenue*

Friday, February 1st.

9.00-10.30 **AFRICAN DILEMMAS** (Finkel Theatre)

9am Matthew Doherty (La Trobe) *Sources of African History*

9.30am Namuunda Mutombo (ANU) *"Does Voluntary Counselling and Testing influence condom use in Zambia?"*

10am Margaret O'Callaghan (Facilitator) *Panel Discussion on HIV and AIDS*

9.00-10.30am **AFRICAN IDENTITIES** (Bob Douglas)

9am. Peter Wakholi (Murdoch) *Negotiation of Cultural Identity through the Arts: The African Cultural Memory Youth Arts Festival (ACMYAF)*

9.30. Yusuf Sheikh Omar (La Trobe) *Integration Experiences and Youth Perspectives: A Comparative Study between Somali Youth in Melbourne, Australia, and Minneapolis, USA*

10am. Kirk Zwangobani (UC) *In search of a 'youthful' pan-African Australian identity*

10.30-11.00 **Morning Tea (Finkel foyer)**

Friday, 11.00-12.00 **RESOURCES** (Finkel theatre)

11am. His Excellency Godfrey Simasiku (Zambia High Commissioner) *Australian Mining Companies in Zambia*

11.30am Helen Suich (ANU) *Community Based Natural Resource Management and Poverty Alleviation in southern Africa*

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12am. Victor Ojakorotu (Monash) *The Dynamics of Energy/Oil Crisis in the Niger Delta of Nigeria*

Friday, 11.00-12.30 **AFRICANS IN AUSTRALIA** (Bob Douglas theatre).

11am. Goolam Vahed (UKZN) *Is the honeymoon over? The experience of Indian South African Muslim migrants to Brisbane, post-1994*

11.30. Temesgen Kifle (UQ) *The Determinants of Life Satisfaction for African Immigrants in Australia*

12 noon Apollo Nsubuga-Kyobe and Marthin Nanere (La Trobe) *Corporate Governance and Ethical Question in Community Based Organisations: A Case Study of African Communities in Victoria.*

12.30-1.30	Lunch (Finkel foyer)
Friday, 1.30-3.00	AFRICAN LEADERSHIP
1.30pm Samantha Balaton-Chrimes (Monash)	<i>Challenging the State in Africa</i>
<u>2pm Tjaart Steyn</u>	<u><i>South Africa towards 2009</i></u>
2.30pm Kathryn Sturman (Macquarie)	<i>The Effect of Leadership changes on the African Union</i>
Friday, 1.30-3.00	AFRICANS IN AUSTRALIA
Getnet Bitew (Melbourne)	<i>What Do Ethio (Ethiopian)-Australian Secondary School Students Need in their Schooling?</i>
Fernanda Claudio, Bronwen Blake and Andrew Page (UQ)	<i>African Settlement in Logan, Queensland</i>
Wendy Harte (QIT)	<i>The geography of African refugee settlement in Southeast Queensland</i>
3.00-3.30	Afternoon tea (<u>Finkel foyer</u>)
Friday, 3.30-5.00pm	AFRICANS IN AUSTRALIA (<u>Bob Douglas Theatre</u>)
Haileluel Gebre-Selassie (African Think Tank)	PROGRESS and PRIORITIES: Report Card since 2007 African Resettlement Conference
Friday, 3.30-5.00pm	SUDAN (<u>Finkel</u>)
3.30pm Justin Leach (ANU)	<i>The Tenuous Roots of Peace- Sudan's Comprehensive Peace Agreement 2005</i>
4pm Wendy Levy (ANU)	<i>Peace in our time. The role of international governments, aid, agencies, business and the Sudanese diaspora in fostering peace in Sudan.</i>
4.30pm Noah Bassil (Macquarie)	<i>The War on Terror and the Implications for Peace in Darfur</i>
5.00pm	AFSAAP AGM (<u>Finkel Theatre</u>)



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Saturday, February 2nd.	COOMBS LECTURE
Saturday 9.00-10.30	DISCUSSION ON KEEPING THE PEACE IN AFRICA
Tjaart Steyn, Jeremy Farrall and others	<u>(Room 104 Coombs Extension)</u>
Saturday 9.00-10.30	AFRICANS IN AUSTRALIA- <u>(Coombs Lecture Theatre)</u>
9am Zewdu Michael (Adelaide)	<i>The Horn of Africa Migrants in Adelaide and Melbourne: an emerging diaspora</i>
9.30am Kiprono Langat	<i>Adjustment and challenges of African migrants in Wagga Wagga</i>
10am Apollo Nsubuga-Kyobe and Sundram Sivamalai (La Trobe)	<i>Capacity Building of the African-Australian Communities in Goulburn Valley</i>
10.30-11.00am	Morning Tea (Coombs)
Saturday 11.00-1.00pm	AFRICANS IN AUSTRALIA
11am Hala Arfish and Louise Olliff (SAIL)	<i>"It is hard to leave, and it is hard to stay": Stories from Sudan, Egypt and Australia of refugee flight and resettlement"</i>
11.30am Cholok Gum Naam	<i>Sudanese Women's Experiences</i>
12 noon Albino Chol Thiik	<i>Employment as an important aspect of resettlement and integration.</i>
12.30 – 1.30pm	Lunch (Coombs)
Saturday 1.30pm -2.30pm	<i>Africans in Australia: overview and discussion</i>
2.30pm -	<i>Summing Up: African Studies in Australia</i>

(The financial report of the Freilich Foundation for several speakers in the Africans in Australia session is gratefully acknowledged)