

Africans on the move: Critical Reflections on Mobility, Citizenship and Belonging

AMMODI Virtual Lecture Series

The series explores a central theme in migration research, namely the identity-mobility nexus, but does so through ongoing research from across the African continent. The theme encompasses issues relating to xenophobia and migrant integration, documentation and migrant rights, and the role of the diaspora. The emphasis is on intra-African migration, to balance the previous series' focus on Afro-European relations.

The lecture series combines three different virtual formats, all exploring aspect of the overall theme. The first session presents the **Annual AMMODI Keynote Lecture**, a traditional lecture format, followed by a Q&A session. The second session is in the form of a **Research Lab**, in which two relatively junior scholars present ongoing work and receive feedback from a discussant and from the listeners. The third and final session is organised as a **Roundtable** discussion with invited panellists, with speakers representing different geographical regions and thematic specialisations as well as prior research experience.

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Annual AMMODI Keynote Lecture

30th June 2022 at 5pm CEST / 6pm EAT / 5pm SAST / 4pm WAT



Presenter:

Francis Nyamnjoh | University of Cape Town

“The limits of Containing Mobility: Lessons from Covid-19”

This talk explores how those whose mobility continues to be rigidly policed could draw inspiration from what the past two years of Covid-19 related lockdown, with its physical and social distancing, have taught us about digital technologically engineered alternative, complementary and hybrid forms of mobility and presence in multiple places and spaces simultaneously. To what extent, have we in positions of power and privilege learnt to exercise greater accommodation of those we tend to dehumanise, and either to immobilise or to mobilise purely on our own terms?

Nyamnjoh evokes the need for creativity and innovation in imagination and policy in order to explore and harness interconnections and complementarities, and de-emphasising containment and the hierarchies of being, belonging and relationality that underpin it. This attention suggests a shift towards conviviality through flexible mobility and flexible citizenship and belonging. With reference to technologies of containment and facilitation, Nyamnjoh encourages the need to bring the imperative to physically cross borders into sustained conversation with other modes of mobility in which to be seen, heard, felt, smelt and tasted even when physically and socially distanced are possible.



Research Lab

7th July 2022 at 2pm – 15h30 CEST / 3pm EAT / 2pm SAST / 1pm WAT

Presenters:

Nora Bardelli | Université de Neuchâtel

“Là où l’on va il faut danser comme ils dansent: different experiences of belonging and integration of refugees from Mali living in Burkina Faso”

Abdoulaye Ngom | University of Ziguinchor

« ‹ Mbeuk mi › ou l’émigration irrégulière par la voie maritime au Sénégal: enjeux, causes et actualité »

Discussant:

Lucy Hovil | Refugee Law Initiative, University of London

Roundtable

14th July 2022 at 5pm CEST / 6pm EAT / 5pm SAST / 4pm WAT

Speakers:

Milcah Abasabyona | Makerere University

Francis Akindes | Université Alassane Ouattara

Adeoye Akinola | Institute for Pan-African Thought and Conversation

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