

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 aspects 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

“Uncontaining Mobility: Lessons from Covid-19”

This Keynote argues that both the perpetrators of policed mobility and its victims can learn tremendous lessons from Covid-19’s nimble-footedness, which humbles racialised technologies of containment. The talk asserts that using technological gadgets that are very good at making it possible for us to be present in absence and absent in presence, strangers at various borders could borrow a leaf from Covid-19 on how to compress time and space in ways that enable even unwanted wayfarers to see, hear, smell, feel and touch virtually, thereby regaining freedom of movement by crossing borders undetected. The world as a whole could learn from resilient philosophies of kinship and solidarity in Africa to approach mobility in a more humane manner. Priority would be less on containment and more on accommodation of the stranger and freedom of movement.



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

Amanda Hammar | University of Copenhagen



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