



CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

CATALYST REGIONAL EARLY CAREER WORKSHOP: WEST AFRICA

Date: 4th - 5th June, 2021

Venue: Institute of African Studies, University of Ghana

Theme:

FACILITATING RELATIONSHIPS AND CAPACITY BUILDING AMONG EARLY CAREER ACADEMICS IN THE HUMANITIES

The Catalyst Fellowship initiative of the Centre of African Studies at the University of Edinburgh, in collaboration with the Institute of African Studies (IAS), University of Ghana, welcome applications for participation in an Early Career Workshop. The two-day workshop aims to provide early career scholars and PhD students in the sub region the opportunity to build academic relationships and networks, disseminate their research and build capacity for a flourishing academic career. Activities for workshop shall include;

1. Comprehensive information sessions focused on opportunities for intra-Africa research collaborations, funding opportunities within Africa-based research and training institutions like CODESRIA and opportunities in the wider world.
2. Opportunities for networking and interactions among fellows and also with scholars at the University of Ghana and the University of Edinburgh. It is hoped that this will encourage research collaborations and joint funding bids.
3. Critical peer driven feedback on a substantial piece of work. And,
4. Training on cutting-edge teaching strategies and academic leadership.

The workshop will be held on **June 4th - 5th, 2021** at the Institute of African Studies, University of Ghana, Legon. In line with public health and safety guidelines related to the COVID-19 pandemic, participants from outside Ghana are invited to join via virtual platform that will be communicated after successful application.

Submission Guidelines

Early career humanities faculty and PhD students from the West African sub region are invited to submit the following:

1. An extended abstract of not **more than 700 words**. Applicants must provide details of the institutional affiliation, the research question(s) to be addressed, methods and approach used, and arguments of the papers.
2. A current CV (3 pages max)
The CV and extended abstract should be sent to: iasworkshop@ug.edu.gh by **Monday, April 26, 2021**.

All successful authors will be informed by **May 5th, 2021**. Successful applicants will be required to submit a full paper or a sufficiently developed work-in-progress paper between 5,000-7,000 words by **May 28th, 2021**.

Participation of Applicants from outside Ghana

Selected Applicants from outside Ghana would be required to participate virtually, in line with the Covid-19 restrictions set by the Ghana Government.

Submission Deadline:

Monday, April 26, 2021, at noon, GMT

Funding

The Centre for African Studies at the University of Edinburgh through its Catalyst Regional Workshops is providing funding to a limited number of early career scholars resident in West Africa whose applications are accepted. The funding will cover travel (economy class) and accommodation in Legon for up to two nights.

COVID-19 Protocols

The workshop will be organized in strict compliance with COVID-19 protocols. Interested participants will therefore be required to undertake the following.

1. Wearing of a mask
2. Maintaining social distancing
3. Confirm a negative test, if you have not yet received a vaccine.

Additional Information

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