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is announcing

VIVA AFRICA 2019

11th International Conference on African Studies

**28-29 November 2019, Palacký University Olomouc
Art Centre Olomouc (Univerzitní 3, Olomouc), Czech Republic**

CALL FOR PAPERS

Theme: Multiple entanglements in African politics

The conference provides a discussion platform that aims to dis- and re-entangle the multiple forces and dynamics that are part of African politics. Overcoming definitions of African states as a set of political institutions that govern within a sovereign territory, this conference provides a far more complex space for researchers who see any type of political aspect to their work. In other words, not only “high politics” but also the “politics” at the grassroots – arts and culture, ethno-linguistic activities, (social) media, religious and spiritual practices, gender and LGBT+ movements, etc. are all relevant to our discussion.

The bi-annual Viva Africa conference held 2019 in Olomouc, Czech Republic, welcomes all African Studies scholars, those in (comparative) political science, as well as (social, cultural, linguistic) anthropology, history, religious studies, economics, socio-political geography, international relations,

cultural and postcolonial studies, etc. We will set out to discuss challenges, gains and setbacks in Africa's political and economic landscape and we aim to capture contemporary trends and challenges.

Relevant questions for discussion are, for instance: What is the nature of current political activities both on institutional level and on civil society level in specific African countries? Which comparative analyses might be useful? How do ethnicity and religion affect society and governments in specific African countries? In which ways do African democracies differ from those in the West? How can developments and activities on the African continent contribute to theory making and advancement in the fields of political science and international studies?

The aim is to cover a wide range of issues such as (post-)colonialism, nationalism, nativism, social class, generational conflicts, the relationship between civil society and the state, linguistic and cultural heterogeneity as well as a diversity of political activities and their (dis-) entanglement with the "high politics" of the state.

REGISTRATION

Please, send your abstract of max. 300 words **before 21 July 2019** to:
viva.africa.conference@gmail.com

Successful papers will be selected by the **conference academic committee**:

Vlastimil Fiala (University of Hradec Králové), Hana Horáková (Metropolitan University Prague), Josef Kandert (Charles University), Kateřina Mildnerová (Palacký University Olomouc), Linda Piknerová (University of West Bohemia), Jan Prouza (University of Hradec Králové), Stephanie Rudwick (University of Hradec Králové), Kateřina Werkman.

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Selected papers are going to be reviewed and published in a monothematic issue of *Modern Africa: Politics, History, and Society*, a peer-reviewed academic journal published by Faculty of Arts, University of Hradec Králové. For that purpose, authors would be asked to submit their full-length papers (via the above-mentioned email address) by **1 March 2020**. The conference academic committee will review the submitted full-length papers and make their selection for the publication.

CONFERENCE FEES, TRAVEL, ACCOMMODATION

There are no conference fees but the participants are expected to cover their accommodation and travel expenses in full. The organizers will provide information about suitable lodging, its reservation, optimal travel routing and general local conditions in Olomouc.

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