



AEGIS

Africa-Europe Group for Interdisciplinary Studies

**AEGIS CORTONA SUMMER SCHOOL
IN AFRICAN STUDIES**

**African Dynamics in the Global World:
New powers, subjectivities and social forces**

This is to announce that a Summer School designed for advanced Ph.D. students in African Studies (social sciences and humanities) aiming to take part in the Fifth AEGIS European Conference of African Studies (ECAS 5, Lisbon, June 2013) will be held in Italy at

Cortona, Tuscany, 18-24 June 2012

The 2012 summer school will focus on the theme of *African Dynamics in the Global World* and will be addressed in interdisciplinary panels dealing with sub-topics such as *consumption, public spaces and policies*, and *multilevel conflicts and mediations*. Other topics may be proposed, and approaches to each of them from a variety of disciplines are encouraged. The aim is not merely to address the effects of globalization, but also to examine the dynamics of African societies, politics, cultures and histories in a manner that is sensitive to wider comparison and articulation. The programme will be articulated into thematic sessions coordinated by a senior researcher and/or an AEGIS Centre with particular interest in the thematic.

The 2012 Summer School is organized by AEGIS-Naples in collaboration with the AEGIS Centres of Bayreuth, Bordeaux, Edinburgh, Gent, Lisbon, and Leiden. The aim of the Summer School is: a) to bring together advanced Ph.D. students and teaching staff from AEGIS Centres in order to exchange field and research experience; b) to improve the students' ability to prepare and present

their research in an international context; c) to promote graduate training within AEGIS and stimulate African-European inter-university cooperation.

Both students and senior researchers are expected to present papers on their current research. The emphasis will be on field methodology and comparative research results, both in writing and oral presentation.

The basic modalities for the Summer School are as follows:

The workshop is open to some 20 Ph.D. students and young researchers coming from AEGIS Centres and their affiliates in Europe and Africa. Applicants are invited to submit proposals that address the general topic of *African Dynamics in the Global world* within possible themes or sub-themes favoring interdisciplinary encounters.

Applicants are asked to send a 500-word **abstract** of their papers within the general topic of the summer school, or in any way relevant to these issues, as well as a one-page **outline** of their Ph.D. status and current research. Papers that apply and/or refine conceptual and theoretical approaches to the subject matter, as well as presenting fresh empirical information, will be especially welcome.

Applicants will be selected on the basis of their research outline and their ability to engage with wider issues in African Studies today. Priority will be given to students and researchers with recent field experience and fresh research results. Application by African students is encouraged; subsidies for the participation of a limited number of successful African applicants are being sought. The **deadline** for submitting proposals is **15 March 2012**. Participants will be informed of acceptance by **15 April 2012**. Upon acceptance, participants will be asked to send confirmation and a deposit fee of 100 €

Each participant will be asked to contribute to the Summer School expenses by paying a lump-sum of 600 € to cover registration, food and lodging in Cortona. The cost of travel to and from Cortona is to be met by individual participants. Candidates coming from AEGIS Centres can apply to their Centre for financial assistance. External candidates will have to pay for their own expenses. A limited number of **grants** are available for **African students**.

Participants are expected to register in the afternoon of Monday 18 June 2012. Working sessions will be held from Tuesday 19 June through Saturday 23, 2012, with departure the following day, Sunday 24 June.

For more details you can write to:

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Please fill in the form below and send your application, together with the abstract of your proposed paper and your research outline, to the members of the Organizing Committee with copy to the Scientific Board members.

Cortona Summer School 2012

Application form

Full name				
e-mail address				
Date and Place of Birth		M <input type="checkbox"/>	F <input type="checkbox"/>	
Citizenship				
Place of Residence				
Are you in possession of a Shengen visa? (For non European students)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>		
Title of proposed paper				
Title or topic of the PhD Thesis				
University, Department, Town, Country				
Name of the Supervisor				
Discipline(s) of study				
Is your PhD project part of a wider teaching or research programme?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>		
If yes, please briefly describe this programme.				
Dates and place of field work				
Further field work to be done				
If no field work has been done, when do you plan to do field work?				
Language skills	English	very good <input type="checkbox"/>	good <input type="checkbox"/>	weak <input type="checkbox"/>
	French	very good <input type="checkbox"/>	good <input type="checkbox"/>	weak <input type="checkbox"/>
	Other:			
Are you, or is your University, affiliated to an AEGIS Centre? If so, which one?				
Other remarks you find relevant for the organizers to know				
What do you expect to gain from your participation at CSS?				
Do you have any special dietary requirement?				