

# Viva Africa 2026 Conference

**Reimagining Africa: Agency, Knowledge, and Power in Transition**

Where: Prague, Czech Republic

When: 5–6 November 2026

Organized by the Czech Association for African Studies (<https://africkastudia.com/>)

## Call for Papers

The **Czech Association for African Studies** is pleased to invite scholars, researchers, practitioners, and students to participate in the **Viva Africa 2026 Conference**, to be held in Prague on **5–6 November 2026**.

As global political, social, economic, and epistemic landscapes undergo profound transformations, Africa stands at the center of shifting configurations of power, knowledge, and agency. In the current era of the “changing world order”, Africa plays an increasingly important role in the global arena. This conference seeks to move beyond reductive frameworks and foreground Africa as a dynamic and pluralistic site of agency, creativity, and contestation.

We invite contributions that critically engage with Africa’s place in today’s world and explore the continent’s internal dynamics across disciplines. The conference aims to foster dialogue between political science, anthropology, sociology, history, development studies, cultural studies, and related fields, encouraging both empirically grounded and theoretically innovative approaches.

## Key Themes and Topics

We welcome papers addressing (but not limited to) the following themes:

### 1. Agency

- Africa’s role in emerging global political and economic configurations
- Multipolarity, South–South relations, and new partnerships

- Postcolonial entanglements and asymmetries
- Local actors in socio-economic transformation

## **2. Knowledge**

- Education, culture, and creativity
- Local development paradigms and critiques
- Informality, entrepreneurship, and innovation
- Social transformations, urbanization and industrialization

## **3. Power**

- State-society relations in the changing world order era
- Media, digital spaces, and politics
- Representation of Africa in global discourse
- Grassroot peace initiatives

## **Submission Guidelines**

- Abstracts should be no longer than 250 words!
- Please include:
  - Title of the paper
  - Author(s) name and affiliation
  - Contact email
  - 3–5 keywords

## **Deadline for abstract submission: 15 July 2026**

Notifications of acceptance will be sent by the **end of July 2026**

## **Why Participate?**

Viva Africa 2026, organized by CAAS, builds on the vibrant atmosphere of ECAS2025 and aims to create an interdisciplinary platform in Central Europe for critical engagement with Africa-related scholarship. The conference emphasizes intellectual exchange across disciplines and regions, and seeks to bridge academic, policy, and practitioner communities, in a friendly and welcoming environment.

## **Contact and Submission**

Submissions must be made through the conference submission portal available at Viva Africa 2026 Submission Website (<https://vivafrica2026.com/submit/>).

Abstracts will be evaluated by the scientific committee of the conference, consisting of the board members of the Czech Association for African Studies.

**Conference fee:** 50 EUR – includes conference package, coffee breaks

The participants are expected to cover their accommodation and travel expenses in full. The organizers will provide information about suitable lodging options, their reservations, ideal travel routing and general local conditions in Prague.

Conference venue: The Scout Institute, Skautský institut -  
<https://www.skautskyinstitut.cz/skautsky-institut-na-staromaku>

Address: Staroměstské náměstí 4/1, 110 00 Praha