

African Perspectives: Change, Conflicts, Connections

Seasonal school offered by the Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies
Pisa, 7-11 March 2022

Programme

Monday 7 March

Day topic: Perspectives on the Study of African Politics

- 9.30 The Viability of Democracy in Africa
Keynote address by Mamoudou Gazibo (University of Montreal)
- 11.00 Reflecting on the study of African politics
Lecture by Anna Maria Gentili (University of Bologna)
- 13.00 Lunch break
- 14.00 African politics: mapping the field of study
Junior research dialogue with Allievi of the SSSA
- 16.00 Key concepts of African politics: a glossary
Lecture by Francesco Strazzari
- 18.00 Welcome cocktail

Tuesday 8 March

Day topic: Political violence, extremism and responses

- 9.00 Violent contestation of political order in Africa: a genealogy
Lecture by Francesco Strazzari
- 11.00 Gender, peace and (in)security in Africa
Panel discussion with Elisa Piras, Laura Berlingozzi, Clara della Valle
- 13.00 Lunch break
- 14.00 Violent extremism and responses: transnational entanglements
Junior Research Dialogue with PhD students of the SSSA and Scuola Normale Superiore
- 16.00 Jihadist insurgencies and governance in Africa
Panel discussion with Edoardo Baldaro (Gerda Henkel research fellow at SSSA), Simone Papale (University of Nottingham), Boubacar Ba (CAGS – Bamako)
- 21.00 Movie screening: *Timbuktu*, by Abderrahmane Sissako

Wednesday 9 March

Day topic: Economies/Ecologies

- 9.00 Developmental politics and African civil society
Panel discussion with African civil society activists Cyprian Nyamwamu (Kenya), Margaret Nakato (Uganda), Naseegh Jaffer (South Africa), introduces Luca Raineri
- 11.00 The sustainable intensification of small holder farming: an African perspective
Panel discussion with Enrico Pè, Matteo Dell'Acqua, Mercy Macharia, Marta Solanegy
- 13.00 Lunch break
- 14.00 Critical perspectives on Africa's political economy
Panel with Vasco Molini (World Bank), Ali Zafar (UNDP), introduces Andrea Roventini
- 16.00 Lessons from the margins: ecologies and economies of African drylands
Panel discussion with Greta Semplici, Giulia Gonzales (European University Institute)

Thursday 10 March

Day topic: Africa in a changing international system

- 9.00 A post-colonial perspective on Africa
Lecture by Francesco Strazzari
- 11.00 The changing geopolitics of Africa (and Europe)
Panel discussion with Giovanni Faleg (EU Institute of Security Studies), Luigi Narbone (EEAS), introduces Luca Raineri
- 13.00 Lunch break
- 14.00 African agency at the UN Security Council: a scholarly-political perspective
Lecture by Mahamane Tidjani Alou (University of Niamey)
- 16.00 The "new scramble for Africa" and its protagonists
Panel discussion with Federico Donnelly (University of Genova), Adam Sandor (Adam Smith International), introduces Francesco Strazzari

Friday 11 March

Day topic: Afroconnections: narratives and borderscapes

- 9.00 Beats of dissent in African popular music: identity, politics and the sounds of resistance

Lecture by Mattia Grandi (University of Bologna)

11.00 An introduction to digital ethnography

Lecture by Edward Stoddard (University of Portsmouth)

13.00 Lunch break

14.00 Media narratives on/from Africa: an insider perspective

Lecture by Veronica Fernandes (Rai News24)

16.00 African identities in question: diaspora, hybridity, recognition

Panel discussion with Ada Ugo Abara, Gabriella Ghermandi, introduces Luca Raineri