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## **CALL FOR PAPERS**

**Theme:** Knowledge production on and within Africa

**Venue:** Metropolitan University Prague, Czech Republic

**Date:** October 22 - 23, 2015

In the globalized world, Africa is misrepresented twice: by the ways knowledge about it is selected by gatekeepers of knowledge and by deliberate suppression of knowledge on Africa. Indeed, knowledge production, dissemination, circulation and consumption are heavily affected by global power dynamics, particularly by the legacies of inherited power relations and their continuing effects on modern global culture and politics, in which Africa's role seems to be marginalized.

Viva Africa 2015 conference will discuss the present dynamics of knowledge production on Africa around the world and seek changing its post-imperial pattern. We welcome contributions from diverse academic/intellectual perspectives that add to the knowledge relevant for speaking to social realities in the African continent: papers exploring current trends in knowledge production and the impact that they have on Africa; examining the

existing knowledge-producing frontiers in Africa; challenging methodological and theoretical universalisms in expatriate social science scholarship on the African continent; assessing the role of social scientists in advancing social progress through decolonizing knowledge production on the continent; contributions on how indigenous and modern knowledge systems interface; on the role of African epistemologies and intellectuals in the production of knowledge; how knowledge was produced from the precolonial, colonial and postcolonial Africa and what are its implications in development; and on the contribution of African studies in post-communist Europe, Asia or Latin-America to providing new perspectives on Africa.

## Registration

Please send your abstract of no more than 300 words **before 7 June 2015** to [info@vivaafrika.cz](mailto:info@vivaafrika.cz).

All submitted abstracts will be reviewed by the scientific committee composed of Africanists: Vlastimil Fiala (University of Hradec Králové), Hana Horáková (Metropolitan University Prague), Josef Kandert (Charles University), Georg Klute (University of Bayreuth), Tomáš Machalík (Czech Association for African Studies), Kateřina Mildnerová (University of St Cyril and Methodius in Trnava, Slovakia), Jan Prouza (University of Hradec Králové), Petr Skalník (University of Hradec Králové) and Kateřina Werkman (Charles University).

Upon acceptance the scientific committee will notify authors by email no later than 31 August 2015.

## Monograph

Selected papers will be published in a monograph. Authors are invited to submit their full-length papers (via the above e-mail address) by 31 December, 2015. The scientific committee will review the received papers and make a selection for the publication.

## Conference Fees, Travel, Accommodation

There are no conference fees, but participants are expected to cover their accommodation and travel expenses in full. The organizers will provide information about accommodation and travel options and details about the venue nearer the time of the conference.

## Viva Africa – International Conference on African Studies

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