Call for Abstracts/Papers

The Department of History, University of Warwick and the Department of History, University of Dar es Salaam invite papers across disciplines that engage with concepts of changing land use, resource conflicts, indigenous knowledge, beliefs, and environmental implications. We wish to host a 2-day conference for postgraduate researchers working on African Landscapes. The conference will be held in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania on 10th and 11th August 2015. The conference aims to create networks among early stage researchers and bring about discussions across disciplines covering political science, history, archaeology, religion, geography, environmental studies, anthropology, and development studies to mention just a few. The conference will allow participants in their 2nd, 3rd and 4th years of doctoral research to share part of their works in progress. In so doing, we anticipate that participants will broaden their understandings of multi/interdisciplinary approaches in studying African landscapes.

The theme for the conference is Changing Land use, Resource Conflicts and Environmental Implications on African Landscapes. It will be preceded by a keynote address by one or two experienced researchers who have worked in Africa in the past two to three decades. The Department of History University of Dar es Salaam will be the host for this conference.

Topics
We invite researchers working on the following topics or other topics closely related to the theme of the conference.
- Pastoral landscape resource conflicts i.e. land, forests, water etc
- Land use change, internal or external pressure, intensification or expansion
- Demographic changes and resource challenge
- State policies, land use changes, and environmental impacts
- Global conservation lobby and local state policies on land use
- Governance and management of land use conflicts
- Ethnicity, land use change and resource conflict
- Environmental change and economic sustenance of hunter-gatherer communities
- Land use change and food security in Africa
- Large scale vs small scale farming
- Indigenous beliefs, practices and the environment
- Land use change and gender in Africa

Participants
We target participation from Doctoral and Post-Doctoral researchers working on African Landscapes or other related topics. The conference may accept a few applications from masters and experienced researchers. We invite participants from any University from Africa, Europe, Asia and America. Also we welcome senior researchers who will act as mentors in commenting on areas of their specializations.

Participation
There will be a USD 100 (one hundred) registration fee for each participant. The fee will cover the cost for organising the conference, stationeries and light refreshments for two days. Participants should think ahead on travel expenses and accommodation while in Dar es Salaam for the two days.

The Goal of the Conference
The central goal of the conference is to publish an edited book(s) and journal articles on Changing land use, Resource Conflicts, and Environmental Implications on African Landscapes.

Submissions
Researchers wishing to participate should submit their 250 words abstracts within the given period. Abstracts should include the title of the paper, the major argument, and methodology. Also the abstract should bear a footnote that provides the author’s profile i.e. full names (First name, middle name and surname, for those with three names) academic affiliation, year of study/research stage, area(s) of specialisation, and correspondence contacts i.e email address. If the paper is co-authored, the contacts for only one corresponding author should be given.

All abstracts should be submitted as email attachments to the undersigned by 20th March 2015.

Notifications for successful abstracts will be made by 30th March 2015 to allow participants ample time to work on their papers.

The Deadline for submission of completed papers will be on 30th June 2015.

The venue will be the New CASS Conference Room, University of Dar es Salaam

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