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WEDNESDAY, 20 NOVEMBER 2019

13:00 – 16:00 AEMDI working meeting (by invitation only), Fireplace room (Aurora building)

18:00 – 19:00 VERA conference “From deconstructing to constructing walls: 30 years after Berlin” reception. Open to all EU-Africa conference participants, who have arrived in time (location TBC).

THURSDAY, 21 NOVEMBER 2019

09:00 – 09:05 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTORY REMARKS
Jussi LAINE (University of Eastern Finland)

09:05 – 09:30 INTRODUCTION TO THE CONFERENCE THEME
Christopher Changwe NSHIMBI (Centre for the Study of Governance Innovation, University of Pretoria, South Africa)

09:30 – 11:15 PANEL I: RETHINKING EUROPE-AFRICA RELATIONS I
Chair: Inocent MOYO (University of Zululand, South Africa)
- Ernest Toochi ANICH (Federal University Otuoke, Nigeria), “Integration, Borders and Migration in West Africa: Lessons from European Schengen Area”
- Victor H MLAMBO (University of Zululand, South Africa), “An analysis of the European response to African illegal migration”
- Laura SUMARI (University of Helsinki, Finland), “Re-imagining European-African relations through refugee experiences”
- Anna CASAGLIA (University of Trento, Italy), “The regime of the Euro-African frontier between humanitarian reason and security imperative”

11:15 – 11:30 BREAK

11:30 – 13:00 PANEL II: BROADER PERSPECTIVES ON MIGRATION
Chair: Anna CASAGLIA (University of Trento, Italy)
- Mohammed OUHEMMOU (Hassan II University, Morocco), “Migration, Governance, and Geopolitical Conflicts in Africa: A Comparative Analysis of the Moroccan Algerian Migration Policies”
- Lena ENGLUND (Åbo Akademi, Finland), “Beyond the Migrant Aesthetic in Contemporary African Writing”
• Suraj NEUPANE (Sahayog – The Help, Non-Profit Organization, Nepal), “Cross-Border Trafficking in Nepal and India, Violating Women’s Rights”
• Krishnendra MEENA (Jawaharlal Nehru University, India), “Evolution of Europe’s Borders: Westphalia to Schengen”

13:00 - 14:00 LUNCH, Fazer Food & Co Aura, Aurora Building (all presenting participants)

14:00 - 15:45 PANEL III: RETHINKING EUROPE-AFRICA RELATIONS II
Chair: Jussi Laine (University of Eastern Finland)
• Felix Kwabena DONKOR (University of South Africa, UNISA), “The elephant in the room: climate migrants in the EU-Africa migration conundrum”
• Olukayode A. FALEYE (Edo University, Nigeria), “The Migration-Development nexus in EU-Africa Relations: A Boundary Perspective”
• Omotomilola IKOTUN, Juliet OGBODO (University of Eastern Finland), “Untying the EU-Africa migration knot through Trade Agreements: A case study of Nigeria”
• Efetobor Stephanie EFFEVOTTU (University of Ibadan, Nigeria), “The Italo phenomenon: unravelling the increase in Nigerian irregular migration to southern Europe in the 21st century”

15:45 – 16:10 BREAK

16:10 - 17:55 PANEL IV: POLITICAL TRANSNATIONALISM & POLICY IMPACT
Chair: Abdirashid ISMAIL (Migration Institute of Finland)
• Leon Mwamba TSHIMPAPA (Centre for the Study of Governance Innovation, University of Pretoria, South Africa), “Solidarité en movement” against homeland authoritarianism: Political transnationalism of Europe-based African migrants
• Quivine Genevieve NDOMO (University of Jyväskylä, Finland) “Staying Against all Odds: Lived experiences of African international student migrants in Finland”
• Tomasz MILEJ (Kenyatta University, Kenya), “African and European legal regimes for cross border movement of persons”
• Renen YEZERSKY (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Israel), “New Institutional Boundaries: The Israeli Return Policy and the New Converts of Africa and Latin America”
• Mika RAUNIO (Migration institute of Finland), “Business with impact policy and role of migration management in EU-Africa context”

17:55 – 18:00 CLOSING OF THE DAY ONE
• Jussi LAINE (University of Eastern Finland)

19:00 – DINNER at Torero, Siltakatu 8 (all presenting participants)
Anitta KYNSILEHTO (Tampere Peace Research Institute, UTA)
Comments: James W. SCOTT (University of Eastern Finland)

10:45 – 11:00 BREAK

11:00 – 12:30 PANEL VI: CRITICAL PERSPECTIVES ON BORDER MANAGEMENT AND REGIMES
Chair: Jeremy SMITH (University of Eastern Finland)
Rapporteur: Dirane KENFA (University of Dschang, Cameroon)
- Calvin MINFEGUE ASSOUGA (Université Grenoble-Alpes, France) Pushing forward the boundaries: Provisional notes on the implications of European border control externalisation beyond the Sahel area
- Anna MORACZEWSKA (Maria Curie-Sklodowska University, Poland), “Africa-Frontex Intelligence Community – the EU-African information sharing platform on migration and border issues”
- Henk VAN HOUTUM (Radboud University, the Netherlands & University of Eastern Finland), Rodrigo BUENO LACY (Radboud University, the Netherlands), “Death as policy: Criminalization of Solidarity with Undocumented Migrants and the EU’s Authoritarian Turn”
- Dickson AIJISAFE (University of Pretoria, South Africa & Queen’s University Belfast, UK), Seun BAMIDELE (Chrisland University, Nigeria), “Between the Lion’s gift and its claws: Africa in Europe and the (un)civil fostering of Article 20 (1) of the EU Decent Migration Agenda”

12:30 – 13:30 Restaurant Metla (all presenting participants).

13:30 – 15:30 PANEL VII: TRANSBORDER FLOWS
Chair: Willie Aziegbe ESELEBOR (University of Ibadan, Nigeria)
- Okechukwu Richard OJI (National Boundary Commission of Nigeria), “Mainstreaming intelligence and information technology in border governance: a transcontinental mechanism for migration flow”
- Samuel Kehinde OKUNADE (University of Kwazulu-Natal, South Africa), “Gargantuan out-migration: an emerging culture among youths in Nigeria”
- Allwell Oseahume AKHIGBE (University of Ibadan, Nigeria), “Greener grasses on the other side: the border as a facilitator of migration within West Africa”
- David NEWMAN (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Israel), “Between Europe and Africa: Israel and Palestine at the Interface of Trans-Boundary Migration”
- Joni VIRKKUNEN, Minna PIIPPONEN (University of Eastern Finland): “In search of security: African migration and Russia”

15:30 – 15:50 BREAK

15:50 – 17:50 PANEL VIII: INTRA-AFRICAN MIGRATION
Chair: Paul FRYER (University of Eastern Finland)
- Inocent MOYO (University of Zululand, South Africa), “Borders and migration regimes in the Southern African region: on marginality and precarity”
- Willie Aziegbe ESELEBOR (University of Ibadan, Nigeria), “Reflections on Asymmetries, Prospects and Potentials for Intra-African Migration”
- Tajudeen SANNI (Kampala International University, Uganda), “African continental integration and the migration question”
- Cecilia Enitan OGUNSUSI (University of Ibadan, Nigeria), “The undercurrents of migration and permeability of border spaces in Nigeria”

17:50 – 18:00 CLOSING WORDS
- Jussi Laine (University of Eastern Finland)