



**Metropolitan University Prague
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Department of Politics, University of Hradec Králové
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is announcing

CALL FOR PAPERS

5th INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON AFRICAN STUDIES

VIVA AFRICA 2010

Venue: **Scientific Library, Hradec Králové, Czech Republic**

Date: **May 6-7, 2010**

Theme: **POWER AND POWERLESSNESS IN AFRICA**

Fifty years since the memorable Year of Africa, the distribution of power and powerlessness seems to be more rigid than on other continents. Political power is in the hands of narrow elites while the overwhelming majority has hardly any access to decision-making. The degree of the cleavage depends on the type of political system. The ratio of power/powerlessness may have its own specific characteristics in domestic units such as households and families, between the sexes/genders, generations, centres and peripheries, between states, but on the whole reflects the political patterns. The solicited papers will have to tackle one or more aspects of power and powerlessness relying on a variety of African examples, using comparable approach that allow drawing conclusions which would point out common and specific traits.

Linguists, anthropologists, political scientists, historians, and other researchers, who have Africa as their field of study, are welcome. The conference is open for professors, academic scholars, PhD. students, and other specialists who want to present results of their primary research. The language of the conference will be **English**.

Keynote lecture will be pronounced by
Professor Paul Nugent (University of Edinburgh)
on **States and Social Contracts in Africa**

CONFERENCE FEES, TRAVEL, ACCOMMODATION

There are no conference fees, but the participants are expected to cover their accommodation and travel expenses in full. The organizers will provide information about suitable lodging, its reservation, optimal travel routing and general local conditions in Hradec Králové.

REGISTRATION

Please send your **abstracts of max. 300 words before 10 February, 2010**, to

vivaafrika2010@gmail.com

Abstracts will be selected by the scientific committee composed of Czech Africanists:

Vlastimil Fiala, Hana Horáková, Jan Klíma, Tomáš Machalík, Kateřina Mildnerová, Jan Prouza, Petr Skalník and Jan Záhořík.

Successful abstract authors will be invited not later than **February 28, 2010** to submit their full-length papers and participate as paper givers in the conference.

NOTES FOR THE AUTHORS

Your paper should be submitted to the conference organizers as an e-mail attachment. The attachment should be in doc-file named after the author's surname. The paper should be not longer than 35, 000 characters with spaces. All manuscripts must be written in English; authors whose English is non-native are requested to have their manuscript reviewed for language before submission. Each manuscript should include the title, author's names, institution, address, and e-mail address. Pages should be using Times New Roman font, size 12 for body of the text and size 14 for headers.

Full-length papers have to be submitted (via the above mentioned e-mail address) **by May 31, 2010**.

A monograph will be published in due course. The scientific committee will review the submitted papers and select for publication.

CITATIONS

Please, use citation in text according to the following pattern:

(Schlee 1977: 272)

(Machalík 2007)

(Teshome and Záhořík 2006: 33)

(Wisner et al. 2005)

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