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Institute for the Study of International Development (McGill  
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*Presents*

# ***First Concordia-McGill Universities African Studies Conference***

Oct 5-6, 2017

8am - 5pm daily

*Political Science Conference Room  
Concordia University*

*Seminar Sections Include  
the Following*

- Gender Issues in African Politics
- Natural Resource Governance In Africa
- Regime Dynamics in Africa
- Issues in Electoral Politics in Africa
- Public Policy and the Crisis of Governance in Africa
- Conflict and Security in Africa
- Africa and the Rest of the World
- African History, Society and Environment



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## ***Panel 1 – Gender Issues in African Politics***

- Women Participation in Politics in Africa: The Case of Rwanda. **Mariama BARRY (University of Saskatchewan, Canada)**
- Micro-Level Effects of the Dutch-Disease and Women Empowerment in Ghana and Nigeria. **Jennifer Obado JOEL (American University, USA).**
- Shifting the Norm: Women's Responses to Peace and Security in Africa. **Taiwo O. BELLO (University of Toronto, Canada)**

**Venue: Concordia University – Geography Department Lab, 1271.00**

**Day: Thursday October 5, 2017. Time: 1:30 – 2:45 P.M.**

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## Panel 2: Regime Dynamics in Africa

- New Sources of Political Competition in African Democracies. **Itumeleng MAKGETLA (Yale University, USA)**
- When Things Don't Fall Apart: Explaining the Puzzle of Non-Secessionist Demands in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. **Peggy KATENDE (McGill University, Canada)**
- Tragedy and Resurrection in the Hills of Africa: Post-Conflict Development in Burundi and Rwanda. **Michael E. JONES (Tulane University, USA)**
- Africa's Political Economy and Development: A Study of Nigeria's Failed Development Experiment. **Osaze OMORAGBON (Development Economic Resource, Lagos, Nigeria) and Okhade Irene (The University of Manchester, UK).**
- State institutions, political parties, civil society and consolidating democracy in Ghana. **Ababa Abdulai Abdul Karim (Concordia University, Canada).**

**Venue: Concordia University – Geography Dept Conference Room, 1252.00.**

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### ***Panel 3: Issues in Electoral Politics in Africa.***

- A Theory of Ethnic-Based Voter Manipulation by Selective Ballot Rejection in the 2016 Zambian Election. **Paul FRIESEN (University of Notre Dame, USA)**
- The Third Term Amendment Struggles and Democratic Consolidation in Africa: A Case Study of Nigeria and Uganda. **Clement Akwasi BOTCHWAY (University of Saskatchewan, Canada).**
- Is Senegal a Consolidated Democracy? Elections, Alternations, and Corruption. **Shan SAPPLETON PhD. (University of Wisconsin-Platteville, USA)**
- Global Democracy Norms and Democratic Consolidation in Ghana: A Constructivist Explanation. **Antwi BOASIAGO (Concordia University, Canada)**
- Explaining the Varying Intensities of Election-Related Violence in Africa: An Institutional Perspective. **Patrick Kwasi Brobbey (University of Edinburgh, Scotland, UK)**

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### ***Panel 4: Natural Resource Governance and Public Policy in Africa.***

- Media Framing and Policy Reforms: An Analysis of Newspaper Representation of Ghana's Health Policy Reforms. **Issaka HAMID (Concordia University, Canada)**
- A Multiple Streams Approach to Understanding Social Policy in Ghana: The Case of Livelihood Empowerment Against Poverty. **Saaka SULEMANA (Brock University, Canada)**
- Reform and Crisis: Historical Institutional Analysis of Energy Policy Reforms in Ghana. **Mark Kwakye FRIMPONG (Concordia University, Canada)**
- Oil, Politics and Democracy in Ghana within a Decade of Oil Discovery. **Emmanuel GRAHAM (University of Windsor, Canada).**
- 'Bringing the Traditional Institutions Back In': New Institutionalism and Natural Resources Management in Nigeria. **Terhemba AMBE-UVA (Concordia University, Canada).**

**Venue: Concordia University – Political Science Dept Conference Room, 1220.00**

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## ***Panel 5: Conflict and Security in Africa***

- Mapping Violence in the Sahel: Can We Speak of a Conflictual Situation Across Burkina Faso, Mali, and Niger's Cross-Border Area? **Nicholas HUBERT (University of Ottawa, Canada).**
- Taking Care of Business? Asian Security Structures in Kenya. **Rosalind RADDATZ, PhD (University of Cambridge, UK)**
- Building Collective Identity in Africa: The Role of the AU and ECOWAS Formal Institutions. **Alfred ODURO (University of Toronto, Canada)**
- Outsourcing Coercion: Pro-Government Militias and Protest Repression in Africa. **Mark WILLIAMSON (McGill University, Canada).**

**Venue: Concordia University – Political Science Dept Conference Room 1220.00**

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## *Panel 6: Africa and the Rest of the World*

- How Sub-Saharan Africa Differs From Southeast Asia: Institutional Quality and Development Performance. **Ben KATOKA (Seoul National University, South Korea)**
- Reshaping Global Governance Norms Through Public-Private Partnerships: The Role Private Actors Play in Promoting African Food Security in the G8's New Alliance. **Dakota TRITHARA (University of Saskatchewan, Canada)**
- Development Without Democracy: An Alternative for Africa Following the Emergence of Authoritarian China? **Lijuan CHEN (University of Montreal, Canada)**
- Defining Interest in Non-Reciprocal Trade Laws: The Case of the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA). **Peter SEKYERE (Brock University, Canada)**
- The EU for Africa Towards 2030: Perspectives from Transnational Organizations. **Valentina BROGNA (Universite Saint-Louis, Bruxelles, Belgium).**

**Venue: Concordia University – Geography Department Lab 1271.00**

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## ***Panel 7: History, Society and Development***

- Beyond Neo-Liberal Solutions: Is It Time for a Political Solution to Urban Sanitation Challenge in Ghana? **Franklin Yayra ADORSU-DJENTUH (University of Manchester, UK)**
- Decolonial Archives of Unrealized Futures: The Aspirations of Osagyefo Dr. Kwame Nkrumah. **Paul EMILJANOWICZ (McMaster University, Canada)**
- Healthcare and Child Labor in Sub-Saharan Africa. **Tiffani CRIPPIN (Binghamton University, USA)**
- Blood, Sweat, and Canapes: Assessing Negotiators and Their Tactics to End the Liberian and Sierra Leonean Wars. **Rosalind RADDATZ, PhD (Cambridge University, UK).**

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