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## **AEGIS CORTONA SUMMER SCHOOL IN AFRICAN STUDIES**

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This is to announce that a summer school designed for advanced Ph.D. students in African Studies (social sciences and humanities) aiming to take part in the Fourth AEGIS European Conference of African Studies (ECAS 4, Uppsala, 15-18 June 2011) will be held in Italy at

**Cortona, Tuscany, 7-13 June 2010**

The 2010 summer school will focus on Africa's transnational relations. It will be sponsored by AEGIS-Naples in collaboration with the AEGIS Centres of Bayreuth, Edinburgh, Leiden, Leipzig, Roskilde and Uppsala. The aim of the summer school is: a) to bring together advanced Ph.D. students and teaching staff from AEGIS Centres in order to exchange field and research experience; b) to improve the students' ability to prepare and present their research in an international context; c) to promote graduate training within AEGIS and stimulate African-European inter-university cooperation.

Both students and senior researchers are expected to present papers on their current research. The emphasis will be on field methodology and comparative research results, both in writing and the oral presentation.

The basic modalities for the summer school are as follows:

The workshop is open to 20 Ph.D. students and young researchers coming from AEGIS Centres and their affiliates in Europe and Africa. Applicants are invited to submit proposals that address the topic of African international relations in their historical and contemporary dimensions; it will cover both state and non-state actors, at the global, continental and regional level.

Applicants are asked to send a 500-word abstract of their papers within the general topic of the summer school, as well as a one-page outline of their Ph.D. status and current research. Papers that apply and/or refine conceptual and theoretical approaches to the subject matter, as well as presenting fresh empirical information will be especially welcome.

Applicants will be selected on the basis of their research outline and their ability to engage with wider issues in African Studies today. Priority will be given to students and

researchers with recent field experience and fresh research results. A limited number of scholarships may be made available to African students; subsidies for the participation of successful applicants are being sought for. The **deadline** for submitting proposals is **31 January 2010**. Participants will be informed of acceptance by **31 March 2010**.

Each participant will be asked to contribute to the Summer School by paying a lump-sum of € 600,00 – which is only a portion of the total cost – to cover registration, food and lodging in Cortona. The cost of travel to and from Cortona is to be met individually. Candidates coming from AEGIS Centres can apply to their Centre for financial assistance. External candidates will have to pay for their own expenses.

Participants are expected to register in the afternoon of Monday 7 June 2010. Working sessions will be held from Tuesday 8 through Saturday 12, June 2008, with departure the following day, Sunday 13 June.

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### *Cortona Summer School 2010*

#### Application form

Full name, year of birth, e mail address	
Nationality	
Provisional title of the PhD thesis	
Status	<input type="checkbox"/> European student <input type="checkbox"/> African student <input type="checkbox"/> African student in Europe
Title of proposed paper	
University, department, town, country	
Name of the supervisor	
Discipline(s) of study	
Is your PhD project part of a wider research programme or are you member of a graduate school?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
If yes, please briefly describe this programme / graduate school	
Dates and place of field work	
Further field work to be done	
If no field work has been done, when do you plan to do field work?	
Language skills	English      very good <input type="checkbox"/> good <input type="checkbox"/> weak <input type="checkbox"/> French        very good <input type="checkbox"/> good <input type="checkbox"/> weak <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
Other remarks you find relevant for the organizers to know	
What do you expect to gain from your participation at CSS?	
Have you sent the abstract of your paper and the outline of your current research? If not, enclose with present form.	Abstract <input type="checkbox"/>  Research outline <input type="checkbox"/>
Do you have any special dietary requirement?	