

REPORT

”Dialogues with Mocambique”

AEGIS THEMATIC CONFERENCE 5.-6. MARCH 2010 IN TRONDHEIM, NORWAY

Programme of African Studies in Trondheim, Norway hosted an AEGIS Thematic Conference 5.-6- March 2010.

The conference was titled “**Dialogues with Mocambique**”. On the academic level Mocambique has received vast visibility from prominent researchers and academic milieus in recent years. By bringing attention to its literary, anthropological, historical and economic richness, Mocambiquen studies are deemed to play an important role in the understanding of the southern part of the African continent. The conference aimed to bring together well-known professors and researchers on the field of Mocambiquen studies, in order to provide students, researchers and practitioners concerned with Mocambique’s development and future challenges with a clear, deep and structured knowledge and insight on contemporary studies on the country. For this purpose the conference intended to call attention to a variety of research topics that was organized in four main sessions:

- State, Nation and Democracy in Mocambique
- Narrating the Nation
- Knowledge, Science and Epistemology
- Mozambican Literature and Cultural Production

The conference was first announced on the AEGIS website and thereafter on the website of the Africa Network Norway and other AEGIS member sites.

The conference was attended by about 40 participants, among those a number of which came from AEGIS member centers. There were also participants from Africa.

Initiatives has been taken after the conference in order to produce a book covering the main topics of the conference based on many of the papers presented.

The conference was organized and financed as a joint venture between Programme of African Studies in Trondheim and Africa Network Norway.

Convenor of the conference was Dr. Sheila Khan, at present guest researcher in Trondheim.