

## **African Migrants in Hungary 2011**

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This paper offers an overview of past and present experiences about African migrants living in Hungary since the first wave of "scholarship-holders" arrived at Hungarian universities in the 1970's during the Communist era. What happened with existing ties, co-operations after the change of the regime in 1989-1990? What did Hungarian governments do in order to maintain or (just the opposite) forget about African links and friendships? Has ever Hungary constructed a vision or policy on Africa and co-operation with the African continent, in particular, taking into account both such historic Hungarian figures as Count Teleki, Emil Torday or László Magyar and their heritage - to mention a few of the most decisive personalities - and its national interests?

The paper will introduce the results of the current country-wide research on African migrants led by the author himself. Reflections will be provided upon the on-going national policy-making efforts to come up with Hungary's Africa strategy during the present Hungarian EU Presidency. In addition, the present-day state of African research and Africa Studies education in Hungary will be elaborated on - with an emphasis on potential of regional co-operation in Central Europe, the Visegrad regions.