



Call for Proposals

Decolonization and its Critics

MISR /PASR/ CAS

Kampala, Uganda

May 27-28, 2024

The Centre for African Studies at UCT has partnered with the Program on African Social Research (PASR), and the Makerere Institute of Social Research (MISR), to invite proposals to participate in a Junior Scholars Workshop on “Decolonization and its Critics,” May 27th and 28th in Kampala, Uganda. PASR and CAS will cover all travel-related expenses, including food and lodging during the workshop for three UCT PhD students.

Discourses on decolonization and related concepts such as decoloniality, settler colonialism, neocolonialism, and indigeneity have reemerged as significant theoretical and analytical frameworks for understanding politics in Africa, the Global South and beyond. Whether championed by scholars, students, activists and even policy makers, the resurgence of decolonization discourses raises substantive questions about both the nature of the domestic political arena in Africa as well as the shifting global order.

We seek proposals examining decolonization in relation to a wide variety of political shifts and contestations. These can include decolonization as a lens to understand ongoing military coups, political conflicts, citizenship disputes, economic policies, as well as concerns about social policies and their implications for the livelihoods of ordinary Africans. We are also interested in how the decolonization discourse has been productively deployed by student activists, intellectuals, feminist and LGBTQ organizers, as well as its limits in advancing emancipatory projects across the continent and beyond.

The workshop will be transregional and open to all disciplines, including but not limited to political science, history, anthropology, sociology, religion and cultural studies.

Participants are required to contribute original papers of approximately 2500-3000 words that will be discussed at the workshop and then revised and edited for publication in our open access journal *African Social Research*.

To apply, please send a 300-word proposal including your current affiliation and academic level to africansocialresearch@gmail.com by **February 14th, 2024**.

More information about the Program on African Social Research can be found at www.pasiri.org.