



## Call for Papers

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Moi University International Conference on African Studies** *Making African Worlds in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Reimagining Communities, Cultures, and Futures.*

Venue: Moi University, Kenya

Date: 19-20 November 2026

The Moi University Africa Multiple Research Centre invites scholars, researchers, artists, policy practitioners, graduate students, and public intellectuals to submit abstracts for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Moi University International Conference on African Studies to be held on 19-20 November 2026 in Eldoret, Kenya.

The conference seeks to interrogate the multiple ways African worlds are imagined, assembled, contested, remembered, translated, digitized, secured, and ecologically sustained in the twenty-first century. Coming against the backdrop of contemporary ecological crises, digital transformations, political precarity, intensified migration, contestations over scarce and unevenly distributed resources, and renewed contestations over memory and belonging across Africa, the conference will be a platform for critical conversations across disciplines and methodologies on African futures, indigenous knowledges, and emergent forms of social imagination.

We welcome papers, panels, performances, artistic interventions, and interdisciplinary engagements addressing the following thematic areas, though submissions beyond these themes are also encouraged.

#### **Conference Themes and Suggested Topics**

- Accumulation by dispossession in Africa
- Indigenous knowledge systems and sustainable economies
- Food security, agriculture, and climate adaptation
- Land, labor, and resource politics
- Informal economies and survival strategies
- Extraction, inequality, and ecological futures
- Colonial trauma and the making of ethnic identities in postcolonial Africa
- Museums, monuments, and memorial cultures in African nations
- Archives, silences, and public memory
- Literature, film, and postcolonial remembrance
- Gender and youth involvement in political violence
- Religion, conflict, and gendered forms of insecurity
- World-making, religious ideologies, and the politics of insecurity in Africa
- Translating education: multilingual pedagogies, terminologies, and world-making
- Translating beyond language: oral literature, performance, and digital landscapes
- Translation and decolonial methodologies
- Politics of world-making and global ecological debates
- Indigenous ecological knowledge and environmental justice
- Harnessing AI for ecocritical futures and climate justice
- Digital humanities and African knowledge production
- Social media, activism, and political participation
- AI, ethics, and African epistemologies
- Cybercultures, digital storytelling, and world-making



### Submission Guidelines

Participants are invited to submit abstracts for:

- Individual papers
- Panel proposals
- Roundtable discussions
- Artistic and creative performances
- Digital humanities demonstrations

### Abstract Requirements

- Abstracts should be between 250–300 words
- Include title, author(s), institutional affiliation, and contact information
- Provide 4–6 keywords
- Panel proposals should include a panel abstract and individual paper abstracts

### Important Dates

- Abstract Submission Deadline: **30 July 2026**
- Notification of Acceptance: **31 August 2026**
- Conference Dates: **19-20 November 2026**

### Conference Format

The conference will be an in-person event.

### Publication Opportunity

Selected papers will be considered for publication in an edited volume or special journal issue following peer review.

### Submission and Enquiries

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1. Submit through the MOI-AMRC 2026 Submission Portal: (<https://conference.mu.ac.ke/event/10/>)
2. Authors must create an account before submitting an abstract (<https://conference.mu.ac.ke/login/?next=/event/10/abstracts/%23submit-abstract>) Create Account
3. Send a copy of the abstract to [africanstudiesconference@mu.ac.ke](mailto:africanstudiesconference@mu.ac.ke)
4. Enquiries should be sent to: [africanstudiesconference@mu.ac.ke](mailto:africanstudiesconference@mu.ac.ke)

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