



Stanford Forum for African Studies

Call for Papers for the 2012 Annual Meeting of the Stanford Forum for African Studies

Mobile Africa

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The Stanford Forum for African Studies (SFAS) invites proposals for papers by graduate students, scholars, and faculty on the topics of mobilization and mobility – of people and power, of goods and technology – and how this movement affects social, economic, and political processes and practices in Africa today. Interested participants should submit abstracts by email to stanfordfas@gmail.com or [online](#). Please also include your name, affiliation and contact details.

This interdisciplinary conference seeks to explore the movement of people and goods, the transformative nature of local and regional exchanges, and the mobilization of ideas and ideologies. Ever increasing trade, migration, and availability of technology are changing the relationships between consumers and producers, state and society, publics and politicians. We aim to examine the ways in which people interact with their fellow citizens, produce and promote ideas, share culture and knowledge, and learn and borrow concepts that continue to shape the future of political, economic, and social development on the African continent. We welcome proposals that combine insights, methods, and research from all fields and disciplines, including the sciences, social sciences and the humanities.

Topics of interest include, but are not limited to:

- Regional integration and the economic effects of migration within Africa
- Technologies of exchange and mobility, including social media and mobile services
- Social and political movements, uprisings and protests
- Class mobility and the making of the elite and middle class
- The governance and regulation of mobility
- Changing nature of physical and social boundaries in Africa
- Entrepreneurship and economic exchange
- Channels and barriers to movement and movements

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