

# 2011 APSA Africa Workshop Representation Reconsidered: Nairobi, Kenya

The annual APSA Africa Workshop, *Representation Reconsidered: Ethnic Politics and Africa's Governance Institutions in Comparative Perspective* was held in partnership with the Institute for Development Studies at University of Nairobi in Kenya, from July 23 to August 6. It was the fourth residential workshop of a multi-year initiative that APSA will convene in sub-Saharan Africa from 2008 through 2014 (previous workshops were held in Senegal, Ghana, and Tanzania).

This workshop series is supported by a grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation and is a major component of APSA's efforts to facilitate the development of applied research networks linking U.S.-based scholars with colleagues overseas and to support political science communities outside the United States.

The workshop brought together 29 political and social scientists: 20 Africa-based participants from 11 countries and five U.S.-based participants were competitively selected. It was led by Todd Eisenstadt and Carl LeVan, both of American University in Washington, DC, along with Tabitha Mulyampiti from Makerere University in Uganda, and Karuti Kanyinga from the University of Nairobi, Kenya.



Participants break into groups and discuss their readings.



Participants in the 2011 Africa Workshop, *Representation Reconsidered*, held in Nairobi, Kenya, gather outside the conference center at the University of Nairobi.

## PARTICIPANTS

Africa-based participants follow:

Ladan Affi, Djibouti  
Akoko Akech, Kenya  
Richard Asante, Ghana  
Yahaya Baba, Nigeria  
Abigail Booth, South Africa  
Warigia Bowman, Kenya/USA  
Christina Cielo, USA/South Africa  
Joseph Fashagba, Nigeria  
Alexander Frempong, Ghana  
Solomon Gofie, Ethiopia  
Patrick Hajayandi, Burundi  
Kim Kayunze, Tanzania  
Joshua Kivuva, Kenya  
George Michuki, Kenya  
Zerihun Mohammed, Ethiopia  
Dorothy Mpabanga, Botswana  
Abdu Musa, Sudan  
Josiah Olubowale, Nigeria  
Ramola Ramtohol, Mauritius  
Westen Shilaho, Kenya/South Africa

US-based graduate students included:

Jerry Lavery, Michigan State University  
Ryan Briggs, American University  
Laura Thaut, University of Minnesota

Rachel Vanderpoel, Northwestern University

Jennifer Yelle, American University

Participants explored an extensive set of readings based on three sub-themes and presented findings from their own research. Guest speakers at the event included representatives of the Kenya Human Rights Commission, the National Democratic Institute, and the Africa Centre for Open Government. The attendees were also able to find time in their busy schedule to visit some of the national parks and animal sanctuaries for which Kenya is renowned. All Africa-based participants received three years of complimentary APSA membership.

## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

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For more information on the 2011 workshop or the overall project, please visit the project website at [www.apsanet.org/africa-](http://www.apsanet.org/africa-)

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**APPLY FOR 2012**

APSA is currently soliciting applications from members interested in serving as workshop leaders for the 2012 APSA Africa Workshop. Submissions must come from a mixed team of two US-based and two Africa-based scholars. The application deadline is November 11, 2011. For more information, please visit [www.apsanet.org/africaworkshops](http://www.apsanet.org/africaworkshops). ■

## Upcoming International Events

**2011 EVENTS**

**Annual International Conference on Political Science, Sociology and International Relations (PSSIR 2011)**

7-8 November 2011  
Hotel Fort Canning, Singapore  
<http://www.pssir.org/>

**Anti-Democracy Agenda Symposium 2011**

15-16 November 2011  
Call for Proposals Due: 15 October 2011  
Online (Switzerland)  
<https://plus.google.com/109507108125539761871/posts/aQ6nzbn-6taw>

**The Social Capital Foundation 2011 International Conference on the World Economic Crisis**

2-5 November 2011  
Mellieha, Malta  
[www.socialcapital-foundation.org/conferences/2011/TSCF%20International%20Conference%202011.htm](http://www.socialcapital-foundation.org/conferences/2011/TSCF%20International%20Conference%202011.htm)

**The Eagle and The Dragon In Africa: Stability and Economic Development in Sub-Saharan Africa**

3 - 5 November 2011  
Lexington, VA  
<http://www.vmi.edu/africa>

**21st ACSUS Biennial Conference**

16-20 November 2011  
The Westin, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada  
<http://www.acsus.org/display.cfm?id=275>

**IPSA & IAMCR Joint Conference**

17-18 November 2011  
Instituto Superior de Ciências Sociais e Políticas (ISCSP)/Universidade Técnica de Lisboa (UTL) (The Technical University of Lisbon), Portugal  
[http://www.iscsp.utl.pt/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=749&catid=158&Itemid=401](http://www.iscsp.utl.pt/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=749&catid=158&Itemid=401)

**Growing Pains and Growth Paths: China and Japan in Modern Economic Growth**

5-6 December 2011  
Wellington, New Zealand

**Conference on Democracy and Elections in the Muslim World**

7-8 December 2011  
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

**Honour Killing Across Culture and Time**

7-9 December 2011  
Australian National University, Canberra, Australia  
<http://history.cass.anu.edu.au/honourkillingconf>

**The Seventh Annual Graduate Conference in Political Science: International Relations & Public Policy in Memory of Yitzhak Rabin**

14-16 December, 2011  
The Hebrew University, Mount Scopus Campus, Jerusalem  
<http://gradcon.huji.ac.il>

**2012 EVENTS**

**Australian and New Zealand Studies Association of North America: 2012 Annual Conference**

16-18 February 2012  
Delta Chelsea Hotel Toronto, Ontario

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