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CODESRIA-SEPHIS EXTENDED WORKSHOP

ON SOCIAL HISTORY

Historicizing Citizenship

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

CODESRIA/SEPHIS collaborative programme is pleased to announce the sixth session of its Extended Workshop on New Theories and Methods in Social History which is scheduled for the 3rd–21st of September 2009 in Dakar, Senegal. The theme of the workshop is: *Historicizing Citizenship*. The Workshop will be organised around the comparative experiences of Africa, Asia, the Caribbean and Latin America. It will bring together about 12 young historians for three weeks of joint reflection, knowledge building and training. The participants will follow a programme designed to permit them to share experiences, improve the theoretical and methodological quality of their work, and deepen their comparative insights.

► Theme and Content of the Workshop

Concerns with issues of citizenship are as old as the history of political formations. As a research theme, citizenship has engaged the attention of scholars from the earliest beginnings of political communities. The question of citizenship is a live one with historical and contemporary relevance as the attributes of citizenship, its content and contours have shifted over time in tandem with broad changes occurring in society. It is such shifts in the content and contours of the concept of citizenship, especially in the Global South, that the 2009 Workshop on Social History invites participants to investigate and debate. The objective of the workshop is to stimulate a historically-grounded, comparative, all-encompassing analysis of citizenship issues with a view to promoting reflections on the origin, direction and changes in the concept and ideal of citizenship especially in the light of globalisation.

Among the sub-themes around which reflection will be organised are:

- * Conceptualizations of Citizenship in the North & South: Historical Perspectives;
- * Migration Processes, Migrant Identities and Citizenship;
- * Theories of Local and Global Citizenship;
- * Gender, Globalisation and Citizenship;
- * Masculinities, Femininities and Citizen Identity Questions;
- * Justice, Gender and Citizenship in the Global South;
- * Citizenship, Development and Democracy.

Theoretical and empirically-grounded studies on each of these sub-themes will be encouraged in order to promote debate on recent methodological and theoretical developments in social history as they bear on citizenship. To this end, participants will be encouraged to carry out their reflections in a

comparative perspective. Participants will also be offered practical support in sharpening their skills on how to write an article, plan a research project, and submit a research proposal for funding. The discussions will be linked to the research interests of the participants and the progress of their work. The 2009 session of the Extended Workshop will also feature a roundtable on **Gender & Citizenship in the Age of Globalisation**.

► **Accommodation and Excursions**

The workshop will be held in Dakar, Senegal. CODESRIA will provide a stimulating and pleasant environment within which participants can work. The Council will also take care of the air travel, accommodation, and local transport expenses of the participants. Furthermore, a subsistence allowance to cover living expenses will be provided. Local excursions will be organised for the laureates in order to make their stay more enjoyable.

► **Eligibility**

The Workshop is open to PhD students registered in Southern universities, i.e., Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, and Latin America.

► **Application Procedures**

Laureates: Applications should include the following:

- 1) a Curriculum Vitae (maximum of two pages),
- 2) a letter certifying that the candidate is enrolled in a PhD programme at a university in the South,
- 3) a research proposal outlining the candidate's current research project, including the methodology that is being employed or considered (at most four pages),
- 4) a sample of the applicant's work (a draft paper, a draft research proposal or a draft thesis chapter),
- 5) a letter from the thesis supervisor indicating why this workshop will be of importance to the applicant,
- 6) a statement that the candidate has not attended a SEPHIS funded workshop before.

Convener/Resource Persons: Applicants for the position of Course Convener and Resource Persons should submit: 1) an application letter; 2) a curriculum vitae; and 3) a two-page proposal, indicating the course outline specifically focusing on the issues to be covered in the sub-themes.

Applications must be written in English. The deadline for the submission of applications is 15th of June 2009. An international scientific committee will examine the dossiers of all candidates by 15th of July 2009. Successful applicants will be notified immediately after the completion of the selection process. Incomplete and unnecessarily lengthy applications will not be taken into consideration. All faxed and e-mailed applications must also be accompanied by a hard copy original version sent by post if they are to be considered.

Additional information about the Extended Workshop can be obtained via:

- ◆ the CODESRIA web site: <http://www.codesria.org>
- ◆ the SEPHIS web site: <http://www.sephis.org>

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