

Dear Colleague,

You are warmly invited to the first International Conference on **Researching African Literatures in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century** under the theme: “Historiographies, Theories, Practices, and Methodologies”.

The conference has been conceived as a platform for established and emergent discourses on researching literatures of the African Experience. It builds on a series of other related conferences on this subject since the famous Makerere conference of 1962. New writers, novel genres, innovative styles, experimental forms, contemporaneous themes and renewed engagement with the Language Debate all call for reflection and critical appreciation. The general aim of the conference is to provide research hindsight, insights and foresights by scholars of African literatures in the context of the 21<sup>st</sup> century and its challenges.

In the interest of time, kindly proceed to writing your full paper and send it to us, copy to me, on or before 25th November, 2014. Your submission should bear these specifications:

1. separate title page bearing: Title of Paper, Name and Institutional Affiliation (if any) of presenter, Email Address.
2. the paper itself beginning with its accepted abstract of less than 300 words and clearly stated sub-theme under which your paper falls.
3. the paper should adhere to the MLA Style Manual, 2nd Edition; Font 12, Times New Roman, Single-space. Not more than 8000 Words in length.
4. the paper should be submitted as Email Attachment in both MS Word version and PDF version.
5. **write the paper in the language you chose for your abstract: English or Kiswahili.** The conference will be bilingual based on the two international languages.
6. IMPORTANT: The conference email address is experiencing technical hitches. Send your full papers and any other queries or points for clarification to the following email addresses only:

[kenyaliteratureconference2014@gmail.com](mailto:kenyaliteratureconference2014@gmail.com)

NB: Conference proceedings will be published by two (2) international and peer-reviewed journals of literary research.

You shall pay in cash your registration fees at the registration desk when you arrive for the conference at 8.00am on 11th December, 2014.

At the moment the Proposed Registration details (per delegate) are detailed below:

1. Delegates from universities in Africa Kshs. 2000 OR 30 USA Dollars
2. Delegates from universities outside Africa Kshs. 5000 OR 70 USA Dollars
3. Postgraduate students of universities in Africa Kshs. 1000 OR 15 USA Dollars
4. Postgraduate students of universities from outside Africa Kshs. 1500 OR 20

On behalf of the other conveners, we thank you in advance for your cooperation as we look forward to sending you the formal letters of invitation, after a series of meetings by the institutions involved finalise the preparations on the ground

Once more, we send regrets for the slow pace of communication and wish you the very best in your writing exercise.

Sincerely,

Dr. JKS Makokha  
on behalf of conference conveners

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