

1st Call for Sessions

AfroEuropeans: Black Cultures and Identities in Europe

Sixth biennial network conference

University of Tampere, Finland

6 - 8 July 2017

African European Studies and Black European Studies explore social spaces and cultural practices that are characterised by a series of contemporary and historical overlaps between Africa, the African diasporas, and Europe. The sixth biennial network conference, organised by the University of Tampere and the international *AfroEuropeans – Black Cultures and Identities in Europe* research network, aims to contribute to the existing scholarship in Europe with a view to establish it more firmly in its several disciplinary locations. For more information, please see the [conference website](#).

The general theme of the AfroEuropeans 2017 conference is African diaspora and European cultural heritage. Among the confirmed keynote speakers is Professor Paul Gilroy from King's College London. We encourage submissions exploring the topics suggested below.

African diaspora and European cultural heritage;
Policing blackness; African/Black European politics;
Shifting political landscapes and European post-colonial discontents;
AfroEuropean mediascapes; Diaspora communities online; Diasporic experience and digital media;
Social justice and human rights in AfroEurope;
Performing Africanness/blackness in Europe;
Writing and translating new African diaspora and black identities in Europe;
AfroEuropean music cultures; AfroEuropean dance scenes;
Blackness in visual arts in Europe
Children of the African diaspora in Europe; AfroEuropean youth cultures;
AfroQueer Europe; AfroEuropean feminisms;
Global racisms and AfroEurope;
Refugees from Africa in Europe.

Session proposals that do not directly deal with the above-mentioned topics will also be considered. Proposals for sessions on both established and emerging research areas of a trans- and multidisciplinary nature are welcome.

Proposals for sessions (max. 300 words) should be submitted by no later than 15 September 2016 through our online form. Instructions for session organisers and the link to the submission form can be found on the conference website ([Call for Sessions](#)).

In addition to academics, we welcome artists, activists, authors, journalists, and independent scholars with a specific interest in the field. The cultural programme of the conference is organised in collaboration with *Fest Afrika* festival and *Speaking Volumes Live Literature Productions*.

On behalf of the local organizing committee and the international *AfroEuropeans – Black Cultures and Identities in Europe* research network,

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