

Call for Papers: Health, Politics and Culture in Africa at NAD 2016 in Uppsala, Sweden

The Forum for Africa Studies of Uppsala University invites the submission of paper abstracts to join the Health, Politics and Culture in Africa panel at the Nordic Africa Days conference in Uppsala on 23-24 September, 2016. Paper proposals should be submitted to nad2016@nai.uu.se no later than 3 May 2016

Nordic Africa Days 2016, Uppsala 23-24 September, Panel 36: Health, Politics and Culture in Africa

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From local health centers and traditional medical practices, to scientific research facilities and health policy documents, the papers in this panel reveal some of the processes and relationships whereby the promise of good health becomes entangled with politics and culture in Africa. In a context where illness and disease are a continuing burden upon communities across the African continent, access to knowledges, technologies, and practices for producing health and well-being are strategic resources that actors, institutions and other collectives seek to possess, and whose (re)distribution they seek to govern.

Offering both historical and contemporary accounts, this panel investigates the manner in which resources with potential to produce health and well-being are incorporated into broader political and cultural projects within and beyond the borders of African communities. Rather than focusing on the specific sufferers of disease and ill-health, this panel focuses on the politicians, NGOs, scientists, state agencies, religious organizations, unions and other assemblages of actors that incorporate the provision and production of health into their broader strategic endeavors.

The Nordic Africa Days conference is organized by the Nordic Africa Institute in Uppsala. For more information about the conference, please visit: <http://www.nai.uu.se/nad-2016/>

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