

## **Teaching About Religion and Humanitarianism in Africa Workshop**

**Organised by the Critical Investigations into Humanitarianism in Africa Team  
In collaboration with the American Political Science Association  
and  
the African Studies Association of Africa  
23 October 2019  
United States International University-Africa, Nairobi, Kenya**

Participants in this workshop will discuss approaches, pedagogies and methodologies for teaching critically about religion, humanitarianism, and development in Africa. Instead of the usual "let's invite foreigners to build the capacity of Africans," we emphasize the necessity of privileging the research and perspectives of African scholars and activists in courses that address these issues. We especially solicit proposals from those who are interested in collaboration through developing and sharing syllabi, and possibly joint writing on these topics among students from different institutions.

### **Eligibility & Application Criteria:**

1. Applications are to be submitted in English.
2. All applicants must be members of the American Political Science Association (APSA; by the time of the conference itself) and the African Studies Association of Africa (ASAA).
3. Applicants should be interested in critical perspectives on teaching humanitarianism and religion in Africa, broadly conceived.

### **Selection criteria:**

Space will be limited to a maximum of fifteen (15) participants. Participants in the Teaching about Religion and Humanitarianism in Africa Workshop will be chosen carefully, in collaboration with the organisers of the conference, with regard to diversity of background, experience, theme, discipline, and other concerns. Applicants selected for participation will be notified by Tanya Schwarz after confirmation of the applicant's APSA and ASAA registration, by **15 AUGUST 2019**.

The organisers have limited funding from a grant from the APSA. Up to seven participants will receive \$1000 to help reimburse travel, visa, and/or lodging expenses (but not the conference registration fee). All applicants for funding **MUST** be members of APSA. **NOTE:** The fee to become a Targeted International Member of APSA (for scholars in non-high-income OECD countries) is greatly reduced—to \$45 USD.

### **Submission process:**

Applicants should please prepare the following documents by **2 AUGUST 2019**:

1. A short, two-page CV
2. A short statement (no longer than one page) on:
  - a. Why they wish to participate in the workshop; and
  - b. What experience teaching or researching humanitarianism and religion they would bring to the workshop.

3. Applicants who wish to be considered for travel funding should please also send a brief budget of how they would use the funds. (They do not need to provide proof of APSA membership at the time of application but will need to provide proof of membership and workshop attendance prior to receiving travel reimbursement.)

The entire dossier shall be compiled as a single PDF file and submitted by email to Tanya Schwarz at [tschwarz@apsanet.org](mailto:tschwarz@apsanet.org) with “CIHA Teaching Workshop” in the subject line.

**APSA membership:**

APSA membership is open to scholars in fields of Political Science, African Studies, Sociology, History, Women’s Studies, and other fields, and confers several benefits, including:

- Free access to APSA Journals like American Political Science Review, Perspectives on Politics, PS: Political Science and Politics, and the Journal of Political Science Education
  - A discounted membership to JSTOR
  - Discounted registration fees to all of APSA’s conferences, including the biennial Teaching & Learning Conference
  - Free access to eJobs, the most comprehensive database of jobs related to political science
- Discounted membership rates for the American Sociological Association, the American Historical Association, and the International Political Science Association

Membership details, including instructions for how to join APSA can be found here:

<https://www.apsanet.org/MEMBERSHIP/Individual-Membership>