



# **2<sup>nd</sup> CODESRIA/CASB SUMMER SCHOOL IN AFRICAN STUDIES**



**Interdisciplinary in Area Studies: Basic and Applied Research**

**Programme**

**Director**

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## Interdisciplinarity in Area Studies: Basic and Applied Research

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Theme</b>	<p><b>Research design: Conceptual problems vs. practical problems</b> This unit introduces participants to fundamental epistemological issues around the production of knowledge by making a distinction between basic research (conceptual problems) and applied research (practical problems).</p> <p>Opening Ceremony</p>	<p><b>Analytical design: Formulating problems</b> This unit elaborates on the nature of basic research by exploring the ways in which it can be understood as research which helps to formulate problems for which there may already be solutions or, at any rate, which require solutions to be worked out.</p> <p>Kudus Oluwatoyin Adebayo (1) Natalie Tarr (1) Sylvain Lebeyina Ngah (1) Bognan Valentin Koné (1)</p>	<p><b>Practical design: Formulating solutions</b> This unit is the counterpart to the previous one (formulating problems) and focuses on the process of identifying problems for which solutions can be worked out.</p> <p>Marlyse Nankap Djangue (1) Robert Turyamureeba (1) Goin Lou Tina Virginie Tra (1)</p>	<p><b>Policy design: How solutions work in the real world</b> The focus of this unit is on the political, economic and social conditions which must be met for a solution to be effective.</p> <p>Tolulope Adetayo Fajobi (1) Enna Sukutai Gudhlanga (1) Amal Abdrabo (1) Stélia Rosa Muianga (1)</p>	<p><b>Evaluation design: Checking the relevance of research</b> This unit introduces participants to the important task of drawing up criteria to ascertain the extent to which the implementation of research results can be used to improve research design.</p>
<b>9.15-10.15</b>	<p>Opening Ceremony</p> <p>Ebrima Sall, Executive Secretary, CODESRIA, Lucy Koechlin / Noemi Steuer, Oumu Dilly Foundation Elísio Macamo, CASB</p>	<p>Participants whose projects raise issues bearing on analytical design are invited to discuss their projects</p>	<p>Participants whose project raises issues bearing on practical design are invited to discuss their projects</p>	<p>Participants whose project raises issues bearing on policy design are invited to discuss their projects</p>	<p>Elísio Macamo on the notion of the polysemy of “evaluation”</p>
<b>10.15-10.45</b>	<i>Break</i>	<i>Break</i>	<i>Break</i>	<i>Break</i>	<i>Break</i>
<b>10.45-12.15</b>	<p>Elísio Macamo: “Practical and conceptual problems”</p>	Con’t.	Con’t.	Con’t.	Workshop on basic and applied research in African Studies

(organization: E. Macamo)

<b>12.15-14.00</b>	<i>Lunch</i>	<i>Lunch</i>	<i>Lunch</i>	<i>Lunch</i>	<i>Lunch</i>
<b>14.00-15.30</b>	Discussion based on expert's input and preparatory reading	Nkolo Foe on the challenge of inquiry	Jean Bernard Ouedraogo on the challenge of methodology in African Studies	Ralph Weber on the challenge of relating knowledge to reality	Closing ceremony
<b>15.30-16.00</b>	<i>Break</i>	<i>Break</i>	<i>Break</i>	<i>Break</i>	<i>Break</i>
<b>16.00-17.30</b>		Discussion based on expert's input and preparatory reading	Discussion based on expert's input and preparatory reading	Discussion based on expert's input and preparatory reading	

- The keynote addresses by senior scholars should reflect the overarching theme based on the scholar's own research experience.
- The discussion following the senior scholars' inputs should be based both on the input as well as on the literature suggested by the senior scholar for reading.
- The morning sessions (with the exception of the first and last days) are structured around the individual work of participants. For this reason, participants will be invited to indicate the theme under which they would like to have their work discussed; this applies to the themes to be discussed on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The senior scholars addressing that particular theme (on that day) will be asked to comment the work of the participants.
- The workshop on Friday afternoon will try to summarize the issues around the main theme of the Summer School, namely the relationship between applied and basic research in African Studies. It will consist of exercises centring on the individual projects and how they bear on the distinction.