



# 5<sup>th</sup> CODESRIA-CASB SUMMER SCHOOL IN AFRICAN STUDIES AND AREA STUDIES IN AFRICA



## How Political is Knowledge?

### Programme

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15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> August 2022, Dakar, Senegal

<b>15<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> August 2022</b>			
<b>Day 1: 15<sup>th</sup> August 2022</b>			
09:00 - 10:30	Welcome remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ CODESRIA Executive Secretary</li> <li>➤ Oumou Dilly Foundation</li> <li>➤ Trainings, Grants &amp; Fellowships Prog.</li> <li>➤ CASB</li> </ul>	Chair: Godwin Murunga, Executive Secretary, CODESRIA  Rapporteur: Clare Cheromoi	
10:30 – 11:00	<b>Break</b>		
11:00 – 12:30	Elísio Macamo	Thematic introduction: “ How political is knowledge? ”	Rapporteur: Clare Cheromoi
<b>Lunch</b>			
13:30 – 15:15	Elísio Macamo	Group work: Identifying normative implications	Rapporteur: Joël F. K. Djaha
15:15 – 15:30		<b>Break</b>	
15:30 – 17:00		Continuation “Group work: Identifying normative implications”	Rapporteur: Joël F. K. Djaha
<b>Day 2: 16<sup>th</sup> August 2022</b>			
09:00 – 10:30	Elísio Macamo	Input I: Objectivity: The politics of methods?	Rapporteur: Edson Chido Mutisi
10:30 – 11:00		<b>Break</b>	
11:00 – 12:30		Cont’d “Objectivity: The politics of methods? ”	Rapporteur: Edson Chido Mutisi
<b>Lunch</b>			
13:30 – 15:15	Participants	Workshop/students’ presentations	Rapporteur: Aurélie Dafel Tchindebe
15:15 – 15:30		<b>Break</b>	
15:30 – 17:00		Cont’d “Workshop/students’ presentations”	Rapporteur: Aurélie Dafel Tchindebe
<b>Day 3: 17<sup>th</sup> August 2022</b>			
09:00 – 10:30	Ndeye Astou Ndiaye	Input II: The concept of the political	Rapporteur: Sandra Brown Eduful
10:30 – 11:00		<b>Break</b>	
11:00 – 12:30		Cont’d “The concept of the political”	Rapporteur: Sandra Brown Eduful
<b>Lunch</b>			
13:30 – 15:15	Participants	Workshop/students’ presentations	Rapporteur: Dorice Djeton
15:15 – 15:30		<b>Break</b>	
15:30 – 17:00		Cont’d “Workshop/students’ presentations”	Rapporteur: Dorice Djeton
<b>Day 4: 18<sup>th</sup> August 2022</b>			
09:00 – 10:30	Elísio Macamo	Input III: Concept and object: The politics of knowledge about Africa	Rapporteur: Yumba Bernadette Khakobwe
10:30 – 11:00		<b>Break</b>	
11:00 – 12:30		Cont’d “Concept and object: The politics of knowledge about Africa”	Rapporteur: Yumba Bernadette Khakobwe
<b>Lunch</b>			
13:30 – 15:15	Participants	Workshop/students’ presentations	Rapporteur: Mulumeoderhwa

			Bujiriri Lebon
15:15 – 15:30		Break	
15:30 – 17:00		Cont'd “Workshop/students’ presentations”	Rapporteur: Mulumeoderhwa Bujiriri Lebon
<b>Day 5: 19<sup>th</sup> August 2022</b>			
09:00 – 10:30	Ralph Weber	Input IV: Normativity: The politics of values?	Rapporteur: Mahder Habtemariam Serekberhan
10:30 – 11:00		Break	
11:00 – 12:30		Cont'd “Normativity: The politics of values?”	Rapporteur: Mahder Habtemariam Serekberhan
<b>Lunch</b>			
13:30 – 14:15	Elísio Macamo, Ndeye	Conclusion /outlook	Chair: Elísio Macamo Rapporteur: Fatoumata Tacko Soumaré
14:15 – 15:30	Astou Ndiaye, Ralph Weber	Closing ceremony <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Closing Remarks by Head of TGF</li> <li>➤ Evaluation</li> <li>➤ End of Summer School</li> </ul>	Chair: Ibrahim Oanda, TGF, CODESRIA  Rapporteur: Fatoumata Tacko Soumaré

## Faculty

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## Preparation

### 1. Readings

Read the preparatory readings (available in the course folder; subfolder “preparation”):

- Andrew Sayer, *Why Things Matter to People: Social Science, Values and Ethical Life*, 1st edition (Cambridge, UK; New York: Cambridge University Press, 2011)
- Philip Selznick, *A Humanist Science: Values and Ideals in Social Inquiry*, 1st edition (Stanford, Calif: Stanford University Press, 2008).

### 2. Presentation

Prepare a 15-minute presentation to discuss the normative implications underlying your study, the political, ideological, and ethical views which render your potential findings intelligible, and the political, ideological, and ethical views that would prevent readers from seeing the point of your work.

## Course folder

Course materials are available in the course folder:

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