



**MOI UNIVERSITY  
AFRICAN CLUSTER CENTRE**



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**RECONFIGURING AFRICAN STUDIES  
SIRIKWA HOTEL, ELDORET, 19<sup>TH</sup> – 21<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY 2020**

The Moi University African Cluster Centre is a node in the Africa Multiple Cluster of Excellence. The Africa Multiple Cluster of Excellence brings together researchers from the global North and Africa who apply their knowledge and skills in collaborative undertakings whose overarching aim is to reconfigure African Studies. The Moi University African Cluster Centre is housed in the School of Arts and Social Sciences of Moi University. Its current Director, Prof. Peter Tirop Simatei, is also the Dean of the School of Arts and Social Sciences. Whereas the vast majority of the researchers presently affiliated with the Centre are from the School of Arts and Social Sciences, the group also includes academics drawn from other schools in Moi University, like the School of Law. Researches undertaken in the Centre adopt the multi-, inter- and trans-disciplinary approaches to knowledge production that have been nurtured in the School of Arts and Social Sciences of Moi University since the School's inception.

Day 1: **19 February 2020**

08.30 – 09.30	Registration
	<b>Opening Segment</b> Chair: <i>Tom Mboya</i> Facilitator: <i>Mary Lonyangapuo</i>
09.30 – 10.30	Welcome address/ An introduction to the ACC <i>Peter Simatei</i>
10.30 – 10.50	Tea Break
	<b>Moralities</b> Chair: <i>Hassan Ndlovu</i> Facilitator: <i>Joram Kareithi</i>
10.50 – 11.15	Research Section Theme: Changing African Identities, Moralities, and Wellbeing <i>Eunice Kamaara</i>
11.15 – 11.35	African Identities, Sexualities and Moralities around Pre-birth and birth <i>Mary Lonyangapuo</i>
11.35 – 12.00	Adolescent Identities, Moralities and Holistic Health <i>Emily Choge</i>
12.00 – 12.25	Changing Marriage and Elder hood Identities & Moralities <i>Eric Masese</i>
12.25 – 12.50	Changing Identifies and Moralities of Death and Dying <i>Willice Abuya</i>
12.50 – 14.00	Lunch Break
	<b>Arts and Aesthetics</b> Chair: <i>Jamin Masinde</i> Facilitator: <i>William Kiplagat</i>
14.00 – 14.25	Research Section Theme <i>Busolo Wegesa</i>
14.25 – 14.50	Totem, Art and Power in Eastern Africa. <i>Joseph Okong'o</i>
14.50 – 15.15	The Arts Festival and the Nation I: The Kenya Music Festival <i>Jane Mwonga</i>
15.15 – 15.40	The Arts Festival and the Nation I: The Kenya National Drama and Film Festival <i>Evans Mugarizi</i>
15.40 – 16.05	Developing a Framework for Fourth Cinema in Eastern Africa <i>Cosmas Bii</i>
16.05 – 16.25	Tea Break

Day 2: **20 February 2020**

	<b>Launch</b> Chair: Eunice Kamaara Facilitator: <i>Odhiambo Ndege</i>
08.30 – 09.40	Keynote address <i>Enocent Msindo</i> <i>Rhodes University</i>
09.40 – 10.40	ACC Launch
10.45 – 10.55	Tea Break
	<b>Knowledges</b> Chair: <i>Omar Egesah</i> Facilitator: <i>Joseph Koech</i>
10.55 – 11.20	Research Section Theme <i>Justine Sikuku</i>
11.20 – 11.45	The convergent interactions of indigenous and colonial land management systems and their impact on knowledge on land for food security in Kenya: The case of Nandi County 1895-1963 <i>Prisca Tanui Too</i>
11.45 – 12.10	Knowledge of the aged <i>Scholastica N. Adeli</i>
12.10 – 12.35	Metaphors of the land: Undoing Colonial Ecologies in Kenya Narratives <i>Peter Simatei</i>
12.35 – 13.00	Pots, fire, and gourds and (re)presentation of indigenous knowledge <i>Justine Sikuku</i>
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch Break
	<b>Affiliations</b> Chair: <i>Prisca Tanui</i> Facilitator: <i>Fredrick Okaka</i>
14.00 – 14.25	Human Rights in the Context of Africa's RECs <i>Vincent Mutai</i>
14.25 – 14.50	An Appraisal of Regional Economic Communities in East and Southern Africa <i>Henry JA Lugulu</i>
14.50 – 15.15	Assessment of Governance, Decision Making and Policy Implementation in the Regional Economic Communities in Africa: The Case of East African Community <i>Dulo Nyaoro</i>
15.15 – 15.40	Regional Economic Integration and the Drivers for Informal Cross-Border Trade in East African Community: Evidence from Kenya's Borders With Uganda and Tanzania <i>Paul Opondo</i>
15.40 – 16.05	Trade Dispute Resolution in Africa's RECs <i>Maurice Oduor</i>
16.05 – 16.25	Tea Break
16.25 – 17.25	<b>Networking</b> Chair: <i>Busolo Wegesa</i> Facilitator: <i>Mugun Boit</i>

Day 3: 21 February 2020

	<b>Mobilities</b> Chair: <i>Emily Choge</i> Facilitator: <i>Allan Opija</i>
08.30 – 08.55	Research Section theme <i>Omar Egesah</i>
08.55 – 09.20	(Im)mobile African material cultures, objects and indigenous knowledge: ethnographic study in East Africa <i>Joram Kareithi and Omar Egesah</i>
09.20 – 09.45	Spatial mobility, extreme climatic events, and climate variability, conflict and the future of pastoralism in the ASAL areas of northern Kenya <i>Jamin Masinde and Fredrick Okaka</i>
09.45 – 10.10	Mobility and the (re)configuration of social structures and relations <i>Omar Egesah and Busolo Wegesa</i>
10.10 – 10.35	Academic mobility (exchange) and internationalization in higher education in Africa <i>Anne Nangulu and Lynn Kisembe</i>
10.35 – 10.55	Tea Break
	<b>Learning</b> Chair: <i>Mary Wahome</i> Facilitator: <i>Sorre</i>
10.55 – 11.20	Research Section Theme <i>Hassan Ndzovu</i>
11.20 – 11.45	The Shifting Dynamic of Spiritual Poems and Dances in Mediation and Mediatization of Knowledge and Religious Economy <i>Suleman Chembea</i>
11.45 – 12.10	Religious Themed Materialities of Counter-Radicalization Campaign in Kenya <i>Halkano Wario</i>
12.10 – 12.35	Islamic Radio based Fatwas Treatise <i>Mohamed Mraja</i>
12.35 – 13.00	Madrassa Educational System and Islamic-Integrated Schools: Transmission of Islamic Knowledge, Syllabus Standardization and Religious Authority <i>Hassan Ndzovu</i>
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch Break
	<b>Closing Segment</b> Chair: <i>Peter Simatei</i> Facilitator: <i>Lynn Kisembe</i>
14.00 – 14.40	Keynote address African Studies in African Universities <i>Muyiwa Falaiye</i> <i>University of Lagos</i>
14.40 – 16.00	Closing address
16.00 – 16.30	Tea Break