

Call for Abstracts



Theory and Praxis: Rethinking Anthropological Engagements in Africa in the 21st Century

Thursday, July 2 - Sunday, July 5th, 2026

Association for Africanist Anthropology (AfAA) and the University of Ibadan, Nigeria
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The Association for Africanist Anthropology (AfAA), a section of the American Anthropological Association (AAA), in collaboration with the Department of

Archaeology and Anthropology, University of Ibadan, Nigeria, is organizing an international conference with the theme: **Theory and Praxis: Rethinking Anthropological Engagements in Africa in the 21st Century**. In response to many of the challenges facing the discipline of anthropology in West Africa and considering the need to bring the Global South in conversation with the Global North on the future of the discipline, we welcome abstracts that speak to the nexus between theory and praxis in ways that can help shape new debates about anthropology's future in Africa. We specifically invite abstracts that are attentive to the following themes:

1. Climate, Conflicts, and Constricting Borders
2. Digital Culture, Access, and 21st Century's Glocalization
3. Decoloniality and the Future of Anthropology in (West) Africa
4. Culture, Identity, and Belonging
5. Foodways, Commensality, and Consumption Practices
6. Space, Collective Memory, and the Sensory

Submission Instructions:

- Abstracts should not be more than 200 words
- Please include your full name, affiliation, and contact information, (including email address)
- Abstracts should be single-spaced in Word .doc or pdf and sent electronically to (afaabadan@gmail.com) with the subject heading "AfAA-AnthroIB 2026 Conference Abstract"

The deadline for the submission of abstracts is February 20, 2026.

Venue: Otunba Subomi Balogun Conference Center, The University of Ibadan, Nigeria.

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