



THE RISKS OF NON-COMPLIANCE: QUESTION TIME FOR AFRICA

We are delighted to invite you to join us at our one day conference on*:

Wednesday 13th April 2016

09:00 - 18:00

University of East London

Docklands Campus

University Way, London, E16 2RD, United Kingdom

This is a conference brought to you by Reachout Empowerment Force (REF) in collaboration with UEL's Employability team, students and lecturers as part of UEL's civic engagement programme. Those who have just begun postgraduate study will also have the opportunity to be briefed about a Call for Papers and Panels Initiative intended for the invite of paper abstracts and panel proposals for the 'Africa in International Affairs' (AIA) conference anticipated for December 2016.

**You do not have to pay to attend this conference, but you need to register to attend. This conference is open to students from all universities and members of the public.*

WHAT IS THIS CONFERENCE ABOUT?

This will be a one day event including seven workshop programmes, followed by an evening reception. The conference is set to explore the risks of non-compliance and its harmful effects of bad governance. The conference aims to explicate the risks of non-compliance (i.e. corruption, attitude and character issues, insecurity, lawlessness, fragile states, war, uncertainty, failed policies, strategies and societal unrest) and encourage student participation apropos how non-compliance can be prevented and overcome. The conference aims to raise awareness regarding the risks of non-compliance and why these risks must be mitigated.

WHY SHOULD I BE PART OF THIS CONFERENCE?

Are you a student that has never been part of an academic conference or presented their work in a conference? This conference is a great way to find out about how academic conferences work and gain some valuable experience. You will also have the opportunity to meet with external speakers in your relevant discipline.

WHO CAN BE PART OF THIS INITIATIVE?

All students from diverse disciplines: international development, international politics, international relations, terrorism, criminology, anthropology, African studies, law, international law, policy-related studies and so forth. For those who would love to get involved in the AIA conference, this initiative encourages young researchers such as masters students to get involved (further information will be provided).

WHAT WILL HAPPEN AT THE CONFERENCE?

The conference will focus on the risks of non-compliance in Africa and workshop topics will focus on the contributing factors providing the grounds for non-compliance in Africa.

Speakers from varying disciplines (i.e. professionals and academic scholars) will present a wide range of talks from African insecurity to the effects of good governance. This will be followed by seven workshop programmes providing a unique opportunity for students to engage in debates on differing topics and receive feedback from academic scholars, have discussions with publishers, meet with field leaders, meet with lecturers from other universities and network with a diverse number of NGOs.

The conference and workshops will also encourage scholars and students to support the Call for Papers and Panels Initiative anticipated for December 2016, with a briefing to be provided by a senior law lecturer at the University.

Students who lead a workshop will also be provided with a certificate and will be encouraged to be a part of the Call for Papers Initiative.

WHAT ARE THE CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP TOPICS ABOUT?

The varying speakers are to discuss:

- Why do we have the Law? Why do we need the Law? Why comply with rules and regulations?
- How does compliance affect the professional working environment?
- To what extent does political, social and economic mismanagement in Africa breed insecurity?
- How does non-compliance affect Africa at national and international level?
- Keynote Address - "The Risks of Non-Compliance: Question Time for Africa"
- Africa's history of poor governance and weak development policy
- How compliance affects good governance
- An Institutional Culture of Non-Compliance
- A Fear of Pro-activeness
- Social Exclusion in Africa
- Workshop Feedback
- Question & Answer Session
- Call for Papers and Panel Proposals Initiative

Workshop topics are aimed at the contributing factors providing the grounds for non-compliance. The varying workshop topics are as below. Do any of the following factors create the breeding ground for non-compliance in Africa?

1. Fear of Pro-activeness
2. An Institutional Culture
3. Social Exclusion
4. Poor Governance and Weak Policies
5. Neo-colonialism (Is Africa Still Influenced by the West?)
6. Can the Media Help Compliance?
7. Forced Migration

WHY A CALL FOR PAPERS AND PANEL PROPOSALS INITIATIVE?

- The history of Africa's national and international policies has yet to determine institutional changes that can guarantee sustainable societal development and security. Indeed, problems of non-compliance, weak legislation, social unrest and so forth have only worsened and jeopardized international relations. Resultantly, insecurity has become an important issue across the continent, with a large desire for deep-rooted policy change.
- International forced migration has also deeply changed Western perceptions of economic migrants. This perception has challenged domestic and foreign policymakers to change policies without considering further implications. Papers and panels will aim to address the African standpoint on forced migration.

- Human insecurity and terrorism threats pose a challenge for good governance. It has changed the views of policymakers globally resulting in the creation of new and integrated policies for transnational insecurity. Despite a number of approaches aimed at mitigating threats at national and international level, contemporary society faces difficulties in measuring the success of what shapes good policy toward good governance in Africa.
- The international order is changing constantly, and so is insecurity. In sub-Saharan Africa, weak political structures transcend regions. Moreover, the Western position in global relations and security policy is changing, frustrating state and non-state actors in securing their interests and securing their borders.

The Call for Paper Abstracts and/or Panel Proposals will be related to one (or more) of the following conference sessions in December 2016:

1. Policy and the African Political System
2. Insecurity and International Forced Migration
3. Good Governance
4. International-Order and Security Policy

WHEN SHOULD PAPERS BE SUBMITTED?

Further information will be provided at the conference: 'The Risks of Non-Compliance: Question Time for Africa' on Wednesday 13th April 2016.

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