
International

2015 Africa Workshop on Conflict and Political Violence

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The eighth annual APSA Africa Workshop was held from July 20–31 at United States International University-Africa (USIU) in Nairobi, Kenya. This year's workshop was the final program in a multiyear initiative to support political science research and teaching in Sub-Saharan Africa, funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. Since 2008, the Africa Workshops have been a major component of APSA's efforts to engage with political science communities outside the United States and support research networks linking US scholars with their colleagues overseas.

Sitting at the nexus between international relations and comparative politics, the 2015 workshop on "Conflict and Political Violence" examined research on the sources of armed conflict and mechanisms for resolving conflict. The course aimed to situate research on African conflicts within the broader political science literature on peace and conflict, and facilitate a dialogue

between case-based and cross-national studies. A team of four coleaders from the United States, Kenya, and Uganda coled the event, which was attended by 26 political and social scientists. Participants were competitively selected from a pool of more than 160 applicants and, all together, represented 24 different institutions from 13 countries.

Throughout the workshop, participants discussed an extensive set of readings and also presented their own research on conflict and conflict resolution. Additional sessions on publishing, research methods, grant funding, and networking complimented the academic focus of the course. As a relaxing break from the intensive two-week program, participants enjoyed an overnight visit to Amboseli National Park in southern Kenya for a game drive and bush braai.

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From 2008–2015, APSA's Africa Workshops have been held three times in West Africa (Burkina Faso, Ghana, and Senegal), three times in East Africa (Kenya and Tanzania), and twice in Southern Africa (Botswana and Mozambique). To date, 160 Africa-based scholars from 33 countries have participated in the workshop, as well as 36 scholars from universities in the United States and Europe.

For more information on the 2015 workshop or the overall program, please visit the APSA Africa Workshop website at <http://community.apsanet.org/Africa/home/>.

WORKSHOP COLEADERS

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2015 workshop participants, guests, and coleaders gather for a picture at the library of the United States International University in Nairobi, Kenya.



Participants stayed at OI Tukai Lodge in Amboseli National Park in southern Kenya, which provided great views of zebras (pictured in background), elephants, and other wildlife.

WORKSHOP FELLOWS

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