

# VIVA AFRICA 2023

## Changing Environment, Changing Climate, Changing Societies and Politics in Africa

19–21 October 2023, Philosophical Faculty, University of Hradec Králové, Czech Republic

Against the background that the recent UN conference (COP 27) in Egypt proved that climate change and its impacts are particularly “hot” topics for the African continent this conference seeks to shed light on the nature of relations between people, the changing environment, and its socio-political consequences. The thirteenth VIVA AFRICA conference invites participants to explore human-societal-environmental relations and how they co-constitute and mutually influence each other on the African continent. In particular, we want to explore the changing roles of new technologies and cooperative strategies in Africa and pay attention to how the global South can inform the North. We invite scholars studying the complex entanglements of climate change, environmental change and social, political and economic dynamics which are mutually inseparable. We ask scholars to engage with such questions as: How have local communities historically dealt with environmental hardship and changes in environmental conditions? What are specific environmental challenges faced in African countries and how are they responded to? What is the impact of climate change on different policies, both within Africa and towards Africa? How are environmental challenges reflected in politics, culture and the arts? One of the central aims of this VIVA AFRICA conference is to provide a nuanced debate around these topics and to abandon too simplistic views of interactions between climate, environment and societies in Africa.

This interdisciplinary conference welcomes submissions on current as well as historical topics.

**Proposal submissions through web [vivaafrika.cz](http://vivaafrika.cz) before Wednesday 31 April 2023.**

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## Proposal categories

- Individual papers (20 minutes maximum, with 10 minutes for discussion)
- Panel sessions (3 or 4 papers, each of 20 minutes maximum, followed by a general discussion)
- Roundtable discussions (up to 5 participants, each giving a short position paper, followed by a general discussion, total running time of 90 minutes)

## Proposal guidelines

- For individual papers: 250-words (maximum) abstract
- For panel sessions: 250-words (maximum) summary and up to 250 words for each session participant
- For roundtable discussions: 250-words (maximum) summary and up to 150 words for each panel participant

## Conference format

The conference is planned as a physical event. In case of an unfavourable pandemic situation, the conference will be held completely or partly virtually (by registering for the conference the participants agree to have their presentations streamed).

## Conference fee, Travel, Accommodation

There is no conference fee, whatever the format will be. The participants are expected to cover their accommodation and travel expenses in full. The organizers will provide information about suitable lodging, its reservation, optimal travel routing and general local conditions. In the event of the conference being in a virtual format, the participants will be given due information well in advance.

## Academic committee

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