

Eleventh Annual Symposium of the Consortium For  
Asian and African Studies  
(CAAS)

Dates: 11-13 November 2021

Venue: at SOAS or via Zoom (to be announced by 15 September 2021)

**Diversity and Representation:**

**Representing Diversity, Diversifying Representation**

CALL FOR PAPERS

Abstract deadline: 1 July 2021

Notification: 1 August 2021

Submission portal: [caas2021@soas.ac.uk](mailto:caas2021@soas.ac.uk)

The proposed theme of the 2021 CAAS meeting held at SOAS is 'Diversity and Representation'. Under this theme, the conference will explore different understandings of and approaches to diversity and representation – including linguistic diversity, cultural diversity, ethnic diversity, religious diversity, but also diversity of ideas and opinions and other forms of diversity. The topic spans studies of diversity at community, local, and regional level, with a focus on the Global South. It asks how different forms of diversity are perceived, understood and talked about, and how diversity is represented in different contexts. It also asks questions of representations of diversity, and explores the ideologies, positions and perspectives that inform different modes of representation. Diversity and representation have been studied from many different disciplinary perspectives and we encourage both disciplinary studies, but also in particular inter-disciplinary and regional, area-studies approaches to a better understanding of what diversity means in African and Asian contexts.

Scientific committee

Professor Wen-chin Ouyang (Chair)

Professor Andrea Cornwall

Professor Lutz Marten

Professor Edward Simpson

Professor Steven Tsang

Retsepile Makamne (PhD Student, Lesotho Literature)

Yue Han (PhD student, Palestine-Israel, Cinema Studies)

Ruixuan Li (PhD student, Somali, Literary Studies)

Zezhui Yang (PhD student, Nepal, Area Studies)

Rafa Ragebi (PhD student, Translation Studies)

Graduate students and faculty of the seven CAAS member universities (Leiden, INALCO, SOAS, HUFS, Columbia, TUFS, SISU) are invited to submit proposals for papers and/or pre-organized panels. All disciplinary, interdisciplinary or regionally based approaches are welcome. We especially welcome proposals from doctoral students, postdoctoral fellows and all early career researchers.

The organizers will accept proposals for individual papers as well as pre-organized panels each with three or four presentations. Each panel must contain at least one CAAS presenter, but it can include non-CAAS presenters as well. Abstracts (of no more than 300 words) should be submitted to the organizers by 1 July 2021 at <caas2021@soas.ac.uk>.

English is the language of the Symposium.

Application procedures:

\* For individual papers, applicants should send:

- 1) one-page abstract describing the topic and approach of the paper,
- 2) one-page curriculum vitae.

\* For panel proposals, applicants should send:

- 1) one-page proposal of the panel,
- 2) one-page abstract and curriculum vitae from each presenter.

Proposals should be combined into a single PDF document, which should be sent as an e-mail attachment to [caas2021@soas.ac.uk](mailto:caas2021@soas.ac.uk)

The deadline for submission is 1 July 2021.

Applicants will be notified of their selection by 1 August 2021.

SOAS will not cover travel and accommodation expenses, if any, but will offer conference meals, if any.

For further information or questions about the Symposium, please contact CAAS Symposium at SOAS at [caas2021@soas.ac.uk](mailto:caas2021@soas.ac.uk)