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African-Arab Advanced Institute

Inaugural Session

Theme: *The Changing Political Economy of African-Arab Relations*

Date: 19 – 30 September, 2011

Venue: Rabat, Morocco

CODESRIA and SEPHIS, in collaboration with the Institute of African Studies of Mohamed-V University-Souissi, Rabat, are pleased to announce the first edition of the African-Arab Advanced Institute. This annual advanced institute on African-Arab relations will be held alternatively in North Africa and in Sub-Saharan Africa. The Institute is conceived as a high-level knowledge-building, agenda-setting and networking forum for scholars in the prime of their careers desirous of experimenting with new fields of knowledge and exploring new conceptual terrains. The Institute is underpinned by a desire to extend and transform the frontiers of African and Arab Studies by simultaneously challenging and transcending the inherited boundaries set by the colonial encounter and Cold War-inspired area studies. Participants in the Institute will be drawn from across Africa and the Arab World and will work together during ten days around a specific theme. The inaugural session of the Institute will take place in Rabat, Morocco, from 19 to 30 September 2011.

► **Inaugural Session of the African-Arab Advanced Institute:**
The Changing Political Economy of African-Arab Relations

The inaugural session of the Institute will focus on the changing political economy of African-Arab Relations as a point of departure. Up to 10 fellows drawn from across Africa and the Arab World, from the African and Arab Diaspora, and from different disciplinary backgrounds, will be invited to participate in the session. The session will be convened and led by a Director designated by CODESRIA and SEPHIS to offer intellectual leadership and coordinate the output of the fellows into a joint SEPHIS-CODESRIA publication.

Among the sub-themes of *The Changing Political Economy of African-Arab Relations* around which reflection will be organized are the following: Colonialism, Post-colonial Nationalisms, The Spirit of Non-Alignment and Bandung, The Political Economy of the Nile, African and Arab States in the Global Oil Politics, Trade and Investments, Regionalisms, State and Human Security Challenges in Africa and the Arab World, The Structural Transformation of the Public Sphere and the Promise of Democracy in Africa and the Arab World.

► Eligibility

Participants in the Institute, structured as a multidisciplinary intervention, will be drawn from among those scholars whose proposals on the theme for which CODESRIA and SEPHIS invite applications are adjudged to be the most promising. Priority for participation in the Institute will be given to scholars from Africa and the Arab World. Participants will be scholars with a well-established academic record that equips them for the challenges of the kind of radical and well-grounded innovative thinking that is designed to be a key distinguishing feature of the Institute. Authors of proposals will be invited to focus on both particular place(s) and theme(s) in developing their work. This way, each fellow of the Institute will combine a case study with a thematic focus in the work that they will carry out. Methodologically, this approach will allow for the combination of detailed empirical observation with a comparative analysis and, in so doing, will both build on the historical strength of area studies, the focus on the local, and move away from its historical limitation, the tendency to translate political boundaries (the area) into boundaries of knowledge production. *The working languages of the Institute are Arabic, French and English.*

► Application Procedures

Laureates: Applications should include the following:

- 1) a Curriculum Vitae (maximum of two pages),
- 2) an application letter,
- 3) a research proposal outlining the candidate's current research project, including the methodology that is being employed or considered (at most four pages),
- 4) a sample of the applicant's work.

Convener/Resource Persons: Applicants for the position of Course Convener and Resource Persons should submit:

- 1) an application letter,
- 2) a curriculum vitae,
- 3) a two-page course outline of three lectures specifically focusing on the issues to be covered in the sub-themes,
- 4) a sample of the applicant's work.

Applications must be written in English, French or Arabic. The deadline for the submission of applications is **7 August 2011**. An international scientific committee will examine the dossiers of all candidates and successful applicants will be notified immediately after the completion of the selection process.

Incomplete and unnecessarily lengthy applications will not be taken into consideration.

All faxed and e-mailed applications must also be accompanied by a hard copy original version sent by post if they are to be considered.

Additional information about the African-Arab Advanced Institute can be obtained via:

- ◆ the CODESRIA web site: <http://www.codesria.org>
- ◆ the SEPHIS web site: <http://www.sephis.org>

Applications and requests for more information should be sent to:

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