



## Call for Workshop Applicants:

### CORPOREALITIES OF VIOLENCE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA

4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2013, EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND, UK.

**Background:** Recognising a recent growth in academic interest in the complex social and political significance of human corporeality, the British Academy International Partnership between the University of Edinburgh, UK and the University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa, aims to explore how a focus on the transformations of human forms and substances can offer new ways to investigate how violence, migration and health are linked in the lives of people across the Southern African region. After the success of our first workshop in Johannesburg in April 2012, we invite applicants to participate in the second of three workshops taking place as part of the "Transforming Bodies: Health, Migration and Violence in Southern Africa" research partnership. Between 2012 and 2014, the partnership seeks to bring together emerging and established scholars working in a range of disciplines in the Humanities and Social Sciences across the Southern African region, in order to generate new comparative and theoretical approaches towards understanding the changing significance of human corporeality across the region, and to expand writing, editing and publishing capacity among participants.

**CORPOREALITIES OF VIOLENCE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA:** This second workshop will focus on how human bodies are not only often the means and target of violence in a diversity of forms, and therefore transformed by it in a myriad of ways, but also how human corporealities are often at the centre of what often follows violence: including refugee displacements, and subsequent movements and 'returns'; medicalization, documentation, and sometimes incarceration; as well as acts of burial, mourning, and commemoration; and forensic examinations and exhumations for (often elusive) processes of 'transitional justice', 'reconciliation' and 'healing'. Taking the transformations, interferences and flows of bodies and bodily substances animating violence and its consequences as its central problematic, it will seek to explore the convergences and discontinuities of different forms of individual and orchestrated violence, encompassing political and social violence alongside torture, intimate partner violence, rape and broader forms of structural or institutionalised violence.

#### Application Process

We invite applications from early career scholars to participate in the second of our three workshops. The workshop will take place in September 2013 at the School of Social and Political Studies, University of Edinburgh in Scotland. Successful applicants will be expected to submit a paper related to the theme

of ***CORPOREALITIES OF VIOLENCE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA*** in advance of the workshop, which will be pre-circulated and discussed in detail in with other participants during small group, skills-building sessions led by senior scholars and journal editors in the field, on the first day of the event. On the second and third day, successful applicants will present their papers in appropriate panels alongside other workshop participants and keynote speakers, in a more conventional conference format. It is envisaged that a number of articles from the workshop will be selected for further revision and publication in an edited collection or relevant special issue. Some funding is available for selected participants.

Applicants must be members of higher education institutions, post-graduate or early career scholars working on issues in Southern Africa that link to the workshop themes. Applicants must have completed an MA or MSc, or be near to completion of their post-graduate degree. Preferably, applicants should be pursuing doctoral or postdoctoral research.

Interested applicants should submit the following documents:

1. A detailed CV
2. A 300 word abstract of the research paper they would like to discuss and present at the workshop. Applicants will be expected to submit a full paper (maximum 8000 words) before attending the workshop. The work should not have been presented or published elsewhere.
3. Where relevant (ie for post graduate research students), a letter of support from a current academic supervisor.

Applications should be sent to Seona Macintosh [African.Studies@ed.ac.uk](mailto:African.Studies@ed.ac.uk) by December 21<sup>st</sup> 2012.