



## Call for Participation

### *Africounters: An interdisciplinary workshop series focused on Africa*

The continent of Africa is undergoing tremendous transformations. The continent is changing its face, and is increasingly labeled “the hopeful continent” and “the world’s next economic powerhouse”. It is not surprising, therefore, that in Israel, as elsewhere, interest in the continent is on the rise. Diplomatic relations are reestablished, economic and development cooperation is strengthened, and intercultural exchange is growing.

In the Israeli academic arena, too, interest in Africa is regaining momentum, inviting a new generation of young scholars. The *Africounters* workshop series – hosted by the Harry S. Truman Research Institute for the Advancement of Peace at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem – serves as a platform for bringing together scholars who share common academic passion for research related to the continent. Building on the notion of ‘encounters’ with and within Africa, the workshop welcomes participants from all disciplines, including anthropology, sociology, cultural studies, economics, religious studies, history, political science and international relations, development studies, ethnomusicology, and archeology. Junior and senior scholars are all welcome, as are non-academic professionals with keen research interest in Africa.

Over the 2016-2017 academic year, the group met for sessions focusing on: African identity; migration; education; nationalism; culture; religion; economic development and more. Each session followed a different structure, and highlighted a different aspect of Africanist scholarship. Some sessions included excursions, some included guest speakers from Israel and abroad. This year too, we will encourage participants to present their own research and work in the way they see fit and to discuss current issues related to the continent. Meetings are held on a monthly basis. Field trips, special events, conferences and a potential publication are envisioned.

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The *Africounters*’ introductory session will be held on Sunday, **22nd of October 11:00-14:00, Abba Eban Hall, at the Truman Institute**, The Hebrew University, Mount Scopus. Prospective participants are highly advised to attend.