



**The African Gender Institute at the University of Cape Town, South Africa invites applications for an intensive week-long residential course on “Gender, Peacebuilding and Transitional Justice: Theory and Practice in Africa” 2-6 September 2013**

Call FOR APPLICATIONS: Deadline 14 June 2013

This intensive course will explore the evolution of transitional justice mechanisms and will analyse their successes and failures in addressing gender-based human rights violations on the continent. It is intended to encourage an awareness of different theoretical and practical approaches to gender, transitional justice and peace-building, as well as foster understanding of developments in transitional justice from African perspectives. The course further aims to encourage comparisons between different contexts in order to support a critical reading of the ways in which conflicts are gendered. As such participants will receive a thorough theoretical introduction to issues of gender and transitional justice in the context of post-conflict transformations. The course will combine lectures from leading experts in the field with small group discussions and simulations in order to facilitate the exchange of practical experience. Participants will also provide a short presentation based on their own experiences in the field.

Topics to be discussed include:

- *Has the emphasis on sexual violence as the primary form of gender-based violations in transitional justice processes limited the field's ability to deliver gender justice?*
- *Does truth have a gender?*
- *Can the International Criminal Court offer justice for victims of gender violations in Africa or has it failed to deliver?*
- *Can reparations be a substitute for truth-seeking and criminal justice if they provide substantive relief for the plight of victims of gender-based violations?*
- *To what extent have transitional justice initiatives sought to address gender-based violations perpetrated against men during conflict?*
- *Do processes such as Rwanda's gacaca courts offer an effective means to address gender justice?*
- *To what extent do the UNSC resolutions on women, peace and security advance a conservative gender script which typecast women as victims in need of protection?*

**Location:** University of Cape Town, Cape Town, South Africa

**Participants:** Participants will be selected from senior-level professionals working in the field of gender, human rights and post-conflict transformation. Participants must have a Bachelor's degree in a relevant field and be fluent in English.

**Applications:** Applications should be submitted before 14 June 2013. Please send a detailed cv, a letter of motivation in which you outline your area of research interest in the field of gender and transitional justice and one reference letter to Dr Helen Scanlon at [h.scanlon@uct.ac.za](mailto:h.scanlon@uct.ac.za).

**Fee:** The African Gender Institute is offering a limited number of full scholarships for African-based practitioners working on gender and transformation. The scholarship includes flights, accommodation and tuition fees. The cost of self-financed participation is available on request.

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