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**BUILDING STRONGER UNIVERSITIES: PLATFORM FOR STABILITY, DEMOCRACY AND RIGHTS
GROUND-BREAKING CONFERENCE AT GULU UNIVERSITY, GULU – UGANDA – 26TH – 28TH APRIL 2012**

CONFERENCE THEME:

UNPACKING THE CONCEPTS OF STABILITY, DEMOCRACY AND RIGHTS: Theoretical Investigations

Objectives of the conference

Drawing experiences from the North and South contexts and from multi-disciplinary perspectives, this conference will explore the inter-relationship of stability, democracy and rights, both as concepts and political processes. The call is for research based papers relevant for the East African context (but not necessarily dealing with East African data). Key notes and papers will focus on ways to 'unpack' concepts of stability, democracy and rights both in order to explore contemporary and historical issues, and to critique and rethink the concepts themselves.

The Conference is sponsored by the 'Building Stronger Universities Initiatives. Papers that consider how situations of stability and fragility shape the role of universities will be particularly welcome. How can universities play key roles in driving political and socio-economic developments in situations of stability and fragility?

The conference is both a site for presenting and discussing research findings and defining and developing new research questions. In particular we ask:

How key questions of stability and fragility; freedom, democracy and rights; and gender equality have been perceived among communities; and how these perceptions can be re-examined and re-formulated into new research agendas to accelerate political, scientific and socio-economic developments?

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

DAY ONE

8.30 am – 9.00 am	REGISTRATION
OPENING CEREMONY Moderator: Dr. Aloysius Malagala Rapporteur: Kassim Mwanika	
9.00 am – 9.15 am	Welcome Remarks and Overview of the 'Building Stronger Universities' Programme by Ambrose E. Okot, Coordinator BSU
9.15 am – 9.30 am	Welcome Remarks by Charles N. Okumu, Chairman of BSU Steering Committee
9.30 am – 9.45 am	Welcome Remarks by Prof. Nyeko Pen-Mogi, Vice Chancellor, Gulu University
9.45 am – 10.00 am	Opening Remarks by Mr. Kenneth Nielsen, Royal Danish Embassy, Kampala

10.00 am – 10.30 am	KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Concepts of Stability, Democracy and Rights Prof. Frederick Wanyama, Chairman, Partnership Committee of Maseno University, Kenya	
10.30 am – 11.00 am	KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Freedom, Democracy and Rights: A Triad to Collaborative-Engagement for Sustainable Development of Universities in the Great Lakes Region Dr. Neema Abooki Peter, Makerere University	
11.00 am – 11.30 am	MORNING TEA	
SUB-THEME 1: STABILITY AND FRAGILITY		
Parallel Sessions	Session 1 Moderator: Too Okema Lawrence Rapporteur: Kassim Mwanika	Session 2 Moderator: Uwonda Gilbert Rapporteur: Ogwang Tom Henry
11.30 am – 12.00 pm	Dr. Maximiano Ngabirano, Uganda Martyrs University: Memories in Post-trauma Societies: Sources of Conflicts and Bases of a Future Together in the Great Lakes Region	Babiiha Mpisi Sulayman, Gulu University: Participation and Food Security: The Case of Post-Conflict Northern Uganda
12.00 pm – 12.30 pm	Dr. Ngunzo Kioli Felix, Maseno University, Kenya: Cultural Diversity in Kenya: Has it Bred Stability or Fragility?	Alani Jimmy, Gulu University: Interactions among Stability, Democracy and Rights The Case of Cattle Rustling in Northern and Eastern Uganda
12.30 pm – 1.00 pm	Tom Mboya, Maseno University, Kenya: State Fragility in Somalia and the Ambivalence of International Community	Marianne Bach Mosebo, University of Copenhagen, Denmark: Expanding Potentiality of Agency with Notions of Stability and Fragility – How Town Youths in Moroto perceive and use Notions of Stability and Fragility following the State’s Disarmament Programme in Karamoja, Uganda
1.00 pm – 2.00 pm	LUNCH BREAK	
Parallel Sessions	Session 1 (continued)	Session 2 (continued)
2.00 pm – 2.30 pm	Alaroker Zipporah Jean & Ochora Emmanuel, Gulu University: What have been the Major Contributors to Stability and Fragility among (University) Communities?	Rogers Tabe Egbe Orock, Aarhus University, Denmark: Thinking with Democracy in Contemporary African Studies: A Discussion of two Concepts in Africanist Anthropology and Political Science
2.30 pm – 3.00 pm	Dr. Oyugi L. Jacob, Kyambogo University: Understanding the Changing Role of Universities and a Clash of Values Under a Free Market Ideology: A Review of Literature	Dr. Adrian R. Mwesigye, Mbarara University of Science and Technology: Involvement of African Traditional Means of Reconciliation to Improve Conflict Management in Africa: A Case Study of the LRA-Government of Uganda Conflict
3.00 pm – 3.30 pm	Ambrose E. Okot, Gulu University: Financing and Institutional Performance: A Conceptual Framework for Management of Uganda’s Public Universities in Fragile Contexts	Alidri Agatha, Gulu University: Indigenous Conflict Resolution in Pre-Colonial Lugbara Society: Rethinking Indigenous Conflict Resolution For Stability from a Historical Perspective

3.30 pm – 4.00 pm	Denis Thaddeus Ofoyuru, Gulu University: Total Quality Management: The Ultimate Panacea to Fragility in Public Universities in Uganda	Betty Okot, Keele University, UK : Treading Across Rights, Senses of Belonging and Place in Acholiland
4.00 pm – 4.30 pm	Adebua Asaf, Gulu University: The Role of Education in Community Rehabilitation and Transformation in Post-conflict Northern Uganda	Odokorwot Walter Raleigh, Uganda Wildlife Authority: Human-Wildlife Conflict: A Conceptual Framework for Managing Elephant Conflict in Nwoya District
4.30 pm – 5.00 pm	Discussion	Discussion
5.00 pm – 6.00 pm	EVENING TEA	

DAY TWO

8.30 am – 9.00 am	REGISTRATION	
9.00 am – 9.30 am	KEYNOTE ADDRESS: ... Dr. T. Aloysius Malagala, Director, Institute of Peace and Strategic Studies, Gulu University, Uganda	
SUB-THEME 2: FREEDOM, DEMOCRACY AND RIGHTS		
Parallel Sessions	Session 3 Moderator: Babiha Mpisi Sulayman Rapporteur: Rebecca Mukyala	Session 4 Moderator: Susan Reynolds Whyte Rapporteur: Esther Acio
9.30 am – 10.00 am	Beverlyne Aiko Ambuyo, Maseno University, Kenya: Is Democracy Possible? A Theoretical Perspective	Christian B.N. Gade, Aarhus University, Denmark: Two Paradigms of Transitional Justice
10.00 am – 10.30 am	Dr Iteyo Chrispinos, Maseno University, Kenya: Democracy and Instability: Towards a Critical Reflection on the Principles and Practices of Democracy	Okumu Charles, Gulu University: The Role of Traditional Leaders In Peace Building in Post-Conflict Acholiland
10.30 am – 11.00 am	Philip Visendi Luwamu, Maseno University, Kenya: Hate Speech and National Cohesion and Integration in Kenya	Dr. Amone Charles, Gulu University: The Growth of Ethnic Identities in Pre-Colonial Africa: A Case of Acholi of Uganda
11.00 am – 11.30 am	MORNING TEA	
Parallel Sessions	Session 3 (continued)	Session 4 (continued)
11.30 am – 12.00 pm	David-Ngendo Tshimba, Uganda Martyrs University: In Quest for (Re)Building Broken Political Structures: Lessons from Electioneering in Post-War Democratic Republic of Congo	Prof. Michael Whyte, Aarhus University, Denmark: When Does Land Alienation Become a Land Grab? Land, Rights and Democracy in Uganda
12.00 pm – 12.30 pm	Eger Ambrose, Gulu University: A Revisit of the Concepts of Democracy and Stability in a Multi-ethnic Society: The Ugandan Experience and the Way Forward	Ayot Elizabeth, Gulu University: Democratizing the Process of Defining Contractual Rights and Freedoms in Public Universities: The Case of Gulu University
12.30 pm – 1.00 pm	Discussion	Discussion
1.00 pm – 2.00 pm	LUNCH BREAK	

SUB-THEME 3: GENDER EQUALITY		
Parallel Sessions	Session 5 Moderator: Dr. Lioba Lenhart Rapporteur: Rebecca Mukyala	Session 6 Moderator: Charles N. Okumu Rapporteur: Esther Acio
2.00 pm – 2.30 pm	Laloyo Stella Omona, Gulu University: Gender, Equality, Stability, Freedom and Rights	Gloria Lamaro, Gulu University: Gender, Education and Uganda’s Socio-Economic Development: The Case of Northern Uganda
2.30 pm – 3.00 pm	Deborah Nanyama Amukowa, Maseno University, Kenya: Constitution, Gender and Governance: A Reflection on Kenya’s Constitution and the forthcoming General Elections	Dr. Fredericus Edwardus K Bakabulindi, Makerere University: Gender Equity of University Education in Uganda
3.00 pm – 3.30 pm	Discussion	Discussion
Plenary Discussion Moderator: Ambrose E. Okot Rapporteur: Rebecca Mukyala		
3.30 pm – 4.00 pm	Reports from Rapporteurs	
4.00 pm – 4.30 pm	Wrap-up Discussion	
CLOSING CEREMONY Moderator: Ambrose E. Okot Rapporteur: Esther Acio		
4.30 pm – 4.45 pm	Closing Remarks by Prof. Dr. Callistus Baliddawa, Deputy Vice Chancellor, Gulu University	
4.45 pm – 5.00 pm	Closing Remarks by Representative of the Office of the Prime Minister	
5.00 pm – 6.00 pm	EVENING TEA	