

## The Claude Ake Visiting Chair 2015

Deadline for applications: 20 November 2014

### The Claude Ake Visiting Chair

The Claude Ake Visiting Chair was set up in 2003 at the Department of Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala University (DPCR), in collaboration with the Nordic Africa Institute (NAI) and with funding from the Swedish Government and Uppsala University. The Chair honours the memory of Professor Claude Ake, a distinguished scholar, philosopher, teacher and humanist, who died tragically in 1996. The Chair is intended for scholars who, like Claude Ake, combine a profound commitment to scholarship with a strong advocacy for social justice. The Chair is open to social scientists working at African universities with problems related to war, peace, conflict resolution, human rights, democracy and development on the African continent.

The visiting chair holder is offered a conducive environment to pursue his or her own research, while there is also opportunity for lecturing, holding seminars and contributing to ongoing research activities at the Department of Peace and Conflict Research and the Nordic Africa Institute.

### Application and Appointment

The Department of Peace and Conflict Research and the Nordic Africa Institute currently invite applications to the Claude Ake Visiting Chair for 2015. Applicants should be internationally recognised senior scholars with professional competence in their respective fields of expertise. Normally, this translates to so-called Full Professors or Associate Professors, or their equivalence. The visiting time period is normally between 4 to 6 months during the Swedish academic year. Applications from female candidates are encouraged.

The application must contain:

- A complete and updated curriculum vitae (CV), including relevant information regarding academic title, current and previous positions, research and teaching activities, and a list of publications. It should also include all relevant contact information.
- A short abstract of the research project to be carried out as visiting chair holder.
- A research proposal outlining the main features of the research project to be carried out during the visit including the expected results. The preferred time period

for the visit during 2015 should also be stated. Please note that arrival in Uppsala should be avoided during the academic recess periods (mid-June to mid-August and mid-December to mid-January). The length of the proposal should be a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 5 pages.

- Two of the applicant's publications. These should normally be the two most important articles related to the research project to be pursued during the visit.
- A signed letter of nomination from a senior scholar in the same field. Nominations may come from individual scholars/colleagues, including former Claude Ake Visiting Chairs, and must include a motivation for the nomination.
- A signed letter from the applicant's Head of Department or Dean (or equivalent) which confirms that the application is supported by the institution with which the nominee is affiliated.

The Claude Ake Visiting Chair Committee reviews the applications and appoints the Chair. The Committee is currently made up of Assistant Professor Mimmi Söderberg Kovacs (Project Leader for the Claude Ake Visiting Chair at DPCR), Senior Professor Peter Wallensteen (DPCR), Associate Professor Mats Utas (Head of Conflict Research cluster at NAI), Helena Grusell (Administrative Coordinator for the Claude Ake Visiting Chair at DPCR), Marie Karlsson (Research Administrator at NAI) and the 2014 Claude Ake Visiting Chair holder, Professor Maxi Schoeman from University of Pretoria, South Africa.

### Terms

The awardee is entitled to a tax-free stipend/scholarship. This is currently set at SEK 30 000 per month. In addition, travel costs and accommodation for the holder of the position, and, if relevant, his/her accompanying spouse/significant other, are covered by the grant. The chair holder is provided office space at the DPCR, and basic office equipment.

### **Claude Ake Memorial Lecture and Publication**

The holders of the Claude Ake Visiting Chair give, at the end of their stay in Uppsala, a public lecture called the 'Claude Ake Memorial Lecture.' The title, theme and content of the lecture should be based on the research project being pursued by the chair holder while in Uppsala. The assumption is that the topic of the lecture shall, in a general sense, relate to the work of Claude Ake, for example in terms of themes or issues covered, or in the theoretical or normative points of departure. The lecture is to be based on a paper prepared and made available to seminar participants and lecture audience in advance of the lecture. The paper is subsequently published jointly by DPCR and NAI.

### **Previous Holders of the Claude Ake Visiting Chair**

**2003** Professor L. Adele Jinadu (Nigeria); a former President of the African Association of Political Science (AAPS); Jinadu is Executive Director of the Centre for Advanced Social Science (CASS), in Port Harcourt, Nigeria.

**2004** Dr. Cyril I. Obi (Nigeria); Associate Research Professor at the Nigerian Institute of International Affairs and Senior Research Fellow/Programme Coordinator at the Nordic Africa Institute, Uppsala.

**2005** Professor Amadu Sesay (Sierra Leone); Head of the Department of International Relations, Obafemi Awolowo University, Nigeria.

**2006** Professor Kwame Boafo-Arthur (Ghana); Head of the Department of Political Science, University of Ghana at Legon.

**2007** Professor Charles Villa-Vicencio (South Africa); Professor Emeritus at the University of Cape Town and Executive Director of the Institute for Justice and Reconciliation (IJR), Cape Town.

**2008** Professor Adam Azzain Mohamed (Sudan); Director of the Institute for the Study of Public Administration and Federal Governance at the University of Khartoum.

**2009** Professor Yash Tandon (Uganda); writer, policy-maker and former executive director of the South Centre, a leading international policy institute, based in South Africa.

**2010** Dr. Yacob Arsano (Ethiopia); Associate Professor of Political Science & International Relations at Addis Ababa University. He has also been serving as Dean of the College of Social Sciences at AAU since 2006.

**2012** Dr. Pamela Mbabazi (Uganda); Associate Professor

of Development Studies at Mbarara University of Science & Technology and Deputy Vice Chancellor.

**2013** Professor Victor Adetula (Nigeria); Professor of International Relations & Development Studies at the University of Jos, Nigeria.

**2014** Professor Maxi Schoeman (South Africa); Head of Department of Political Sciences and Professor of International Relations at University of Pretoria, South Africa.

### **The Department of Peace and Conflict Research at Uppsala University**

The Department of Peace and Conflict Research (DPCR) was established in 1971 to conduct peace research and offer courses in peace and conflict studies. It is internationally recognized as a leading institution in its field. At present some 200-300 students are enrolled every academic year. Research is conducted in several major areas of peace and conflict studies, and on a wide range of geographical regions and countries across the globe. The Department also houses its own data collection program, the internationally renowned Uppsala Conflict Data Program (UCDP). Website: [www.pcr.uu.se](http://www.pcr.uu.se)

### **The Nordic Africa Institute**

The Nordic Africa Institute (Nordiska Afrikainstitutet, NAI), founded in 1962, is a centre for research, documentation and information on modern Africa in the Nordic region. Based in Uppsala, Sweden, the Institute is dedicated to providing timely, critical and alternative research and analysis of Africa in the Nordic countries and to strengthen the co-operation between African and Nordic researchers. The institute offers grants for Nordic and African scholars and it has a unique library specialized on contemporary Africa within the field of social sciences.

Website: [www.nai.uu.se](http://www.nai.uu.se)

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Please note that incomplete applications or applications received after this date will not be considered. Applications should be sent either via regular mail or e-mail.

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