Indiana University’s Graduate Students in African Studies
Presents its Ninth Annual Graduate Symposium

WORD AND MIND
Interactions between language and culture in contemporary African Identity

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Featuring as Keynote: Dr. Leonard Muaka
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This conference seeks to bring together researchers focused on the creation of contemporary African identity through various media, including: language, cultural practice, religion, arts, literature, etc. Forces pushing toward homogeneity (e.g., language standardization and strong national identities) and heterogeneity (e.g., ethnic studies, language maintenance efforts, etc.) often collide in terms of national interest. A burgeoning international interest in African arts and culture, and an increasing presence of African languages being taught throughout the world, has placed greater emphasis on expressing African identity.

Given the scope of potential inquiries and approaches to the conference theme, this symposium encourages paper proposals from a wide variety of methodological, theoretical, and disciplinary backgrounds.

Possible topics may include, but are not limited to:

- Postcolonial studies and theories
- Artistic and cultural representational practices
- Excavations, history and historiography of Africa
- Trade, business and economy about Africa
- Studies on Diasporic Policies
- Environmental Challenges and Global (In)securities
- Studies on documentation and translation
- Literature, media, and communication
- Language endangerment and maintenance
- Dynamics of social movements
- Development and Sustainability
- Politics, Religion and Migration

Submission Guidelines:
Please submit a 200-300 word abstract and current CV to: iu.gsas.symposium@gmail.com
By March 8, 2019.