



Kitchenette: The Centre has facilities for making tea and coffee. Please remember to pay 2 DKK per cup.

Canteen: Located in the adjacent building. Coffee and breakfast and lunch from Monday to Friday. Membership is required and costs 50 DKK. You can buy a meal for 25 DKK. The canteen is run by students, so please be helpful and clear the tables after use.

Basement café: Located in the adjacent building. This is a place with many functions. The café is open Monday and Wednesday 14-17, and Friday 14 -? ("Friday bar").

Teaching: Teaching takes place in room AUD 12 next to the library and room 456 on the 4th floor.

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Opening hours:
Monday - Friday: 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

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WELCOME TO
THE CENTRE OF AFRICAN STUDIES



History

The Centre of African Studies was established in 1984 to organise an area studies programme in Africa South of the Sahara and co-ordinate African studies within the University of Copenhagen. The University of Copenhagen was given the national responsibility for African studies because of the ongoing activities and expertise on Africa already existing in various departments within most faculties.

Study Programmes

African studies are offered as a two-year postgraduate full-time study programme (120 ECTS) leading to a Masters degree in African Studies. In addition a Professional Master Programme (60 ECTS) is offered to those who wish to combine work experience with an academic specialisation.

Both study programmes consists of the following components:

Compulsory Courses:

- *"Economic Development in Africa"* and *"Nature, Population and Society in Africa"*, *"Politics, Development and Change in Africa"* and *"Religion, Culture and Society in Africa"*
- Fieldwork or internship in Africa
- Master Thesis

Optional Courses:

- Courses centred on themes like *Human Rights, Conflict Management & Resolution, Genocide, Decentralisation, Civil Society, Religion and Politics, Society and Environment, Youth and Children, HIV/AIDS, Foreign Aid Policy* etc. The themes vary from term to term.
- Language course in kiswahili.

The students

There is an intake of about 40-45 full-time students each year working for their final degree in African Studies. In order to transfer credits to their main degree course a large number of students from other disciplines within

the university and from neighbouring universities as well as international exchange students are attending one or more of the seminars offered under the African Studies Programme. The intake of international students from Europe and other countries outside Europe is around 100 students per year.

The staff and lecturers

The associate professor of African Studies is Director of the Centre and Head of Studies. Other staff members include associate professors, professors (MSO), senior researchers, post doc, PHD students, Centre administrator and librarian. Lecturers responsible for the various courses and seminars may also be seconded from the Danish Institute for International Studies, the Nordic Africa Institute and DANIDA (the Danish International Development Agency). In addition a variable number of guest researchers are affiliated to the Centre.

A number of contacts and working relationships with Africanists and institutions in the Nordic countries, Europe, USA and not least Africa have been established. The various contacts to Africa facilitate the students doing project work in Africa.

Africa Seminars

The Centre organises weekly Africa-seminars on either current affairs or research related topics, addressed by guest speakers and visiting Africanists. The seminars are open to the public. An updated list of the seminars is available on our web site www.teol.ku.dk/cas

Africa Papers

The Centre publishes Africa Papers written mainly by guest lectures at the Centre. A full list of these papers and an electronic version of the most recent issues can be found at www.teol.ku.dk/cas

The Library

The library includes more than 10,000 books covering primarily African studies in human rights, environment, literature, democracy, development, religion, politics and conflicts. The Library subscribes to a considerable number of journals and holds an extensive collection

of international report literature. To gain access to the computers in the library e.g. to search our book database, you have to register in the Reception, ground floor. To take home books you have to use your Danish health Insurance Card. Please contact the Librarian Office before you take home books for the first time.

For help and inquiries contact:

The Librarian Office

room 449

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Monday and Thursday 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Tuesday and Wednesday 9:15 am - 2:00 pm

Library opening hours: All day and all week for students and staff with a valid ID-card and pin-code.

Electronic Newsletters

Join our electronic newsletter distributing electronic information on lectures, seminars, conferences etc. in the Copenhagen region. The majority of the seminars will be in English and have focus on academic research in Africa and other developing countries.

To sign up: www.teol.ku.dk/cas/research/newsletters

Study facilities

The library is housing study facilities with plugs for laptops and wireless internet connection; to gain access register in the Reception. To gain access to our student computers and printers in the adjacent building you also have to register in the Reception.

Photocopies: The student photocopy machine can print and copy. You need a special code and instruction from the reception to gain access.

Course reader: Some lecturers will prepare a course reader, which can be purchased at the Atheneum Academic Books, Nørregade 6, Copenhagen. Other lectures will prepare an electronic course reader on the teaching platform *Absalon*.