

9th International South Sudan and Sudan Studies Conference

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Sudan has profoundly changed in recent years. In 2011, two Sudans emerged from Africa's longest conflict. Many issues and consequences affecting the entire region have accompanied the separation of South Sudan as the African continent's newest nation. The 9th International South Sudan and Sudan Studies Conference, which takes place in Bonn, Germany, from 23 to 25 July 2012 proposes to examine the changing identities, economic and power relationships, and external interests that characterize Sudan and South Sudan as they enter a new era.

The International South Sudan and Sudan Studies Conference "Identity, Economy, Power Relations and External Interests: Old and New Challenges for Sudan and South Sudan" will open with an emphasis on identity, especially issues of gender, citizenship, integration, history, memory, and the geographical challenges of the separation. Its second day will be devoted to economic issues, particularly economic development prospects, urbanization and social transformation in Sudan and South Sudan, and issues regarding oil, water and other resources. The conference's final day will examine both internal and external power relationships including Sudan-South Sudan relations, old and new conflicts, party formation, and strategic and security issues. This conference seeks to reflect on recent work, open up new discussion and encourage future research. We expect to bring together scholars working in different disciplines to extend the body of authoritative knowledge on both Sudan and South Sudan.

The Sudan Studies Association USA and the Sudan Studies Society UK have been organizing International Sudan Studies Conferences every three years for nearly three decades at changing venues. As before, they also have a say in the contents of this conference. This year, 2012, the Bonn International Center for Conversion (BICC) will organize the conference, which will take place in Bonn, Germany. The city of Bonn as international science hub is a most suitable location to bring together scholars from South Sudan and Sudan for the first time after the separation. The sponsors of the conference are the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), the German Research Foundation DFG and the Foundation International Dialogue of the Savings Bank in Bonn.

Please find the entire conference program at:

http://www.bicc.de/uploads/pdf/press/2012/program_issc.pdf

The final deadline for registration is 16 July 2012. Please register at

<http://www.bicc.de/events/2012-2/international-sudan-and-south-sudan-studies-conference.html>

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