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Call for Papers

3rd Workshop on “Aviation in Africa,” 4 June 2020

In cooperation with GARS, Bergamo University, Bremen University of Applied Sciences and The University of Huddersfield, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University hosts the 3rd Workshop on “Aviation in Africa” to be held on 4 June 2020. We are happy to confirm the following keynote speakers:

- Prof. Dr. Gianmaria Martini, Bergamo University, Italy
- Dr Eric Njoya, University of Huddersfield, UK

While a vast literature exists on a broad range of topics related to air transport in other regions of the world, comparatively little attention has been paid to aviation in Africa. Although in recent years, an increasing number of studies have focused on air transport liberalisation and airline network development in Africa, the literature has devoted little attention to aviation infrastructure and airline business strategies on the continent. This is surprising given that during the past fifteen years, the continent has witnessed a remarkably rapid growth in both intra- and intercontinental air traffic.

We try to avoid a too narrow focus on air transport and like to discuss air transport in the wider context of development in particular transport, tourism, trade and economic integration. The objectives of the workshop are to:

- Discuss the current state of commercial aviation in the region;
- Identify the key variables that help shape the current air transport environment;
- Contribute towards a deeper understanding of air transport in Africa;
- Assess the role of air transport in a modal transport perspective;
- Discuss the role of air transport as part trade, tourism and economic integration.

Topics

The list of hot topics is long and includes aviation and development, the role of air cargo, economic regulation and aeropolitics, aviation and trade in Africa, aviation and tourism in Africa, airline franchising, alliances and joint ventures, airline and airport finance in Africa, distribution and marketing models, the role of LCCs in Africa, airline competition in Africa, airline network development in Africa, commercialisation of airports in Africa, the role of gateways on the continent, aviation safety in Africa, air traffic services, comparative studies and case studies, the political economy of air transport, trade and economic integration. These themes are not intended to be restrictive, and we encourage contrasting and critically engaged perspectives fitting within the broad theme of aviation in Africa.

Venue and registration cost

- The workshop will be hosted online by The Hong Kong Polytechnic University and is free of charge.

Important dates:

- Abstract submission deadline: 30th April 2020 (Early submission is encouraged and will be notified within a few days).
- Notification of acceptance: 6 May 2020.
- Deadline for final paper submission: 29 May 2020.

Contact

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