Africa entered the 21st century with high hopes to better address challenges facing the continent. However, as the second decade of the century rolls out much of Africa is at crossroads. While the ‘democratization project’ that began in earnest in the early 1990s has moved forward with great enthusiasm in some countries, in many African countries there are push backs. While new technologies such as the social media have empowered North African youth for non-violent protest and election monitoring, in other parts of Africa these technologies are still tightly controlled to an extent that limits their potential to empower ordinary Africans including the African youth. Against all odds, the demographically preponderant but politically and economically marginalized African youth is proving that it could be a thunderous force of change. The 21st Annual conference will especially focus on the African youth (both in Africa and African Diaspora) against the backdrop of youth-led non-violent revolutions and protest in North Africa and the Middle East as well as activism for free and fair elections across Africa. The conference will address African/African Diaspora youth issues situating them in broader social, economic, cultural, political and religious contexts, both domestic and global. We welcome papers that address these issues from different disciplinary perspectives, theoretically and/or empirically. We strongly encourage submission of proposals that are based on case studies and best practices pertinent to the conference theme. We will be especially interested in papers/proposals that address one or more of the following issues: African youth and the quest for political reform, youth and non-violent protest, youth violence/conflict, women and girls in African politics, youth and (un)employment, youth and access to education, social media and youth empowerment, African youth and ways of being religious, migration and refugees, African youth and the media.

Please include the following in your proposal: name, current position and institutional affiliation, paper title, abstract (150 words maximum), your mailing address, email, phone and fax number.

You will be notified of acceptance by email. Selected papers will be considered for publication and inclusion in the conference proceedings. We prefer presentations in English; but can accommodate French speakers.

Participants are responsible for the conference registration fee of U.S. $75, plus their travel costs.

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