DEADLINE EXTENDED

Call for abstracts – LGBTIQ+ migration on, from and to the African continent.

The African LGBTQI+ Migration Research Network (ALMN) is pleased to announce its first call for submissions. This edited collection will contribute to existing scholarly debates by bringing together diverse inputs on LGBTIQ+ migration on, from and to the African continent. We have a particular interest in what happens when borders, sexualities, genders, identities, languages and mobilities come up against the histories, trajectories, futures and imaginaries of the African continent. The book aims to interrogate what it means to do research with, on and perhaps for LGBTIQ+ migrants. We welcome contributions that go beyond simplistic narratives of persecution and instead explore how LGBTIQ+ migrants, refugees and asylum seekers subvert hetero-patriarchal norms, forge solidarity networks, negotiate care and protection structures, develop livelihood strategies and carve out spaces within landscapes of abandonment.

Possible topic areas might include, but are not limited to, the following:

• The state of research: trends in LGBTIQ+ migration research; knowledge gaps; moving beyond the ‘single story’; and so on.
• Theorising LGBTIQ+ migration: looking beyond South-North migration trajectories; challenging European exceptionalism; rethinking movement, boundaries and borderlands; and so on.
• Methodological tensions: unpacking the ethics and practices of researching and representing LGBTIQ+ migration; the use of arts-based methodologies; decolonial approaches to migration research; and so on.
• Structures of asylum and migration: encampment, waiting, documentation and border controls; online fundraising campaigns; illegality as orientation; the finitude of language; and so on
• Law and justice: legal challenges and opportunities relating to LGBTIQ+ migration, including local, regional and international protection mechanisms; state responses to decriminalisation; and so on
• Documenting, archiving and disseminating knowledge: partnerships (civil society, government, policy-makers, etc.); research uptake beyond the academy; data security; keeping LGBTIQ+ communities safe when ‘going public’; and so on.
• Research in action: empirical findings from recent studies related to LGBTIQ+ migration on, from and to the African continent.

Please send all abstracts and enquiries to almresearchnet@gmail.com addressed to either B Camminga or John Marnell. We look forward to hearing from you.