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## ***Global Francophone Africa***

Call for Articles

As for a territory, it is fundamentally an intersection of moving bodies. It is defined essentially by the set of movements that take place within it. Seen in this way, it is a set of possibilities that historically situated actors constantly resist or realize. (Achille Mbembe, “At the Edge of the World: Boundaries, Territoriality, and Sovereignty in Africa”)

This special edition of *Forum for Modern Language Studies* will be dedicated to global francophone Africa. Interdisciplinary contributions that engage with architecture, art, digital media, film, history, literature, im/migration studies, music, politics and sociology are sought, particularly those that endeavour to foster supranational and comparative frameworks in order to account for the nature and/or specificity of the French and francophone Sub-Saharan African experience.

To give the volume unity, the editor insists all contributors endeavour to reflect on the theoretical implications of thinking in terms of the “global” – through such categories as global blackness, global Africa, the global Hexagon, and globalisation and Africa. Ultimately, the objective will be to provide a better contextualisation of cultural productions and population movements in which/for whom Africa, as a global territorial signifier, remains present. Readings should underscore central elements of the bilateral histories of African–French relations and the various ways in which culture has been formulated and reformulated in these dynamic transversal (re)configurations.

Prospective contributors are invited to send proposals for articles in the form of a 200-word abstract by the end of February 2008, and will be asked to submit articles in final form (in English) by the strict deadline of 30 September 2008. The word limit for articles is 5,000, including footnotes (*FMLS* stylesheet will be provided). All communications should be directed to the Guest Editor, Professor Dominic Thomas (University of California, Los Angeles), by e-mail: [dominict@humnet.ucla.edu](mailto:dominict@humnet.ucla.edu). Informal enquiries are most welcome, and the Guest Editor will be happy to discuss individual suggestions. Articles which do not find a place in the Special Issue will be considered for inclusion in general issues of *FMLS*.

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