

## CALL FOR PAPERS

INTERNATIONAL MULTIDISCIPLINARY CONFERENCE

LIBREVILLE 2026 – PoSTer Research Group

Omar Bongo University (Libreville – Gabon)

### THEME:

THINKING ABOUT NEW DEVELOPMENT PARADIGMS IN AFRICAN TERRITORIES:  
THE CONTRIBUTION OF INNOVATION IN THE HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES (HSS)

November 11 - 13, 2026

## CONTEXT AND JUSTIFICATION

African territories face multidimensional challenges, including rapid population growth (projected at 2.5 billion inhabitants by 2050 according to the UN), persistent socio-economic inequalities, increasing climate pressures, and rampant urbanization expected to reach 60% of the African population by that date. Inherited development models, often based on Western references, struggle to integrate the cultural, historical, and spatial specificities of African contexts (Amin 1976: 201; Escobar 1995: 10), thereby marginalizing local knowledge and limiting the resilience of territories in the face of global crises.

### AXIS 1: RETHINKING TERRITORIAL DEVELOPMENT

Deconstruction of imported models and enhancement of local knowledge.

### AXIS 2: INNOVATION IN HSS

New methodologies and their application to development.

### AXIS 3: SOCIAL AND CULTURAL DYNAMICS

The role of identities, community practices, and historical legacies.

### AXIS 4: SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND RESILIENCE

Contribution of HSS to climate adaptation and resource management.

### AXIS 5: MIGRATIONS AND DEVELOPMENT

Impacts and contributions of migratory dynamics in Africa.

## **AXIS 6: POLITICAL GEOSCIENCES AND TERRITORIAL FORESIGHT**

Innovations in power relations and reconfigurations in Africa.

### **GUIDELINES**

Proposals must address one of the six thematic axes. Submissions (Word format) should be sent

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Full papers due: June 14, 2026.

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