

Conjonctures de l'Afrique centrale 2024 – call for papers

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The publication offers a series of high-quality scientific articles – in French or in English. Four countries are directly targeted: **DRC, Burundi, Rwanda and Uganda**. *Conjonctures de l'Afrique centrale* offers an in-depth analysis **of contemporary dynamics of political, economic and social life in Central Africa**. Through this analysis, the relevance and impact of such dynamics on sustainable development and the lives of citizens in the Central African region can be assessed. The articles situate current events and contemporary evolutions within a historical perspective and frame them within the international academic literature.

We launch the call for contributions for **Conjonctures de l'Afrique centrale 2024**. Abstracts of maximum 400 words (in French or English) should be uploaded through this link **before 5 May 2023**: <https://www.uantwerpen.be/conjonctures>. Abstracts should briefly present the article's key arguments, as well as their relevance in relation to contemporary evolutions in Central Africa. In case the argument of the article is based on empirical research, the abstract also outlines the key features of the research methodology.

Deadlines: The editorial committee will reply to the authors by the second week of May 2023. The authors of selected abstracts are expected to send in their full article by 1 September 2023. Each article will be evaluated by two anonymous external reviewers. In case the article is selected for publication, the final version – conforming to the style requirements of the editor – will have to be finalised by 15 December 2023. The final text has to be written in French or English, with a summary abstract in both languages. The edition *Conjonctures de l'Afrique centrale 2024* will appear in April 2024.

Additional information for African scholars: *Conjonctures de l'Afrique centrale* offers research scholarships (from 500 to 2000 euros) to researchers of **Congolese, Burundian, Rwandese or Ugandan origin, based in Africa**. These modest scholarships allow promising scholars to engage in in-depth field research, culminating in an article for *Conjonctures de l'Afrique centrale*. Candidates can fill out the additional information in [the online registration form](#) by 5 May 2024:

- An abstract of their contribution of maximum 400 words
- The methodological approach and theoretical framework of their research, as well as its articulation with the existing literature, of maximum 1000 words. **This information is key in Conjoncture's decision to select the beneficiaries of the scholarship.**

- A detailed CV of maximum 2 pages with their education, research outputs, other relevant experience, publications, other relevant information.



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