



# UNIVERSITY OF DAR ES SALAAM

## COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES (CoSS)



# 8<sup>th</sup>

## VOICE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES (VSS2024) INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE



7<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>  
November 2024

## CALL FOR PAPERS

### THEME:

### AFRICA IN THE AGE OF UNCERTAINTIES: RISKS, RESILIENCE AND FUTURE PROSPECTS

Voice of social sciences (VSS) is a biannual international conference that is organised by the College of Social Sciences (CoSS) at the University of Dar es Salaam since 2014. In 2024, CoSS will hold the 8<sup>th</sup> edition of VSS. VSS2024 will reflect on Africa's place and role in the uncertainties currently facing the world, manifesting in, among other things, global health challenges, climate change, major powers competition and the resulting security challenges as well as volatile economic trends.

The aim of VSS2024 is to raise voices of social science scholars in the world to reflect on a myriad of issues pertaining to the continent's current and future prospect in response to the global uncertainties. The Conference invites scholars, practitioners and students from a wide range of social science disciplines – sociology, anthropology, psychology, political science, economics, statistics, geography, environment and related disciplines – to engage and advance social science research.

In particular, we invite paper abstracts, panel proposals and student posters which address at least one of the following sub-themes;

### SUB-THEMES

1. Rethinking development in Africa
2. The present and future of democracy in Africa
3. Population and the youth question in Africa
4. Nationalism, identity and the quest for continental unity
5. Peace, security and development
6. Religion, faith, society and development
7. Mental health and psychosocial wellbeing
8. Climate and global dynamics
9. Health and environment
10. AU's Agenda 2063 and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
11. Africa and major powers competition
12. Gender and sexuality in Africa
13. Food systems and livelihoods
14. Africa and the Fourth Industrial Revolution
15. Social science research and development in Africa
16. Media, cyberspace and information warfare

### IMPORTANT DATES

- Submission of abstracts opens on **7<sup>th</sup> December 2023**
- Submission of abstracts closes on **29<sup>th</sup> February 2024**
- Notification of accepted abstracts - **15<sup>th</sup> March 2024**
- Final date of submission of papers - **30<sup>th</sup> June 2024**
- Conference dates: **7<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

### CONTACTS



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