



YSI Africa Working Group

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The Africa Working Group identifies key economic issues for Africa and the continent's economic development. How do we overcome colonial legacies, weak institutions, high inequality, and bring the continent into the future?

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Research themes

- Politics of knowledge production
- Fiscal and monetary developments in Africa
- Evolution of aid and debt
- Responses and recovery from COVID-19 crisis — Impact on African economic development
- Challenges of sustainable development in Africa
- Industrial Development in Africa
- Governance and Economic Development — values of African societies, entities and institutions and their effect on governance in Africa — Colonial legacies and beyond
- Trade and Trade Agreements AfCFTA — implementation and the place for SMEs in these processes
- Law, Governance and Corruption in Africa
- Illicit financial flows in Africa

New Economic Questions

- ★ How can African countries localize sustainable development in an era immersed in the imperatives of globalization?
- ★ Why do people move? If we can understand Migration, we can then manage it and minimize its harmful consequences on the origin and destination countries
- ★ How can Africa completely decolonize?



Other Projects Planned

- + YSI @ [Rethinking Economics Festival](#) (REFA) *Webinar and in-person*
- + Land and Agriculture in Zimbabwe *Webinar Series*
- + The Social Life of Money in Zimbabwe *Webinar Series*
- + COVID-19 Developments in Africa *Webinar Series*
- + A Conversation with the African Economists and Development Practitioners *Webinar Series*
- + YSI HET International Circulation of Economic Ideas throughout History *Workshop, June 28–30 2021 in Eichstätt, Germany*
- + Reading Group in Industrial Development in Africa *Webinar Series*
- + Seminars and Workshops on Precolonial, colonial, postcolonial societal evolution and the effects on African development
- + Webinars and Presentations on Trade, Trade Agreements
- + Industrial Development in Africa *Webinar Series*

Existing partnerships and cooperation

- [Institute of Economic Justice](#) (Johannesburg, South Africa)
- [Friedrich Ebert Stiftung](#)

Get involved!

If these are themes and questions you're interested in, consider getting involved with the group! The coordinators can help you run [webinars](#), organize [workshops](#), or set up other projects with the help of YSI's resources. Don't hesitate to reach out.

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