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Nova Collectanea Africana, an edited book series on “Minorities in Africa” promoted by the Centro di Studi Africani in Sardegna (CSAS), is pleased to launch a call for chapters for the 2012 issue.

This issue will focus on the theme: Politics and Minorities in Africa. Particular attention will be paid to elections and political representation in post-colonial African contexts.

Under the process of nation-building and identity reconstruction of the post-colonial period, newly formed African constitutions experienced different developments and gave priorities to different democratic values. Sometimes social differences have been rhetorically used to build processes of inclusion and exclusion from citizenship and resources. Minorities have been politically targeted and blamed for social problems and tensions, especially during elections or in period of economic and political crisis. Often gender, ethnicity and religion, represented a powerful tool to build up unequal societies where minorities do not always have guaranteed political and social rights.

The 2012 issue of *Nova Collectanea Africana* aims to continue to investigate minorities in the African state in a broader perspective, not just focusing on exclusion or discrimination. *Politics and Minorities* in particular welcomes historical analyses of how minorities organize and challenge the political context, their role and action during political elections, how they organize to influence politics and electoral results and their relation with majority groups and elites.

We particularly welcome proposals covering these specific themes:

- Political parties and movements: political representation
- Political ban referred to the constitution of parties and movements expressed by minorities
- Political programmes and propaganda
- Government, civil and political rights, constitutions
- Vote analysis

Guidelines for submission

Chapter (max 8000 words) can be submitted in English or French to Marisa Fois (marisafois@hotmail.it) and Alessandro Pes (alessandropes@gmail.com).

Deadlines

30 January 2012 : abstract (500 words) + short biographical note

1 July 2012 : chapters

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