

## Call for Papers, Collective work:

### *“You will be a Doctor - My child.” African PhD students’ Experiences and Research Perspectives*

How do we write PhD dissertations in Africa today? How do we get a Doctorate degree in Law, in literature, in geography or political science in Yaoundé, Maputo, Dakar, Tunis or Kinshasa? What is the purpose of a PhD in our African universities?

This project will highlight the complex process of obtaining a PhD in contemporary Africa. More broadly, it will show the various aspects of the research profession in Africa, especially for junior academics. More than descriptive, it will offer in-depth analysis knowledge production in the African context. Priority will be given to young African researchers, PhD and former PhD students, and those who aspire to embrace an academic career and mentor young graduates. Please see suggested, although not obligatory, topics:

*The motivation to do a PhD*

*Academic embedment (Subject choice, supervisor choice, institutional relations with the senior staff members and scientific activities you are engaged in)*

*Institutional organization (PhD registration, Financial support)*

*Career (Publications, teaching)*

*Data Collection (Access to the data, authorization, self distancing)*

*Family and social status*

*Gender relationship, Age and generation*

*Political context and academic freedom*

*The PhD defense*

*After - The thesis*

*African PhD students abroad*

We are looking for proposals from PhD students, and former PhD student (up to three years after the defense) who are (or have been) enrolled in African universities or universities abroad. An abstract of 600 words, together with a short bibliography, must be sent by April 5, 2015 to:

[livre.thesards.afrique@gmail.com](mailto:livre.thesards.afrique@gmail.com). The authors whose contributions have been accepted will be invited to submit their complete articles (between 7,500 and 10,000 words) by September 30, 2015.

For more detail, see the call in French and in English here:

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