



Global Humanities Institute 2022

THEME: *Chronic Conditions: Childhood and Social Suffering in Global Africa*

1 August - 6 August 2022

University of Dar es Salaam, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

Venue: Confucius Institute Multifunctional Hall

Early career scholars and graduate students will join an international team of scholars committed to developing a research program and model for inclusive collaborative work in the humanities around the theme of **Childhood and Social Suffering in Global Africa**. *Chronic Conditions: Childhood and Social Suffering in Global Africa* is a Global Humanities Institute (GHI) supported by the Consortium of Humanities Centers and Institutes (CHCI) and the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. Since 2021, CHCI has advanced multiple forms of international, collaborative research designed to foster new knowledge and new networks; it launched the first Global Humanities Institutes in 2017. This CHCI/Mellon Global Humanities Institute is a partnership between four universities: the University of Dar es Salaam (Dar es Salaam, Tanzania), the University of Kansas (Lawrence, Kansas, USA), the University of Cheikh Anta Diop (Dakar, Senegal) and the Federal University of Bahia (Salvador, Brazil).

The overarching goal of this Global Humanities Institute is to offer new ways of thinking about the historical, cultural, spatial, and structural processes that have given rise to chronic health conditions among African and African-descended youth and children. Through a focus on communities that share African roots, participants will develop and share research that traces how legacies of slavery, colonialism, and segregation have rendered young Black bodies particularly vulnerable to misapprehension, oppression, and exploitation in medicine, public health, and development initiatives. We will address the ways in which anti-Black racism and symbolic violence combine with structural inequalities to predispose children and youth to embodied experiences of chronic affliction, including most recently those leading to and resulting from Covid-19 infection.

In early August 2022, the investigative teams from all four partnering universities will gather in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, for a seven-day-long Institute addressing *Childhood and Social Suffering in Global Africa*. Sessions will address the theme of the Institute using a broad range of perspectives and methodologies. It will bring together senior and Early Career Scholars based in a range of disciplines (including, but not limited to anthropology, cultural studies, gender studies, history, law, languages, literature, medical humanities, psychology, political science, peace studies, religious studies, film, audio-visual arts, theater studies, and the creative and performing arts). The Institute will consist of seminars, discussions, participant presentations, workshops, and site visits. Working

languages for the Institute and most related activities (as translation allows) will be English, French, and Portuguese. Four themes will structure the Institute, namely Decolonial Methodologies; Violence, Suffering and Iniquities; Medicine and Health; and Arts, Culture and Heritage.

The Institute will inspire a global network of early-career researchers invested in the theme of the institute who will then remain in communication and collaborate with each other into the future. We are committed to assembling a diverse and inclusive community.