

# VII Global Week: Africa in Focus

17<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> Feb 2026

The Global Studies program of the Faculty of Humanities (UPF) is organizing the new edition of #GlobalWeekUPF, a series of talks and conversations that explore Africa's place in contemporary global debates and major issues facing the continent. Open to everyone!

## Welcome Remarks

### First Session - Regional integration processes in Africa

12:30-14:00 h. - Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> February – Room: 13.007 (Ramón Turró)

- **Dr. Winnie Rugutt-Chebon**, Lecturer in Diplomacy and International Relations, University of Nairobi (Kenya)

### Second Session - China and the Chinese people in Africa: “friends indeed” or “wolves in sheep skin”?

10:30-12:00 h. - Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> February – Room: 13.007 (Ramón Turró)

- **Dr. Khangelani Moyo**, Senior Lecturer, University of the Free State (South Africa)

### Third Session - Sport and Africa: Past and Present

11:00-12:30 h. - Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> February – Room: 40.244 (Roger de Llúria)

- **Dr. Mark W. Deets**, Assistant Professor and Director, Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal Bin Abdulaziz Al Saud Center for American Studies, The American University in Cairo (Egypt)

### Alumni Panel - Claiming Africa's Place in Global Affairs: Careers, Mobility, and Power Realities After Global Studies

12:30-14:00 h. - Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> February – Room: 40.244 (Roger de Llúria)

- **Irina Samy**, Project Officer, NOVACT (International Institute of Nonviolent Action)
- **Musa Obed**, Macroeconomy & Trade Analyst, African fintech & strategy
- **Telma Nzams**, Associate in Third-Party Governance, BNY

### Visit to the Museum - Projecting a Black Planet. Pan-African Art and Culture (For all 2nd Year Global Studies Students Only)

Museu d'Art Contemporani de Barcelona (MACBA)

16:00-18:00 h. - Thursday, 19th February

Welcome and introduction by: **Elvira Dyangani Ose**, Director of MACBA.

### Visit to GIGA - UNICEF

#### (For all 1st Year Global Studies Students Only)

16:00-18:00 h. - Thursday, 19th February

Welcome and introduction by: **Iván Monforte Figuerolas**, Giga Tech Centre Programme Coordinator at International Telecommunications Union - United Nations Telecommunications and Digital Specialized Agency