

# CAMPUS THIS WEEK

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## University introduces new Radio Frequency Identification Card as new security measure

By CTW team

The Security Department has finalized the preparations to switch registration details from the Biometric control feature that was used at the gate and the Library pre-COVID-19, to the new RFID card feature, which was rolled out from Wednesday. The system will replace the manual register that was adopted to ensure that the University adhered to Government regulations for contact tracing, which requires that all businesses, workplaces and premises must request each person visiting the premises to provide their contact details, as well as record their arrival time.

The system will ensure tighter security on campus, in addition to helping in the fulfilment of the Government regulation of having a contact tracing system in place,



as the card will collect up-to-the-minute information on faculty, staff and students who access campus... [Read more >](#)

## Dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences gives keynote address at this year's International Mother Language Day

By Prof. Martin Njoroge

Additional reporting by Yale News.

The International Mother Language Day (IMLD) falls on February 21 of every year. This year the theme of the day was "Fostering multilingualism for inclusion in education and society". The event was marked by a webinar hosted by the Multilingual Education Network, the University of Nairobi, and Bible Translation and Literacy.

Prof. Martin Njoroge, Dean, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, was one of the four presenters during the webinar. In his address, titled History of International Mother Language Day – Key Highlights and Themes, traced the background and history of the day, which has its origins in 1948, when the then Government of Pakistan declared Urdu to be the sole national language of Pakistan even though Bengali or Bangla was



Prof. Martin Njoroge, Dean, School of Humanities and Social Sciences

spoken by the majority of people combining East Pakistan (now Bangladesh) and West Pakistan (now Pakistan)... [Read more >](#)

## Upcoming events

**Innovation and Incubation Centre Guest Speaker Series - Wednesday, March 3, at 5:30pm:**

Vincent Rapundo, Chandaria Foundation.

*Topic: Social Entrepreneurship and Linking with Foundations.*

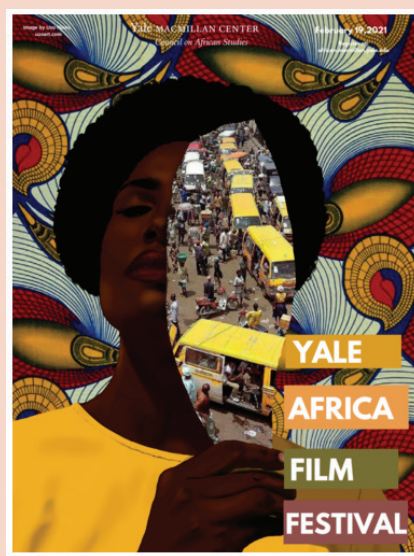
**'Artificial Intelligence-Debunking the Myths', hosted by USIU-Africa's Division of Legal Services, in partnership with Strathmore University's Centre for Intellectual Property & Information Technology Law (CIPIT) - Friday March 5, 2021, from 2:00pm to 4:00pm (EAT).**

To register visit <https://tinyurl.com/usiafricalegalwebinar>

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Department of Cinematic Arts attends the annual Yale Africa Film Festival (YAFF)

By Triza Kabue



The Department of Cinematic Arts was invited to be part of the third annual Yale African Film Festival (YAFF), which showcased films highlighting a wide range of voices from the African continent and its diaspora.

The festival was divided into three sessions, centered on different themes: "Fashioning the Self and Community," "Community and Care" and "Black Creativity and Community Organizing". During the first session, attendees watched films by Angolan filmmaker, Angie Epifano who screened her movie called Air Conditioners, as well as Dafe Oboro's A Beautiful Story, which follows a young man who moves from the rural parts of Nigeria to Lagos city in pursuit of his dream to become a musician.

In the panel discussion, Dafe shared that growing up in Lagos was the inspiration behind most of his movies... [Read more >](#)

