

## **CENTRAL AFRICAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF PROFS. ISIDORE NDAYWEL, THIERRY NLANDU MAYAMBU, & JUSTIN OKANA**

The [Central African Studies Association](#)—a coordinate organisation of the African Studies Association—and its members have recently issued a declaration of support for Professors Isidore Ndaywel, Thierry Nlandu Mayambu, Justin Okana and their colleagues of the Comité Laïc de Coordination in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. These eminent colleagues have recently been arrested by Congolese government for their advocacy in favour of credible and transparent elections.

The African Studies Association wishes to call the attention of its members to this important statement of the CASA. We join with them in supporting Congolese scholars' right to exercise free speech.