

*African Philosophy: Past, Present and Future Conference (9-11 September, 2015) @ Wits*

Conference Presentations Venues: <i>Senate Room, CB3C, CB15, CB17 and CB129</i>		
Tea/Coffee Break & Lunch Venue: <i>Senate Room Foyer</i>		
Conference Dinner Venue: <i>Wits Staff Club (West Campus) @ 19:00 Onward</i>		
Book Launch Venue: <i>Faculty of Humanities Atrium</i>		
Music at Book Launch Provided by the <i>Highway Jam Band</i>		
<b>Conference Programme 2015</b>		
<b>Wednesday 09 September, 2015</b>		
<b>9:00-9:20</b>	<i>Registration</i>	<i>Senate Room Foyer</i>
<b>9:20-9:25</b>	<b>Welcoming of delegates and participants</b> (Dr. Edwin Etieyibo, Wits)	<i>Senate Room</i>
<b>9:30-9:55</b>	<b>Welcome Address</b> (Professor Adam Habib, Vice-Chancellor, Wits) <u>Chair</u> : Shahid Vawda (Head of School of Social Sciences & Professor of Anthropology, Wits)	
<b>10:00-11:30</b>	<b>Keynote Address 1</b> <u>Title</u> : <i>The "Journey" of African Philosophy</i> <u>Presenter</u> : Professor Barry Hallen (Morehouse College, USA) <u>Chair</u> : Dilip Menon (Director, Centre for Indian Studies in Africa & Professor of History, Wits)	

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<b>11:30-11:50</b>	<i>Tea/coffee break</i>	<i>Senate Room Foyer</i>		
<b>11:50-12:30</b>	<i>Breakaway session A</i>	<i>CB3C, CB15, CB17 and CB129</i>		
<b>11:50-12:30</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>CB3C</i></p> <p><i>Revisiting the Seeming Unanimous Verdict on the Great Debate on African Philosophy (1)</i></p> <p><u>Presenter:</u> Dr. Arinze Agbanusi (Nnamdi Azikiwe University)</p> <p><u>Chair:</u> Dr. Kibujjo M. Kalumba (Ball State University)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>CB15</i></p> <p><i>A Case for an Existentialist Conception of Alienation in Fanon's Thought (2)</i></p> <p><u>Presenter:</u> Sipiwe Ndlovu (PhD Student, University of Kwa-Zulu Natal)</p> <p><u>Chair:</u> Dr. Jason van Niekerk (University of Pretoria)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>CB17</i></p> <p><i>African Philosophy and Proverbs: The Case of Logic in Urhobo Proverbs (3)</i></p> <p><u>Presenter:</u> Dr. Edwin Etieyibo (University of the Witwatersrand)</p> <p><u>Chair:</u> Dr. Oriare Nyarwath (University of Nairobi)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>CB129</i></p> <p><i>African Philosophy and the Challenges of 21st Century Nigeria (4)</i></p> <p><u>Presenter:</u> Professor Balogun Oladele Abiodun (Olabisi Onabanjo University)</p> <p><u>Chair:</u> Professor AB (Benda) Hofmeyr (University of Pretoria)</p>
<b>12:30-13:30</b>	<i>Lunch</i>	<i>Senate Room Foyer</i>		
<b>13:30-15:55</b>	<i>Breakaway session B</i>	<i>CB3C, CB15, CB17 and CB129</i>		
<b>13:30-14:10</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>CB3C</i></p> <p><i>The Logic of <b>Consciencism</b> (5)</i></p> <p><u>Presenter:</u> Richmond Kwesi, (PhD Student, University of Cape Town)</p> <p><u>Chair:</u> Dr. David Martens (Wits)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>CB15</i></p> <p><i>African Logic: The Future of an Illusion? (6)</i></p> <p><u>Presenters:</u> Clive Zimunya &amp; Joyline Gwara (PhD Students, University of KwaZulu-Natal)</p> <p><u>Chair:</u> Dr. Dylan Futter (Wits)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>CB17</i></p> <p><i>Between Ontology and Logic: An Interrogation of Chimakonam's Criterion of African Philosophy (7)</i></p> <p><u>Presenter:</u> Lucky Uchenna Ogbonnaya (PhD Student, University of Calabar)</p> <p><u>Chair:</u> Dr. John Lamola (University of Fort Hare)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>CB129</i></p> <p><i>African History, History of Philosophy and African Philosophy (12)</i></p> <p><u>Presenter:</u> Dr. Olusegun Morakinyo (University of Fort Hare)</p> <p><u>Chair:</u> Professor Mark Leon (Wits)</p>

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<p><b>14:15-14:55</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>CB3C</i></p> <p><i>How African is African Philosophy? (9)</i></p> <p><u>Presenters:</u> Professor Ike Odimegwu (Nnamdi Azikiwe University) &amp; Dr. Eric Omazu (National Open University of Nigeria)</p> <p><u>Chair:</u> Dr. Mary Carman (Wits)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>CB15</i></p> <p><i>The Shaping of the Future of African Philosophy (10)</i></p> <p><u>Presenter:</u> Dr. Bernard Matolino (University of KwaZulu-Natal)</p> <p><u>Chair:</u> Professor Murali Ramachandran (Wits)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>CB17</i></p> <p><i>African Philosophy, a Catalyst to Progress in African Society (11)</i></p> <p><u>Presenter:</u> Osita Nnajofofor &amp; Chinedu Ifeako (Phd Students, Nnamdi Azikiwe University)</p> <p><u>Chair:</u> Julie Reid (Wits)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>CB129</i></p> <p><i>The Role of African Epistemology and Hermeneutics for Improving Public Health and Increasing Life Expectancy in Africa (8)</i></p> <p><u>Presenter:</u> Professor Helen Lauer (University of Ghana)</p> <p><u>Chair:</u> Professor Samantha Vice (Wits)</p>
<p><b>14:55-15:15</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Tea/coffee break</i></p>		<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Senate Room Foyer</i></p>	
<p><b>15:15-17:25</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Breakaway session C</i></p>		<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Senate Room, CB15, CB17 and CB129</i></p>	
<p><b>15:15-17:25</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Senate Room</i></p> <p><b>Panel on Approaches to Knowledge about Africa</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>15:15-15:45</b></p> <p><i>(a) Teaching Africa in the Humanities (13)</i></p> <p><u>Presenter:</u> Professor Kathy Lockett (University of Cape Town)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>CB15</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>15:15-15:55</b></p> <p><i>Archie Mafeje and the Question of African Philosophy: A Liberatory Discourse (17)</i></p> <p><u>Presenter:</u> Mr. Thabang Dladla (Freelance Researcher)</p> <p><u>Chair:</u> Professor Abraham Olivier (University of Fort Hare)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>CB17</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>15:15-15:55</b></p> <p><i>Afro-communitarianism, Justice and Reconciliation (18)</i></p> <p><u>Presenter:</u> Dr. Rianna Oelofsen (University of Fort Hare)</p> <p><u>Chair:</u> Dr. Jonathan Chimakonam Okeke (University of Calabar)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>CB129</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>15:15-15:55</b></p> <p><i>Crime, Punishment and the Proportionality Factor in Contemporary African Society: The Yoruba Experience (19)</i></p> <p><u>Presenter:</u> Dr. Adebayo Aina (Olabisi Onabanjo University)</p> <p><u>Chair:</u> Dr. Francis E Owakah (University of Nairobi)</p>

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>15:50-16:20</b></p> <p>(b) <i>Black Consciousness as Pedagogy: The Strengths and Limitations of Using Steve Biko's I Write What I Like as a Teaching Tool (14)</i></p> <p><u>Presenter:</u> Dr. Shannon Morreira (University of Cape Town)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>16:20-16:50</b></p> <p>(c) <i>The Journey from Local Landscapes as Reality to Socially Imagined Representations (15)</i></p> <p><u>Presenter:</u> Dr. Aditi Hunma (University of Cape Town)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>16:55-17:25</b></p> <p>(d) <i>Africa- Centred Material and Academic Behavioural Confidence (16)</i></p> <p><u>Presenter:</u> Robyn Human (PhD Student, University of Cape Town)</p> <p><u>Chair of Panel:</u> Dr. Hylton White (Department of Anthropology, Wits)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>CB15</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>16:00-16:40</b></p> <p><i>Revisiting the Nature and Substance of African Philosophy (20)</i></p> <p><u>Presenter:</u> Kudakwashe Bhasikiti (PhD Student, University of Kwa-Zulu Natal)</p> <p><u>Chair:</u> Professor Lucy Allais (Wits)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>CB17</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>16:00-16:40</b></p> <p><i>African Philosophy as a 'Naissance': a Heideggerian Perspective (21)</i></p> <p><u>Presenter:</u> Neal O'Donnell (MA Student, University of Fort Hare)</p> <p><u>Chair:</u> Dr. Brian Penrose (Wits)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>CB129</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>16:00-16:40</b></p> <p><i>The Language Question in Africa and the Challenge of Underdevelopment (22)</i></p> <p><u>Presenter:</u> Gbadebo, Moses Debo (PhD Student, University of Lagos)</p> <p><u>Chair:</u> Monique Whitaker (Wits)</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>CB15</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>16:45-17:25</b></p> <p><i>African Journalism's Advancement of African Philosophy in Pursuit of an African Renaissance for the Liberation of African Women (23)</i></p> <p><u>Presenter:</u> Professor Simphiwe Sesanti (Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University)</p> <p><u>Chair:</u> Dr. Adebayo Aina (Olabisi Onabanjo University)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>CB17</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>16:45-17:25</b></p> <p><i>African Philosophy on the March to Universality (24)</i></p> <p><u>Presenter:</u> Dr. Charles Nweke (Nnamdi Azikiwe University)</p> <p><u>Chair:</u> Professor Balogun Oladele Abiodun (Olabisi Onabanjo University)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>CB129</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>16:45-17:25</b></p> <p><i>Ramose's Legacy and the Future of African Philosophy (25)</i></p> <p><u>Presenter:</u> Professor Fainos Mangena (University of Zimbabwe)</p> <p><u>Chair:</u> Dr. Mark Tschaepe (Prairie View A &amp; M University)</p>

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<b>Thursday 10 September, 2015</b>				
<b>9:00-9:20</b>	<i>Registration</i>	<i>Senate Room Foyer</i>		
<b>9:20-10:50</b>	<p><b>Keynote Address 2</b>  <u>Title:</u> <i>Philosophy and the State in Africa</i></p> <p><u>Presenter:</u> Professor Ifeanyi Menkiti (Wellesley College, USA)</p> <p><u>Chair:</u> Dr. David Martens (Head of Philosophy Department, Wits)</p>	<i>Senate Room</i>		
<b>10:50-11:10</b>	<i>Tea/coffee break</i>	<i>Senate Room Foyer</i>		
<b>11:10-12:35</b>	<i>Breakaway session D</i>		<i>CB3C, CB15, CB17 and CB129</i>	
<b>11:10-11:50</b>	<p><i>CB3C</i></p> <p><i>The Call for Conceptual Mandelanization in Contemporary African Philosophy and the Need for African Philosophy Without Ethnocentric Reduction (26)</i></p> <p><u>Presenter:</u> Dr. Mesembe Ita Edet (University of Calabar)</p> <p><u>Chair:</u> Professor Ike Odimegwu (Nnamdi Azikiwe University)</p>	<p><i>CB15</i></p> <p><i>The Arch of Personhood: Menkiti and Kant on what it is to be a Person (27)</i></p> <p><u>Presenter:</u> Professor Katrin Flikschuh (London School of Economics)</p> <p><u>Chair:</u> Professor Murali Ramachandran (Wits)</p>	<p><i>CB17</i></p> <p><i>An Alternative to Kwasi Wiredu's Non-party Consensual Democracy (28)</i></p> <p><u>Presenter:</u> Dr. Kibujjo Kalumba (Ball State University)</p> <p><u>Chair:</u> Dr. Dylan Futter (Wits)</p>	<p><i>CB129</i></p> <p><i>The Weeds in the Garden of African Philosophy (29)</i></p> <p><u>Presenter:</u> Dr. Karo Ogbinaka (University of Lagos)</p> <p><u>Chair:</u> Julie Reid (Wits)</p>

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<b>11:55-12:35</b>	<p><i>Beyond Identity: Exploring the Implications of Leopold Senghor's Civilization of the Universal (30)</i></p> <p><u>Presenter:</u> Professor J. Obi Oguejiofor (Nnamdi Azikiwe University)</p> <p><u>Chair:</u> Professor Helen Lauer (University of Ghana)</p>	<p><i>Communion and Authoritarianism (31)</i></p> <p><u>Presenter:</u> Dr. Jason van Niekerk (University of Pretoria)</p> <p><u>Chair:</u> Dr. Anke Graness (University of Vienna)</p>	<p><i>Against Dopamine Democracy: Why the West Needs an African Ethic (32)</i></p> <p><u>Presenter:</u> Dr. Mark Tschaepe (Prairie View A &amp; M University)</p> <p><u>Chair:</u> Professor Samantha Vice (Wits)</p>	<p><i>Questions of Method and Substance and the Growth of African Philosophy (33)</i></p> <p><u>Presenter:</u> Simon M. Makwinja (Phd Student, University of KwaZulu-Natal)</p> <p><u>Chair:</u> Dr. Rianna Oelofsen (University of Fort Hare)</p>
<b>12:35-13:35</b>	<i>Lunch</i>	<i>Senate Room Foyer</i>		
<b>13:35-15:05</b>	<p><b>Panel Discussion 1</b> <i>Title: African Ideal of Society as a Family: Problems and Prospects</i></p> <p><u>Presenter:</u> Professor Thad Metz (University of Johannesburg)</p> <p><u>Co-presenters:</u> (a) Professor Lucy Allais (Wits) (b) Dr. Bernard Matolino (University of Kwa-Zulu Natal)</p> <p><u>Chair:</u> Melissa Steyn (Director, Wits Centre for Diversity Studies &amp; Professor of Sociology, Wits)</p>	<i>Senate Room</i>		
<b>15:05-15:25</b>	<i>Tea/coffee break</i>			

<b>15:25-16:00</b>	<p><b>Public Address</b>  <u>Title:</u> <i>The State of African Philosophy in Africa</i>  <u>Presenters:</u> Dr. Edwin Etieyibo (Wits) &amp; (Dr. Jonathan Chimakonam Okeke (University of Calabar)</p> <p><u>Chair:</u> Devan Pillay (Head of Department &amp; Professor of Sociology, Wits)</p>	<i>Senate Room</i>
<b>16:00-17:30</b>	<p><b>Roundtable Meeting</b>  Discussions, Reactions and Responses to <i>The State of African Philosophy in Africa</i> Public Address (Brainstorming on the gap areas in African philosophy; discussions on motivating and re-invigorating African philosophy, as part of developing its knowledge and research directions)  <u>Principal Discussants:</u>  Professor Ifeanyi Menkiti (Wellesley College, USA)</p> <p>Professor Barry Hallen (Morehouse College, USA)</p> <p>Professor Dismas A Masolo (University of Louisville, USA)</p> <p>Professor Ramose Mogobe (University of South Africa)</p>	

	<p>Professor J. Obi Oguejiofor (Nnamdi Azikiwe University)</p> <p>Dr. Bernard Matolino (University of KwaZulu-Natal)</p> <p>Professor Ike Odimegwu (Nnamdi Azikiwe University)</p> <p>Dr. Edwin Etieyibo (Wits)</p> <p>Dr. Jonathan Chimakonam Okeke (University of Calabar)</p> <p>Dr. John Lamola (University of Fort Hare)</p> <p><u>Chair:</u> Professor Thad Metz (University of Johannesburg)</p>	
<b>19:00</b>	<i>Conference dinner</i>	<i>Wits Staff Club (West Campus)</i>
<b>Friday 11 September, 2015</b>		
<b>9:00-9:20</b>	<i>Registration</i>	<i>Senate Room Foyer</i>
<b>9:20-10:50</b>	<p><b>Keynote Address 3</b> <u>Title:</u> <i>History of Philosophy as a Problem: Our Case</i></p> <p><u>Presenter:</u> Professor Dismas A Masolo (University of Louisville, USA)</p> <p><u>Chair:</u> Dr. Robin Drennan (Director of Research Development, Wits)</p>	<i>Senate Room</i>

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<b>10:50-11:10</b>	<i>Tea/coffee break</i>		<i>Senate Room Foyer</i>	
<b>11:10-12:40</b>	<p><b>Roundtable Discussion</b>  <u>Title:</u> <i>African Unity</i>  <u>Presenter:</u> Professor Ramose Mogobe (UNISA)  <u>Co-presenters:</u>                      (a) Professor J. Obi Oguejiofor (Nnamdi Azikiwe University)                      (b) Dr. Martin Odei Ajei (University of Ghana)                      (c) Professor Ike Odimegwu (Nnamdi Azikiwe University)</p> <p><u>Chair:</u> Gilbert Khadiagala (Head of Department &amp; Professor of International Relations, Wits)</p>		<i>Senate Room</i>	
<b>12:40-13:40</b>	<i>Lunch</i>		<i>Senate Room Foyer</i>	
<b>13:40-15:05</b>	<i>Breakaway session E</i>		<i>Senate Room, CB3C, CB15, CB17 and CB129</i>	
<i>Senate Room</i> <b>13:40-14:20</b> <i>Jéan-Paul Sartre and the Challenge of an Africanist Philosophy of Liberation (34)</i>  <u>Presenter:</u> Dr. John Lamola (University of Fort Hare)  <u>Chair:</u> Professor Lucy Allais (Wits)	<i>CB3C</i> <b>13:40-14:20</b> <i>Complementary Reflection vs. Binary Complementarity: An Interrogatory Discourse of the Problem of Anachronism in African Philosophy (35)</i>  <u>Presenter:</u> Victor Nweke (PhD Student, University of Calabar)  <u>Chair:</u> Dr. Shannon Morreira (University of Cape Town)	<i>CB15</i> <b>13:40-14:20</b> <i>Questions of Canon Formation in Philosophy - the History of Philosophy in Africa and its Future (36)</i>  <u>Presenter:</u> Dr. Anke Graness (University of Vienna)  <u>Chair:</u> Dr. Mary Carman (Wits)	<i>CB17</i> <b>13:40-14:20</b> <i>Levinas and the Postcolonial: An African-European Encounter Par Excellence (37)</i>  <u>Presenter:</u> Professor AB (Benda) Hofmeyr (University of Pretoria)  <u>Chair:</u> Dr. Mesembe Ita Edet (University of Calabar)	<i>CB129</i> <b>13:40-14:20</b> <i>The Imperative of Developing African Eco-philosophy (38)</i>  <u>Presenter:</u> Dr. Kevin Behrens (Wits)  <u>Chair:</u> Professor Katrin Flikschuh (London School of Economics)

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<p><i>Senate Room</i> <b>14:25-15:05</b> <i>The Future of Sage Philosophy in Africa (39)</i></p> <p><u>Presenter:</u> Dr. Francis E Owakah &amp; Dr. Oriare Nyarwath (University of Nairobi)</p> <p><u>Chair:</u> Monique Whitaker (Wits)</p>	<p><i>CB3C</i> <b>14:25-15:05</b> <i>African Communalism and the Question of Ethno-Nationalism and Xenophobia: A Critical Discourse (40)</i></p> <p><u>Presenter:</u> Professor Uduma Oji Uduma (Ebonyi State University)</p> <p><u>Chair:</u> Professor Simphiwe Sesanti (Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University)</p>	<p><i>CB15</i> <b>14:25-15:05</b> <i>The Place of Philosophy in Africa (41)</i></p> <p><u>Presenter:</u> Professor Abraham Olivier (University of Fort Hare)</p> <p><u>Chair:</u> Professor Mark Leon (Wits)</p>	<p><i>CB17</i> <b>14:25-15:05</b> <i>The Demise of the Universal School and the Rise of Conversational Philosophy in Contemporary African Philosophy (42)</i></p> <p><u>Presenter:</u> Dr. Jonathan Chimakonam Okeke (University of Calabar)</p> <p><u>Chair:</u> Professor Kathy Luckett</p>	<p><i>CB129</i> <b>14:25-15:05</b> <i>Using the African Teleological View of Existence to Interpret Environmental Ethics (43)</i></p> <p><u>Presenter:</u> Munamoto Chemhuru (PhD Student, University of Johannesburg)</p> <p><u>Chair:</u> Dr. Eric Omazu (National Open University of Nigeria)</p>
<b>15:05-15:25</b>	<i>Tea/coffee break</i>	<i>Senate Room Foyer</i>		
<b>15:25-16:55</b>	<p><b>Panel Discussion 2</b> <u>Title:</u> <i>Debates on <b>Animal and African Ethics</b></i></p> <p><u>Presenter:</u> Professor Kai Horsthemke (Wits &amp; KU Eichstaett/Germany)</p> <p><u>Co-presenters:</u> (a) Dr. Edwin Etieyibo (Wits) (b) Professor Thad Metz (University of Johannesburg)</p> <p><u>Chair:</u> Clifford Odimegwu (Head of Department &amp; Professor of Demography and Population Studies, Wits)</p>	<i>Senate Room</i>		
<b>16:55-17:15</b>	<i>Tea/coffee break</i>	<i>Senate Room Foyer</i>		

<b>17:15 -17-35</b>	Music and entertainment <u>Presenter:</u> <i>Highway Jam Band</i>	<i>Faculty of Humanities Atrium</i>
<b>17:35-18:35</b>	<b>Book Launch</b> <i>Animal and African Ethics</i>  <u>Presenter:</u> Professor Kai Horsthemke (Wits & <i>KU Eichstaett</i> /Germany)  <u>Contributor:</u> Dr. Kevin Behrens (Wits)  <u>Chair:</u> Jean Baxen (Head of School of Education & Professor of Education, Wits)	
<b>18:35-18:40</b>	<b>Closing and Farewell</b> (Dr. Edwin Etieyibo (Wits))	
<b>18:40-19:40</b>	Drinks, Cocktail/ Munching	

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