

***Asixoxe (Let's Talk!) Conference on African Philosophy
Africa in a Cosmopolitan and Polycentric World
Violence, Conflict Mediation, and Peace Building Dynamics***

Prague, 15th – 16th June 2020

Monday, 15th June

09:00-9:30 **Online connection and welcome**

09:30-10:00 **Opening addresses**

10:00- 11:00 **Keynote Lecture**

The challenge of displacement

Prof. Abraham Olivier, Fort Hare University, East London, South Africa

Chair: Albert Kasanda

11:00-11:15 *Coffee break*

11:15- 12:45 **Panel I: Religions and Violence**

Chair: Marek Hrubec

Into the wild- The attack of Jihadist group against military basis in the Sub-Saharan Africa

Viktor Marsai, Migration Research Institute – National University, Hungary

Religion and violence in contemporary Nigeria: Inter-religious conflicts, sectarianism and terrorism

Daniel Svoboda, University of West Bohemia, Czech Republic

Boko Haram insurgency in Nigeria

Yakubu Suleiman, University of Pardubice, Czech Republic

12:45-14:15 **Lunch**

14:15-15:45 **Panel 2: Logics of Peace**

Chair: Alemayehu Kumsa

The Logic of peace in traditional African worldview: A critical analysis

Emmanuel Iniobong Archibong, University of Uyo, Uyo-Nigeria

What is Peace: Views of global and local perspectives?

Kole Odutola, University of Florida, Gainesville

Conflict mediation and resolution

Dingani Masuku, Australian Broadcasting Corporation, Nairobi, Kenya

- 15:45-16:00 **Coffee break**
- 16:00-17:30 **Panel 3: Creative writing and Peace**
 Chair: Alena Rettová
 Peace to all mankind? African science fiction and reimagining approaches to the outer space frontier
Michelle Louise Clarke, SOAS, London, UK
- New epistemological perspectives in William E. Mkufya's latest novel *Kuwa Kwa Maua* (The existence of flowers)
Cristina Nicolini, SOAS, London, UK
- Rethinking knowledge production in Africa: 'Afrocentric epistemology' as an emancipatory discourse
Biruk Shewade, Addis Ababa Science and Technology University
- 17:30-17:45 **Coffee break**
- 17:45-19:15 **Panel 4: Culture, Politics and Peace diplomacy**
 Chair: Hana Horáková
- The state and the invalidation of victimhood in post-colonial Zimbabwe: 1980-2017
Terence M Mashingaidze, Midlands State University, Zimbabwe.
- Political modernity, ethnic federalism and the prospects of intercultural dialogue in Ethiopia
Fasil Merawi, Fasil Merawi, Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia
- Ethiopia at crossroad of two political highways
Alemayehu Kumsa, Škoda Auto University, Mladá Boleslav, Czech Republic
- Tuesday, 17th June**
- 9:30-10:00 **Online Connection and Welcome**
- 10:00-11:00 **Keynote Lecture**
 Emancipation and the face-to-face encounter: The ethics of the 'Other'
Binyam Mekonnen Aderal, Addis Ababa University, Addis Ababa
- Chair: Marek Hrubec
- 11:00-11:15 **Coffee break**

- 11:15-12:45 **Panel 5: African State: Power, Genocide and Victimhood Narratives**
 Chair: Albert Kasanda
- Mitigating electoral violence in Africa: Examining the cultural diplomacy of traditional authorities in Ghana
Christopher Appiah-Thompson, University of Newcastle, Australia.
- Instability as a conflict: Unbalances between indigenous powers and state collapse in Guinea-Bissau
Claudia Favarota, ISCSP, University of Lisbon, Lisbon
- Contradictions and challenges in representing the past: Narratives of the Herero genocide of 1904 in postcolonial Namibia
Hana Horáková, Kateřina Mildnerová, Palacký University Olomouc, Olomouc
- 12:45-14:15 **Lunch**
- 14:15-15:45 **Panel 6: African Peace Building Philosophical Backgrounds (1)**
 Chair: Claudia Favarota
- Personhood and identity
Mpho Tshivhase, University of Pretoria, South Africa
- Towards Africa's model within a multilateral mediation of conflicts: Philosophy of chronological phases and foreign interactions
Marek Hrubec, Centre of Global Studies, IP CAS, Prague
- Transitional justice in Rwanda and South Africa
Mechthild Nagel, Philosophy and Africana Studies, SUNY Cortland, New York
- 15:45-16:00 Coffee break
- 16:00-17:00 **Panel 7: African Peace Building Philosophical Backgrounds (2)**
 Chair: Mpho Tshivhase
- A Peace and Justice Loving Philosopher in War: Wamba-dia-Wamba and his role in the War in Congo
Gail Presbey, Department of Philosophy, University of Detroit Mercy, Detroit
- Can African philosopher speak of peace? An exploration of peace Building metaphysics in today's Africa
Albert Kasanda, Centre of Global Studies, IP CAS, Prague
- 17:00 **Conclusion**

