

# **African Philosophy in an Intercultural Perspective**

23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference

of the

**International Society for African Philosophy and Studies  
(ISAPS)**

Venue: University of Vienna, Department of Philosophy, Universitaetsstrasse 7/3 (NIG),  
1010 Vienna, Austria

Date: July 10-11, 2017

Conference Organisers: Dr. Anke Graness, Dr. Edwin Etieyibo, Dr. Thomas Hübel

# Programme

## Monday, July 10:

8:00 – 9:00 Registration (**In front of room 3F**)

### Room 3D

9:00 Welcome Session:  
Welcome by the Organisers: Dr. Anke Graness and Dr. Edwin Etieyibo

9:15 Opening Address:  
Prof. Dr. Georg Stenger, Vice Dean of the Faculty of Philosophy and Education and Chair for Philosophy in a Global World

9:45 Welcome Address: Prof. Adams Bodomo, Head of the Department of African Studies and Director of the Research Platform "Global African Diaspora Studies" (GADS)

10:00 Presidential Speech by the President of ISAPS: Prof. Joseph Agbakoba (DVC, Madonna University, Nigeria)

**10:30 Morning Tea (Room 3F)**

11:00 – 12:30 Session 1

Room 3D	Room 3B	Room 3E
Chair: Anke Graness	Chair: Polycarp Ikuenobe	Chair: J. Obi Oguejiofor
<p><b>Sirkku Hellsten</b> (The Nordic Africa Institute, Uppsala, Sweden): <i>Debates on Global Justice: Can there be Reconciliation between African and non-African Philosophy?</i></p> <p><b>Victor C. A. Nweke</b> (University of Calabar, Nigeria): <i>Unveiling the Intercultural Dimension of Conversational Philosophy and its Significance to the Question of Global Justice</i></p>	<p><b>Edwin Etieyibo</b> (University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa): <i>Piety and Conduct: The Case of Confucianism and African Philosophy</i></p> <p><b>Oritsegbubemi Oyowe</b> (University of Western Cape, South Africa) <i>The Strongly Normative View of Personhood</i></p>	<p><b>Anthony Neal</b> (Mississippi State University, USA): <i>An Intercultural Approach to Studying Mysticism as a Philosophy</i></p> <p><b>Pedro Tabensky</b> (Rhodes University, South Africa): <i>Fanon and Camus on the Algerian Question</i></p>

**12:30 – 14:30 Lunch**

14:30 – 16:00

Session 2

Room 3D	Room 3B	Room 3E
<p>Chair: Franz M. Wimmer</p> <p><b>Pasch Mungwini</b> (University of South Africa): <i>Philosophy in the Post-Imperialist World: Towards the Conversation of Humankind</i></p> <p><b>Renate Schepen</b> (University of Humanistic Studies Utrecht, The Netherlands): <i>A non-Eurocentric Approach in the Intercultural Perspective of African Philosophy</i></p>	<p>Chair: Franz Gmainer-Pranzl</p> <p><b>Jacinta Mwende Maweu</b> (University of Nairobi, Kenya): <i>Equality, Difference and the Complementarity of African and Western Philosophy</i></p> <p><b>Franziska Dübgen</b> (University of Kassel, Germany): <i>The Dialectics of Paulin Hountondji's Critical Universalism</i></p>	<p>Chair: Pius Maija Mosima</p> <p><b>Workineh Kelbessa</b> (Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia): <i>Water Ethics</i></p> <p><b>Otto Dennis</b> (Akwa Ibom State University, Nigeria): <i>Obligation to Posterity and African Environmental Intuitionism</i></p>

16:00 – 16:30

Coffee Break (Room 3F)

16:30 – 18:00

Session 3

Room 3D	Room 3B	Room 3E
<p>Chair: Martina Kopf</p> <p><b>Hadeer Abo El Nagah</b> (College of Humanities, Prince Sultan University, Riyadh, KSA): <i>The Philosophical Basis of Gender Issues in the Quran: An Analytical Reading</i></p> <p><b>Polycarp Ikuenobe</b> (Kent State University, USA): <i>The Western Conception of Romantic Love and Polygamy in African Traditions</i></p>	<p>Chair: Joseph Agbakoba</p> <p><b>Stefan Skupien</b> (Berlin Center of Social Science): <i>Philosophy of Science: Paulin Hountondji's Approach to 'Endogeneity' as Southern Theory</i></p> <p><b>Anthony Okpanachi</b> (University of Hull, UK): <i>Reflecting with Karl Popper on Science and its Pedagogy in the Nigerian Context: Possibilities for Rethinking Epistemic Violence</i></p>	<p>Chair: Pasch Mungwini</p> <p><b>Philip Adah Idachaba</b> (Kogi State University, Nigeria): <i>'Border Thinking' and the Demands of Epistemic Justice in African Philosophy</i></p> <p><b>Michael Onyebuchi Eze</b> (Trinity Hall, University of Cambridge, UK): <i>African Intellectual History: Towards a Discourse and Method</i></p>

18:00 – 18:30

Coffee Break (Room 3F)

18:30

Keynote Address: Dismas Masolo (Lecture Hall II, ground floor):  
"ALL PHILOSOPHY AS CULTURAL INQUIRY"

## Tuesday, 11 July:

9:00 – 10:30

Session 4

Room 3D	Room 3B	Room 3E
<p>Chair: Franziska Dübgen</p> <p><b>Kai Horsthemke</b> (KU Eichstätt-Ingolstadt, Germany): <i>"#FactsMustFall"? – African Philosophy in a Post-Truth World</i></p> <p><b>Kevin Behrens</b> (University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa): <i>Are Intercultural Philosophy and a Decolonised Philosophy Curriculum for Africa Incompatible?</i></p>	<p>Chair: Niels Weidtmann</p> <p><b>M. John Lamola</b> (University of Fort Hare, South Africa): <i>The Essence of the Dialectic of the Being and Nothingness of Africanity</i></p> <p><b>Reginald Nnamdi</b> (Nigeria/Austria): <i>Intercultural Philosophy within the Meneistics of African Predicament</i></p>	<p>Chair: Workineh Kelbessa</p> <p><b>Zaato Matthew Nor</b> (Benue State University, Nigeria): <i>Intercultural Philosophy in a Prejudiced-Consciousness World: African Philosophy and the Restoration of African Dignity</i></p>

10:30-11:00

Morning Tea (Room 3F)

11:00 – 12:30

Session 5

Room 3D	Room 3B	Room 3E
<p>Chair: Edwin Etieyibo</p> <p><b>Niels Weidtmann</b> (University of Tübingen, Germany): <i>The Philosophy of Ubuntu</i></p> <p><b>Mechthild Nagel</b> (SUNY Cortland, USA): <i>The Five Phases of Ubuntu</i></p>	<p>Chair: Sergej Seitz</p> <p><b>Dorothea Gädeke</b> (Goethe-Universität Frankfurt, Germany): <i>Is and Ought. How the Ontological Circumscribes the Normative in Kwame Gyekye's Political Philosophy</i></p> <p><b>Pius Maija Mosima</b> (University of Bamenda, Cameroon): <i>From Local to Global: Rethinking the Dynamics of African Philosophy from an Intercultural Perspective</i></p>	<p>Chair: M. John Lamola</p> <p><b>Cyril Chibuzo Ezeani</b> (Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Nigeria): <i>Intercultural Philosophy and Creating a Polylogue of Traditions: Possibilities and Utopias</i></p> <p><b>Charles Nweke/Ignatius Onwuatuegwu</b> (Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Nigeria): <i>African Philosophy in Dialogue with Homocentric Humanism</i></p>

12:30 – 14:30

Lunch

14.30 – 16:00

Session 6

<b>Room 3D</b>	<b>Room 3B</b>	<b>Room 3E</b>
Chair: Kevin Behrens  <b>Anke Graness</b> (University of Vienna, Austria): <i>Ubuntu and Buen Vivir</i>  <b>Ndumiso Dladla</b> (University of South Africa): <i>Ubuntu as a Philosophy of Liberation</i>	Chair: Pedro Tabensky  <b>J. Obi Oguejiofor</b> (Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Nigeria): <i>Leopold Sedar Senghor, African Philosophy and the Challenge of Interculturalism</i>  <b>Angela Roothaan</b> (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, The Netherlands): <i>Bantu Philosophy and the Problem of Religion in Intercultural Philosophy Today</i>	

**16:00**                      **Afternoon tea (Room 3F)**

16:30 – 17:30              ISAPS Annual General Meeting (**Room 3D**)

**19:00**                      **Evening: Conference Dinner – Traditional Viennese Wine Restaurant**