



9th *Asixoxe* (Let's Talk!) Conference on African Philosophy The Genre of Reality: Conflicts, Violence, and War in Africa

Hybrid format, 14th – 15th June 2022

Centre of African Philosophy, University of Bayreuth (Germany), and Centre of Global Studies, Institute of Philosophy of the Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague (Czech Republic)

Tuesday, 14th June 2022

Venue: H 36 (NW III), University Campus, Bayreuth

09:00-9:30 Online connection and welcome

09:30-09:45 Opening addresses

09:45- 10:45 Keynote lecture

Reading International Rape Law from the African South
Louise Du Toit, Stellenbosch University, South Africa

10:45-11:00 Coffee break

11:00- 12:30 Panel I: War, Epistemic Violence, and Resistance

Russia's Growing Military Presence in North Africa (via zoom)
Tereza Nemečková, Lea Melnikovová, Metropolitan University of Prague, Czech Republic

A War of Epistemes: Swahili Novels on HIV/AIDS “partigiani” in the
Epistemic Resistance War.
Cristina Nicolini, SOAS, UK

Radicalism, Political Transition, and the Foundation of Dialogue in Ethiopia
(via zoom)
Fasil Merawi, Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia



12:30-14:00 **Lunch**

14:00-15:00 **Keynote lecture**

War, Post-war, and Africa's Becoming (via zoom)
Pierre-Philippe Fraiture, University of Warwick, UK

15:00-15:15 **Coffee break**

15:15-16:45 **Panel 2: Violence and War in African Creative Writing**

Lye Mudaba Yoka's *Kinshasa, carnets de guerre* (2005), a Multilayered Meditation on War and Resilience
Susanne Gehrman, Humboldt University, Germany

Understanding Conflict, Violence, and War in Africa through African Literature. A Philosophical Reflection (via zoom)
Mary Stella Okolo, Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta, Nigeria

Warrior Mythologies: Fighting for the Future in African Speculative Fiction
Michelle Clarke, University of Bayreuth, Germany

16:45-17:00 **Coffee break**

17:00-19:00 **Panel 3: Paths to Dialogue, Justice, and Reconciliation**

Retrospective on the War in DRC. Grappling with the Loss of Lives (via zoom)
Gail Presbey, University of Detroit Mercy, USA

How to Think of Responsibility for Mass Violence? The Case Study of Acholi Traditional Justice Mechanisms
Benedetta Lanfranchi, University of Bayreuth, Germany

The Centrality of Restorative Justice towards Achieving Transnational Justice in Africa
John Otieno Ouko, Eastern Michigan University, USA

Migration and Epistemic Violence (via zoom)
Bianca Boteva-Richter, Polylog/Vienna University, Austria

19:15-19:30 **Conclusion of the day**



Wednesday, 15th June 2022

Venue: S 59 (RW I)- University Campus, Bayreuth

- 09:00-09:15 **Online connection and welcome**
- 09:15-10:15 **Keynote lecture**
Meditation on the Inhumanity of (Some) Humans (via zoom)
Mpho Tshivhase, University of Pretoria, South Africa
- 10:15-10:30 **Coffee break**
- 10:30-12:30 **Panel 4: Digitalization, Narratives of War, and the War of Narratives**
- Peace and Violence in the Digitality
Claudia Favarato, University of Lisboa, Portugal
- The War of Narratives. The Frameworks of Argumentation in the Tigray Conflict (via zoom)
Viktor Marsai, National University of Public Service, Budapest, Hungary
- Layers of War in Contemporary Horn of Africa
Alemayehu Kumsa, Škoda Auto University, Mladá Boleslav, Czech Republic
- 12:30-14:00 **Lunch**
- 14:00-15:00 **Keynote lecture:**
- Beyond Universalism and Particularism: Thinking about Political Violence in Africa (via zoom)
Yahya Sseremba, Makerere University, Kampala, Uganda
- 15:00-15:15 **Coffee break**
- 15:15-16:45 **Panel 5: African Theories of Violence**
- A Comparative Analysis of the Ideologies of Fanon, Thiong'o, and Biko vs the Student Uprising of 2015 in South Africa.
Linda Scott, Vaal University of Technology, South Africa
- La guerre à l'aune de la poésie guerrière et de la chanson en Kinyarwanda
Chantal Gishoma, University of Bayreuth, Germany
- Understanding African Political Theories of Violence. A Conceptual and Comparative Approach.
Albert Kasanda, Centre of Global Studies, Institute of Philosophy, CAS, Prague, Czech Republic



16:45-17:00 Coffee break

17:00-18:00 African Philosophies of War

Tanzania's Philosophies of War: From 1885 to the Present
Dyonis Kindata, University of Bayreuth, Germany

Failing Fanon: On African Philosophies of War
Alena Rettová, University of Bayreuth, Germany

Mbay Jaxate on the Dualism between Earthly Life and Afterlife
Emiliano Minerba, L'Orientale, Italy, and University of Bayreuth, Germany

18:00-18:15 Coffee break

18:15-19:15 **Keynote Lecture**
Phenomenology of War
Abraham Olivier, Fort Hare University, Fort Hare, South Africa

19:15-19:30 **Conclusion**