



# 8<sup>th</sup> *Asixoxe* (Let's Talk!) Conference on African Philosophy The Genre of Reality: African Philosophy in the Covid-19 Crisis

Online, 15<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> June 2021

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

Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> June 2021

09:00-9:30 Online connection and welcome

09:30-10:00 Opening addresses

10:00- 11:30 Keynote Lecture

The Text of Covid-19: Conceptualizing a Pandemic (to be confirmed)  
*Prof. Paulin Hountondji, Benin University, Benin*

11:30-11:45 Coffee break

11:45- 13:15 Panel I: Early-Career Researcher Forum

Covid-19 and Liberal Democracy in Guinea Bissau: A Tale of Mistrust  
*Claudia Favarato, University of Lisbon*

From VVU/UKIMWI (HIV/AIDS) to UVIKO-19 (Covid-19): An  
Epistemological Analysis of Pandemics in Tanzania through Swahili  
Literature  
*Cristina Nicolini, SOAS, London*

Finding Fortitude in Suffering: Nigerian Covid-19 Blues  
*Esther Opeyemi Joseph, Federal University Wukari, Taraba State, Nigeria*

13:15-14:45 Lunch



14:45-15:45 **Keynote Lecture**

Humanitarianism in Africa: Challenges and Opportunities  
*Prof. Rogaiia Abusharaf, Georgetown University-Qatar*

15:45-16:00 **Coffee break**

16:00-17:30 **Panel 2: Roundtable discussion I**

Battles for Narratives- The Covid-19 and African Violent Extremist Organizations

*Viktor Marsai, University of Public Service- Migration Research Institute, Budapest, Hungary*

The Danger of a Single Story: Philosophy, Alter-Narrativity and Counter Narrativity in Pre-Covid Era in Nigeria

*Ayokunmi O. Ojebode, University of Nottingham, Nottingham, UK*

Les temps africains du monde

*Severino Ngoenha, Maputo National University, Maputo, Mozambique*

17:30-17:45 **Coffee break**

17:45-18:45 **Keynote Lecture**

Title: to be confirmed

*Professor Dismas Masolo, Louisville University*

## Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> June 2021

9:30-10:00 **Online Connection and Welcome**

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

Covid-19, Health Consciousness, and the Advent of the Techno-genetic Body: What about African Agency?

*Prof. John Lamola, Institute for Intelligent Systems of the University of Johannesburg, Johannesburg, South Africa*

11:00-11:15 **Coffee break**

11:15-12:45 **Panel 3: Phenomenology and Narrative Forum**

Dread, the African bed-bug aphorism and Nigerian Covid-19 Humour



*Ignatius Chukwuma, Federal University Wukari, Taraba State, Nigeria*

Le regard des artistes rwandais sur la situation sanitaire de la Covid-19

*Chantal Gishona, University of Bayreuth*

Socio-cultural Beliefs and Understandings of Covid-19: Nigerian Perspectives

*Hassan AttaruGwandu, Federal University Birnin Kebbi, Nigeria*

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

14:15-15:15 **Keynote Lecture**

Death and the Digital: An Affordance of Mourning in Times of Covid-19

*Dr. Irina Turner, University of Bayreuth, Bayreuth, Germany*

15:15-15:30 **Coffee break**

15:30-17:00 **Panel 4: Roundtable Discussion 2**

African Philosophy and the Nonhuman: The Challenge of Humanism in the  
New Coronavirus Crisis

*Alena Rettová, University of Bayreuth, Bayreuth, Germany*

Covid-19 and Regional War in the Horn of Africa

*Alemayehu Kumsa, Škoda University Mladá Boleslav/Charles University, Faculty of  
Humanity, Prague)*

We are not your guinea pigs. Approaching the reluctance of African people to  
the anti-Covid-19 vaccine

*Albert Kasanda, Centre of Global Studies, Institute of Philosophy, CAS, Prague*

17:00 **Conclusion**