

**Centre of Global Studies IP CAS (Prague)**

**Invites to**

***Asixoxe* (Let's Talk!) Conference on African Philosophy**

**Africa in a Cosmopolitan and Polycentric World:  
Violence, Conflict Mediation, and Peace Building Dynamics**

15<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> June 2020

**Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> 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 1: 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 Odotola, University of Florida, Gainesville, USA*

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, Ethiopia*

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, 17<sup>th</sup> 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, Ethiopia*

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, Portugal*
- Contradictions and challenges in representing the past: Narratives of the Herero genocide of 1904 in postcolonial Namibia  
*Hana Horáková, Kateřina Mildnerová, Palacký University Olomouc, Czech Republic*
- 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, Czech Republic*
- Transitional justice in Rwanda and South Africa  
*Mechthild Nagel, Philosophy and Africana Studies, SUNY Cortland, New York, USA*
- 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, USA*
- 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, Czech Republic*
- 17:00 **Conclusion**