

## InterPhil: CFP: Contributions to African Phenomenology Call for Papers

Theme: Contributions to African Phenomenology

Type: International Colloquium

Institution: University of Fort Hare

University of Pretoria

North-West University

Centre for Phenomenology in South Africa (CPSA)

Location: Chintsa (South Africa)

Date: 5.–6.3.2020

Deadline: 30.9.2019

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African phenomenology is an emerging subfield within the broader domain of African and Africana philosophy. The phenomenological method, with its various approaches to studying the meaning of human experience, has been a cornerstone in the thought of African Philosophers such as Paulin Hountondji, Tsenay Serequeberhan and D.A. Masolo, and proponents of Africana Philosophy such as Frantz Fanon, Lucius Outlaw and Lewis Gordon. While this philosophical approach has most evidently informed such thinkers, their contributions are often 'siloed', separated from, or neglected in the larger discursive terrain of African/Africana philosophy, postcolonialism/decolonisation, and the global phenomenology movement. The purpose of this colloquium is to explore contributions of African phenomenology to African/Africana philosophy, postcolonial/decolonial discourse, and deliberations within the international phenomenological community.

Format:

- The event will be centered around four keynote speakers, speaking individually, and with two response papers tailored to their specific paper, thus 4 Keynotes with 8 respondents.
- Thereafter, a moderator will generate discussion between the keynotes and respondents, and eventually will conduct a Q&A session with the general audience.
- Each keynote will be given 60 minutes to speak and the respondents will be given 15 minutes each (30 minutes in total). The general Q&A

will last 30 minutes. Each session will last approximately 120 minutes.

#### Potential Research Output:

The organizing committee has discussed a possible special issue or anthology that will publish the keynote speakers' papers along with responses. It may conclude with the keynotes formally responding to said responses, or perhaps a transcription of a roundtable discussion.

#### Confirmed speakers:

1. Prof. Lewis Gordon, University of Connecticut, USA
2. Prof. Paulin Hountondji, University of Louisville, USA
3. Prof. Rozena Maart, UKZN, RSA
4. Prof. Achille Mbembe, Wits, RSA

Papers should be made available by 15 January 2020 for distribution to and selection by respondents.

#### Confirmed respondents:

1. Dr. Chris Allsobrook, University of Fort Hare, RSA
2. Prof. Patrick Eldridge, University of New Brunswick, Canada
3. Prof. Andrea Hurst, NMU, RSA
4. Prof. Bernard Matolino, UKZN, RSA
5. Prof. Uchenna Okeja, Rhodes University, RSA
6. Prof. Mogobe Ramose (summative respondent), University in Ga-Rankuwa, RSA

#### Submission:

A few slots remain for respondents. Those who are interested in being a respondent, please submit a motivation to [aolivier@ufh.ac.za](mailto:aolivier@ufh.ac.za) or [abrahamolivier@gmail.com](mailto:abrahamolivier@gmail.com) by 30 September 2019.

#### Venue:

Crawford Beach Lodge in Chintsa, South Africa

#### Organisers:

Abraham Olivier (UFH), Justin Sands (NWU), Malesela J. Lamola (UP), Keo Mbebe (UP)

#### Program frame:

Day 1:

14:00-14:15 Opening

14:15-16:15 Session one: Achille Mbembe

17:00-19:00 Session two: Rozena Maart

Day 2

9:30-11:30: Session three: Paulin Hountondji

13:00-15:00 Session four: Lewis Gordon

15:30-16:30 Session five: Panel discussion with keynotes and  
summative response by Mogobe Ramose

16:30 Close

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