# 9th Asixoxe –Let’s Talk! Conference on African Philosophy

## The Genre of Reality: Conflicts, Violence, and War in Africa

The aspiration to peace can be seen as a legitimate desire for every individual and a fundamental right for every human community. Why, then, is so much conflict, violence, and war constitutive of the daily lives of African people? These phenomena are so rooted in the lives of Africans that they appear to transform peace into a mirage. Is *polemos*, then,the ultimate explanation of any human initiative, at both the individual and collective levels? A wide range of theoretical paradigms are evoked to account for the presence of armed conflict and war in Africa, ranging from ethnic antagonism, racism, class struggle, and religious fundamentalism, down to the conquest of political power, the control of mineral resources and the sharing of dividends, or the interference of the West.

The theme of this year's *Asixoxe (Let's Talk!) Conference on African Philosophy* was decided prior to 24th February, when Russia invaded its neighbour country. The war in Ukraine, however, adds new urgency to theorizations of war and violence in postcolonial and postimperial contexts.

We invite papers that explore issues raised by conflicts, violence, and war in Africa. The conference focuses on philosophical, political, literary, and communicational challenges related to these phenomena. It seeks to analyse the meaning of violence and the impact of conflicts and war on African lives, communities, and development, as well as strategies implemented to promote peace in Africa.

Possible topics include:

* African philosophies of war
* strategies for peace and conflict resolution
* phenomenology of war
* economic war and economy of war
* weapons and weapons industry in Africa
* sexual violence and war
* social media, violence, and war
* religion and war
* interpersonal violence and structural violence
* epistemic violence and epistemology of violence
* representations of conflicts, violence, and war in African literature
* relationships between war and art

*Asixoxe –Let’s Talk! Conference on African Philosophy* isorganized jointly by the University of Bayreuth and the Centre of Global Studies (CGS) of the Institute of Philosophy of the Czech Academy of Sciences. Theconference will be held in **a hybrid form at the University of Bayreuth and online,** **on 15th -16th June 2022**.

**Titles and abstracts of 200-250 words,** as well as any queries, should be sent 15th May 2022 to Dr Albert Kasanda (CGS, Prague), **kasanda@flu.cas.cz**. Each speaker will be given 20 minutes for the presentation, with subsequent 10 minutes for questions and discussion. We envisage a publication of selected papers from the conference. There is no registration fee for presenters and other participants. English is the working language.