



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

Online, 15th – 16th 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, 15th 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- 13:45 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



Democratising Sudan from below in times of Covid-19
Yeelen Monteiro, Università Vita-Salute San Raffaele, Milan, Italy

13:45-14:45 **Lunch**

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

Humanitarianism in Africa: Challenges and Opportunities
Prof. Rogaiya 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
Prof. Dismas Masolo, Louisville University

Wednesday, 16th 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**