

***Asixoxe (Let's Talk!) Conference on African Philosophy  
Africa in a Cosmopolitan and Polycentric World  
Violence, Conflict Mediation, and Peace Building Dynamics***

Prague, 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 I: 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 Odutola, University of Florida, Gainesville*

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