Africa in a Polycentric World: Cosmopolitanism and the Local
Asixoxe – Let’s Talk! Conference on African Philosophy

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Venue: Academic Conference Centre
(The Czech Academy of Sciences, Husova 4a, Prague 1)

Monday, 18th June

9:30 Registration
10:00 – 10:15 Opening Session
Opening addresses by CGS and SOAS Representatives

10:15 – 11:30 Keynote Lecture
The problematic non-Western cosmopolitanism in Africa today: Grappling with a modernity and outside history
Stephen Chan, SOAS, University of London
Chair: Alena Rettova

11:30 – 11:45 Coffee break

11:45 – 12:45 Panel 1: Narratives of Cosmopolitanism (1)
Chair: Zuzana Uhde

Cosmopolitan patriots: Social positioning of a Malian generation in times of crumbling state
Noemi Steuer, Centre for African Studies, Basel

Challenges to cultural and political cosmopolitanism: the impact of racialised discourses on South African democracy
Hana Horakova, Metropolitan University Prague

12:45 – 14:15 Lunch

14:15 – 15:15 Panel 2: Narratives of Cosmopolitanism (2)
Chair: Michelle Clarke

African Philosophy in the last 25 years: cosmopolitanism, decoloniality, and the challenge of the particular,
Alena Rettova, SOAS, University of London

Cosmopolitanism and the English Language in South Africa
Stephanie Rudwick, University of Leipzig

15:15 – 15:30 Coffee Break

15:30 – 16:30 Panel 3: Narratives of Cosmopolitanism (3)
Chair: Jiří Krejčík
Are we all Afropolitans now? Afropolitanism in recent Nigerian women’s writing.
Dobrota Pucherova, Institute of World Literature, Slovak Academy of Sciences

Clash of epistemes in the representation of HIV/AIDS in Swahili drama
Cristina Nicolini, SOAS, University of London

16:30 – 16:45 Coffee break

16:45 – 18:00 **Keynote Lecture**
Writing at the frontiers of knowledge: African speculative fiction as a site of ecological knowledge production
Michelle Clarke, SOAS, University of London
Chair: Marek Hrubec

**Tuesday, 19th June**

9:30 Registration

10:00 – 11:15 **Keynote Lecture**
Sub-Saharan Africa and the global « Belt and Road Initiative »; A comparative polycentric perspective
Marek Hrubec, Centre of Global Studies, IP, The Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague
Chair: Hana Horakova

11:15 – 11:30 Coffee break

11:30 – 12:30 **Panel 4: Cosmopolitanism and the global order (1)**
Chair: Martin Brabec

Being Africans of the world. Is Afropolitanism a cosmopolitanism?
Albert Kasanda, Centre of Global Studies, IP, The Czech Academy of Sciences

UN migration agenda and African macro-region: Deficits of the current global migration regime and possibilities of cosmopolitanism
Zuzana Uhde, Institute of Sociology, The Czech Academy of Sciences

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 15:00 **Panel 5: Cosmopolitanism and the global order (2)**
Chair: Stephanie Rudwick

The demographic determinants of Africa’s changing global position
Valéria Bankoová, Dpt of Near eastern and African Studies, Charles University, Prague

Ubuntu and the concept of cosmopolitanism
Anke Graness, Dpt of Philosophy, University of Vienna

15:00 – 16:30 Conclusions, Books Launching, and Refreshment