

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