

Africa in a Polycentric World: The African Youth and Civil Society

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

Monday, 17th June

- 09 : 00 – 09 : 30 *Registration and Welcome*
- 09 : 30 - 10 : 00 **Opening Addresses**
Nicol Adamcová, Director of Department of Sub-Saharan Africa, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic;
Michal Pullmann, Dean of Faculty of Arts, Charles University in Prague;
Representatives of Centre of Global Studies (Prague) and SOAS (London)
- 10 : 00 – 11 : 00 **Keynote Lecture**
A frame work for intergeneration knowledge exchange network and the role of IT
Berhanu Beyene, African Institute of Governance and Development, Ethiopian Civil Service University, Addis Ababa
Chair: Marek Hrubec
- 11 : 00- 11 : 15 **Coffee break**
- 11 : 15 – 12 : 45 **Panel 1 : Africa and global institutional patterns**
Chair : Stephanie Rudwick
- The political self in traditional political power of Guinea Bissau. An ontological challenge to cosmopolitanism
Claudia Favarato, Centro de Estudos Africanos, University of Lisbon
- Beyond Afrogenism, what next?
Isaiah A. Negedu, College of Humanities, University of Kwazulu-Natal
- From communities to the world parliament: Africa's relations to other macro-regions of the world
Marek Hrubec, Centre of Global Studies, IP, Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague
- 12 : 45 – 14 : 15 **Lunch**

14 : 15 – 15 : 15 **Kenynote Lecture**
Understanding the philosophy of Africa in a cosmopolitan and polycentric world through language
Mary Stella Okolo, Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta, Ogun State, Nigeria
Chair : Alena Rettova

15 : 15 – 15 : 30 **Coffee break**

15 :30 – 17 : 00 **Panel 2 : African philosophy, creative writing and languages**
Chair : Hana Horakova

Philosophy and genre. Creating a texts basis for African philosophy
Alena Rettova, SOAS, University of London

Gender in African urban youth languages : the case of *isitsotsi*
Mthuli Buthelezi and Stephanie Rudwick, University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa

The gendered realism of Ama Ata Aidoo's *Changes : A love Story*
Stuti Pachisia, SOAS, University of London

17 :00 – 17 : 15 **Coffee Break**

17 : 15 - 18 : 45 **Pannel 3 : African actors and today's challenges**
Chair : Kole Odotola

The Challenges of Africa in the 21st century: Democracy, Environment, Inequalities, and their intersectionality
Alemayehu Kumsa, Škoda Auto University, Mladá Boleslav, Czech Republic

The political economy of transnational migration : local and global actors in the region of Eastern Africa
Zuzana Uhde, Institute of Sociology, Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague

The Youth and the clans – the Somali society and al-Shabaab
Viktor Marsai, National University of Public Service, Budapest, Hungary

18 : 45 **Refreshment**

Tuesday, 18th June

09 : 30 - 10 : 00 **Welcome**

10 : 00 - 11 : 00 **Keynote Lecture**
Eurocentrism, Violence and Liberation Philosophy : A trans-modern Cosmopolitanism
Binyam Mekonnen, Department of Philosophy, Addis Ababa University
Chair: Albert Kasanda

- 11 : 00 - 11 : 15 **Coffee break**
- 11 : 15 - 12 : 45 **Panel 4 : Higher Education, Decolonization and Digitalization**
 Chair : Claudia Favaroti
- Can digitalization be a vehicle for decolonial education?
Irina Turner, Bayreuth University, Germany
- Higher education and decolonization: Developing African approaches
Linda Scott, Vaal University of Technology, Gauteng, South Africa
- A wave of digital Anglophone African short stories
Violetta Jojo Verge, University of Laguna, Tenerife, Spain
- 12 : 45 -14 : 15 **Lunch**
- 14 : 15 – 15 :15 **Panel 5 : African civil society and Creativing writing**
 Chair : Jiri Krejcik
- Africa and its civil society : Reflections on people, profit and politics
Kole Odutola, University of Florida, Gainesville, USA
- Ken Saro-Wiwa’s creative writing and commitment
Vladimir Klima, Czech Association of African Studies, Prague
- 15 :15 - 15 :30 **Coffee Break**
- 15 : 30 - 16 : 30 **Panel 6 : African youth and politics**
 Chair : Alemayehu Kumsa
- Ethiopia : The road to democratic transition
Takele Bekele Baya, National University of Public Service, Budapest, Hungary
- African youth and peace searching. Case study : The Lucha platform (DRC)
Albert Kasanda, Centre of Global Studies, IP, Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague
- 16 :30 - **Conclusion and Refreshment**