



UNIVERSITY OF GHANA

Institute of African Studies,
Revisiting the Afro-Asian futures pasts of the Decolonizing Era
invites you
to a Workshop titled

**THEORIZING AFRICAN POLITICAL & SOCIAL THOUGHT
FOR KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTION**



Program Outline

PRESENTATIONS, FIRE SIDE CHAT AND STRATEGY SESSIONS.

Objectives: *The workshop hopes to contribute to the body of knowledge around African political and social thought by answering the following questions:*

1. How can a rethinking of the contributions of known and unknown Pan-African social and political theorists as occupying the center lead to the re-conceptualization of knowledge production and intellectual history?
2. How can such an approach, which interrogates questions of representation, legacy, resistance and resilience, lead to the decolonization of knowledge production in Africa?
3. Identify and create African-centered theories that can be used to examine political, social, economic and cultural life and resistance in Global Africa.

Resource persons: Emerita Prof. Takyiwaa Manuh (Institute of African Studies, University of Ghana)
Prof. Dr. Zizwe Poe (History, Political Science & Philosophy, Lincoln University)

Date: November 21–22, 2019 | Venue: Institute of African Studies, University of Ghana.



Day One (21st November 2019)

9:00am	Welcome and Participant Introductions
9:30am	<p>Session I-Moderated by Mjiba Frehiwot</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Concepts and Theories in Rethinking the Study of Africa-Faisal Garba Muhammed-University of Cape Town 2. Conceptualising Black Intellectual History in South Africa: method and limitations-Ayesha Omar-University of Witwatersrand 3. Knowledge Production in Africa: Past vis-à-vis Present- Valence V.M.Silayo- Stella Maris Mtwara University College 4. New Directions for Decolonial Moves in Africa: Theory, Praxis and Institutional Change-Chika Mba-University of Ghana <p>Reflection from Resource Persons</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. Emerita Professor Takyiwaa Manuh-University of Ghana B. Professor Zizwe Poe-Lincoln University (PA) <p>Collective Discussion</p>

11:30am	Coffee Break
11:45am	<p>Working-Group Session I</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How can a rethinking of the contributions of known and unknown Pan-African social and political theorists as occupying the center lead to the re-conceptualization of knowledge production and intellectual history? 2. How can such an approach, which interrogates questions of representation, legacy, resistance and resilience, lead to the decolonization of knowledge production in Africa? 3. Identify and create African-centered theories that can be used to examine political, social, economic and cultural life and resistance in Global Africa. <p>Convened by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Edem Adotey-University of Ghana 2. Kofi Asante-University of Ghana
1:00pm	Lunch
2:00pm	<p>Session II-Moderated by Faisal Garba Muhammed</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. African Intellectual History and Historiographical Considerations from the Horn of Africa-Timnet Gedar-University of Michigan 2. The Ubuntu Philosophy, Pan-Africanism and the Restoration of the World- Gnaka Lagoke-Lincoln University (PA) 3. Mapping Knowledge in Indigeneity: Invention of Sankofa- Genevieve Nrenzah-University of Ghana 4. Consciencism, the African Personality and the construction of alternative theories from Global Africa-Mjiba Frehiwot-University of Ghana <p>Reflection from Resource Persons</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. Emerita Professor Takyiwaa Manuh-University of Ghana B. Professor Zizwe Poe-Lincoln University (PA) <p>Collective Discussion</p>
4:00pm	Coffee Break
4:15pm	<p>Working Group Session II</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How can a rethinking of the contributions of known and unknown Pan-African social and political theorists as occupying the center lead to the re-conceptualization of knowledge production and intellectual history? 2. How can such an approach, which interrogates questions of representation, legacy, resistance and resilience, lead to the decolonization of knowledge production in Africa? 3. Identify and create African-centered theories that can be used to examine political, social, economic and cultural life and resistance in Global Africa. <p>Convened by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Edem Adotey-University of Ghana

	2. Kofi Asante-University of Ghana
5:30pm	Health Break
6:00pm	Public Lecture Moderator: Faisal Garba Muhammed-University of Cape Town Speakers: 1. Ayesha Omar-University of Witwatersrand 2. Mario Nisbett-University of Cape Coast 3. Sithandiwe Yeni-University of Western Cape 4. Valence V.M.Silayo- Stella Maris Mtwara University College Performance by the Ghana Dance Ensemble

Day Two (22nd November 2019)

9:00am	Session III-Moderated by Ayesha Omar 1. Migration and Hybridity as Chroniclers of African Fiction-Dina Yerima-University of Nigeria, Nsukka 2. Upright and Center: A Community Curriculum for Pan-African Identity and Agency-Marcella McCoy-Deh-Thomas Jefferson University/University of Ghana 3. Mining deals, Traditional leadership, Violation of Land Rights and Peasants Resistance in Communal Areas; South Africa-Sithandiwe Yeni-University of Western Cape 4. Jurisprudence, Black Thought and Constitutional Abolitionism: Reflections on the Azanian Tradition-Joel Modiri-University of Pretoria Reflection from Resource Persons A. Emerita Professor Takyiwaa Manuh-University of Ghana B. Professor Zizwe Poe-Lincoln University (PA) Collective Discussion
11:00am	Coffee Break
11:15am	Working Group Session III 1. How can a rethinking of the contributions of known and unknown Pan-African social and political theorists as occupying the center lead to the re-conceptualization of knowledge production and intellectual history? 2. How can such an approach, which interrogates questions of representation, legacy, resistance and resilience, lead to the decolonization of knowledge production in Africa? 3. Identify and create African-centered theories that can be used to examine political, social, economic and cultural life and resistance in Global Africa. Convened by: 1. Edem Adotey-University of Ghana 2. Kofi Asante-University of Ghana
12:30pm	Lunch

1:30pm	Working Group Report Back 1. Edem Adotey-University of Ghana 2. Kofi Asante-University of Ghana
3:30pm	Next Steps and Launch of the Global Africa Working Group
7:00pm	Group Dinner-Jamrock Restaurant (http://www.jamrock.com.gh/)

Note: We will have a convener for each of the working-group sessions. If you are interested in convening one of the working group sessions, please inform Dr. Mjiba Frehiwot