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2018 AfriScon International Conference Call for Papers

Theme

Knowledge loss, bondage and regrets in post-contact societies

Venue

**Faculty of arts,
University of Nigeria, Nsukka**

Date

9-13 December 2018

Scholarly discussions around the experiences of most post-contact societies are encountered through theoretically and methodologically radical works such as found within the purview of postcolonial studies. We get a sense of the particularities and the universals in how colonial legacies are experienced and challenged. Yet, we must acknowledge the persistent domination of received over the indigenous knowledges in Africa for instance. In the Africanity Scholars inaugural conference, we ask how one might conceptualise loss, bondage, and regret in thinking about the tensions between autochthonous and heterochthonous knowledge systems. How do religion, technology, culture, society, disciplinary formations, academic discourses, etc. structure and simultaneously play as the sites of these tensions? Papers are invited from academics, scholars, practitioners and advocates of indigenous knowledge systems and graduate students whose research interests relate to these questions. Paper presenters can address the following and any other related themes:

(1) Paradigms, research agenda and the framing of reality

(A) Authenticating realities and understanding paradigmatic positions among the Indigenous people

- Dr Elizabeth Currie (University of York)
- John Kelechi Ugwuanyi (University of York/

University of Nigeria

Contact: elizabeth.currie@york.ac.uk. For panel abstract, see <https://afrisconconference.wordpress.com/panel-abstracts/>

(2) 'Discursive formations': Inclusion and exclusion

(A) Land, custom, inclusionary and exclusionary discourses and practices in African communities

- Dr Chidi Ugwu (University of Nigeria, Nsukka)
- Professor Horman Chitonge (University of Cape Town)

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(3) The politics of knowledge production (traditional, contemporary, etc.) in post-contact societies.

(4) Western research methodologies and knowledge production in post- contact Societies

(5) Indigenous methodologies: patterns and typologies

(6) Who owns knowledge? The researcher? The researched? The funder? The publisher? Society?

(7) Who studies who? For who? For what?

(8) Gender roles and contestations in knowledge production

(9) New cultures (Internet, social media, etc.) and the re-ordering of epistemologies

(10) Visual epistemologies: seeing and knowing

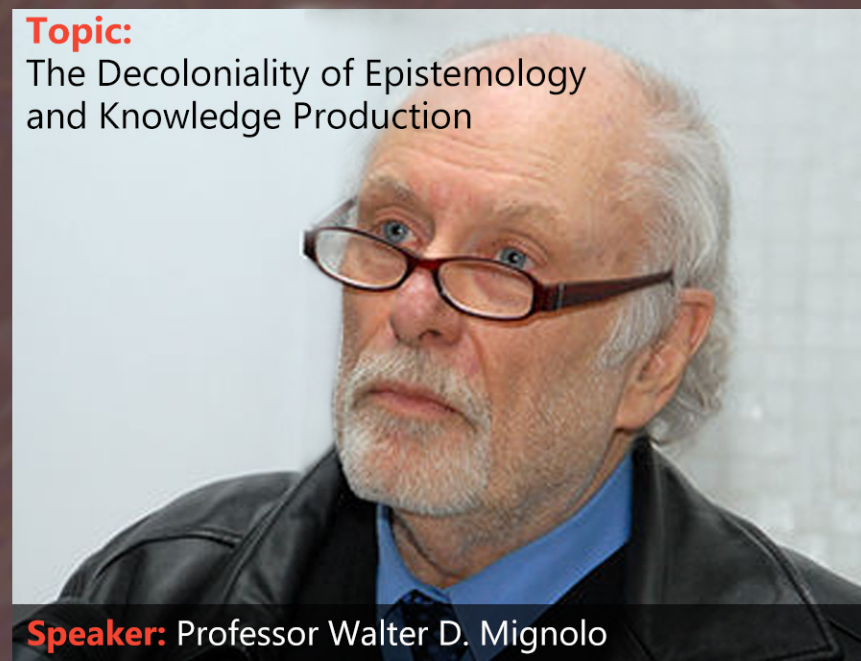
(11) Knowledge policing: theory and practice (publishers, institutional gatekeepers, hiring and promotional practices, etc.)

(12) Language, ideology and knowledge

Keynote Speech

Topic:

The Decoloniality of Epistemology and Knowledge Production



Speaker: Professor Walter D. Mignolo

Paper Submission

Interested persons can submit abstracts of 250 words addressed to any of the above and related themes to info@afriscon.org. Deadline for paper submission is **31 August 2018** and can be made in English or any indigenous languages provided the abstract is translated into the English Language. Call the following lines for further information: +2348068092148 (Nigeria); +18477355169 (USA); +447771725434 (UK). For more information about the conference, visit the conference blog <https://afrisconconference.wordpress.com/> and about AfriScon, visit <http://www.afriscon.org/>