



**African Studies Association**

**AFRICAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION  
63<sup>rd</sup> VIRTUAL ANNUAL MEETING**

**THE HOUR OF DECISION: POWER, PERSISTENCE, PURPOSE, AND  
POSSIBILITY IN AFRICAN STUDIES**

**Thursday, November 19 – Saturday, November 21, 2020**

**Program Committee Chairs:**  
**Prinisha Badassy, University of Witwatersrand**  
**Carina Ray, Brandeis University**

**Discussant:**

Cheryl Mei-Ting Schmitz, East China Normal University

**XV-P-16 Fighting High-Level Corruption in Africa: The Politics and Realities of Law Enforcement**

Saturday, November 21, 8:00-9:45am Eastern

Chair: Gerhard Anders, University of Edinburgh

*Cashgate and law enforcement: Going after big fish and small fry in Malawi*

Gerhard Anders, University of Edinburgh

*No Business as Usual for Financial Criminals? Enabling and Constraining Factors for Effective Law Enforcement in Tanzania*

Fortunata Makene, Economic and Social Research Foundation, Dar es Salaam

*Anti-Corruption Law Enforcement in Nigeria: Innovative or Ineffective?*

Matthew Page, Chatham House

*Moving from Inter-agency Rivalry to Collaboration: Towards a Solution in the Fight Against Corruption in Nigeria*

Fatima Kere Ahmed, Code of Conduct Bureau Nigeria

**Discussant:**

Ricardo Soares de Oliveira, University of Oxford

**XV-R-5 Sports, Violence, and The Nation**

Saturday, November 21, 8:00-9:45am Eastern

Chair: Sean Jacobs, The New School

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*"We Played on Egazini, the Place of Blood." Soccer, nostalgia, and violence.*

Shawn Forde, University of British Columbia

*Ungovernable Football: Sports, Crime and the Nation in 1980s South Africa*

Sean Jacobs, The New School

*"The Gist of the [game] is Played out on the Edges of the Cricket Boundary": The History of an Indian Cricket Team in Africa, 1934-1995*

Trishula Patel, Georgetown University

*AFC Leopards' Ingve Against Gor Mabilia's Nyandbi: Football Fandom and the Construction Post-Colonial Identities in Kenya*

Solomon Waliaula, Maasai Mara University

**Discussant:**

Peter Alegi, Michigan State University

**XV-V-13 Author Meets Critic: Babel Unbound: Rage, Reason and Rethinking Public Life**

Saturday, November 21, 8:00-9:45am Eastern

Chair: Susana Molins Lliteras, University of Cape Town

Book title: *Babel Unbound: Rage, Reason and Rethinking Public Life*

Author: Lesley Cowling, University of the Witwatersrand

**Critics:**

Jacob Dlamini, Princeton University

Shireen Hassim, Carleton University

Rehana Odendaal, University of Pennsylvania

**Session XVI****XVI-A-1 Theory and Philosophy of Queerness, Blackness, and Africaness in African Studies**

Saturday, November 21, 10:00-11:45am Eastern

Chair: Oludamini Ogunnaike, University of Virginia

*"Symbolic Rebirth": Sylvia Wynter's significance for the Study of African Philosophy and Religions*

Oludamini Ogunnaike, University of Virginia

*Telling Impossible Stories: Critical Fabulation, Queer African Studies and The Archive*

Chido Muchemwa, University of Toronto

*Queer and African studies: theoretical possibilities and decolonial knowledge*

Dorothee Boulanger, University of Oxford

*Still on the question of the 'African' in African Studies: A Case for - and the problems of - the Fourth Dimension*

Surajudeen Mudasiru, Lagos State University and Abdul-Gafar Oluwatobiloba Oshodi, Lagos State University

**XVI-B-7 Geopoetics of Care and Repair in the Postcolony Part IV: Care and Repair in Digitopian presents and Futures**

Saturday, November 21, 10:00-11:45am Eastern

Chair: Adeline Masquelier, Tulane University

*Hacking Digital Infrastructures: 'Democratizing Technology' in Lomé's 'Maker Movement' (Togo)*

Janine Patricia Santos, University of Leuven

*Harm and care within environmental justice framings at an e-waste hotspot in Accra (Ghana)*

Grace Abena Akese, University of Bayreuth

*Care and Electronics Repairers in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania*

Christian Medaas, University of Oslo

**Discussants:**

Brenda Chalfin, University of Florida

**XVI-C-18 Pandemic Consequences: Historical and Contemporary Responses to Disease, Part I**

Saturday, November 21, 10:00-11:45am Eastern

Chair: Jennifer Hart, Wayne State University

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*Architecting a New Normal: Past Pandemics and the Medicine of Urban Planning*

Tony Yeboah, Yale University