

Workshop Programme/Programmes des ateliers Point Sud 2023
Afrotopia(s) – emerging futures in arts, politics and religion
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Institut des Sciences des Sociétés, Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, 14–18 February 2023

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Convenors: Antje Daniel (University of Vienna, Friedrich-Alexander University),
Magnus Echter (Leipzig University), Melina C. Kalfelis (Goethe University Frankfurt/Main),
Samuel Ndogo (Moi University), Emilie G. Sanon-Ouattara (Joseph Ki-Zerbo University)

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Schedule

Tuesday, 14 February 2023

- 10:00–10:10** **Welcome 1/Mots de Bienvenue 1**
Point Sud and/et INSS
- 10:10–10:30** **Welcome 2/Mots de Bienvenue 2**
Émilie G. Sanon-Ouattara (Joseph Ki-Zerbo University)
- 10:30–12:00** **Keynote**
Antje Daniel (University of Vienna/Friedrich Alexander University)
- 12:00–13:30** **Lunch/Déjeuner**
- 13:30–15:30** **Panel 1: Fictional Utopias and Political Philosophy/Utopies fictionnelles et philosophie politique**
Chair/Modération: Samuel Ndogo (Moi University)
[Amatoritsero Ede \(Mount Allison University\)](#)
"Afrotopia, Afropolitanism and Afrorealism"
[Martins Kwazema \(Abo Akademi University\)](#)
"Capturing the Afrotopos in Ghana's December 31st Revolution 1982–1992: The Past Futures Framework as an Analytical Construct"
- 15:30** **Coffee Break/Pause-café**
- 18:30** **Opening Dinner/diner**

Wednesday, 15 February 2023

- 10:00–12:00** **Panel 2: Prismatic Perspectives on Utopia/Perspectives prismatiques sur l'utopie**
Chair/Modération: Émilie G. Sanon-Ouattara (Joseph Ki-Zerbo University)
[Joseph Tonda \(University Omar Bongo\)](#)
"De l'utopie coloniale au 'sentiment antifrçais'. Une lecture afrodystopique"
[Yacouba Banhero \(UJKZ, Ouagadougou\)](#)
"Démocratie et système partisan en Afrique: Innovations dans la gestion politique?"
[Ezai Nana \(CNRST\) & Paul-Marie Moyenga \(Joseph Ki-Zerbo University\)](#)
"Des ressources aux richesses: dystopie du développement en Afrique"
- 12:00–13:30** **Lunch/Déjeuner**

- 13:30–15:30** **Panel 3: Utopia in/of Development/L'utopie dans/du développement**
Chair/Modération: Antje Daniel (University of Vienna/Friedrich-Alexander University)
[Joseph Agbakoba \(University of Nigeria\)](#)
"Transcoloniality and Afro-Developmentarianism: Towards a new vision of Africanity and Development" (online)
[Dieter Neubert \(University of Bayreuth\)](#)
"Utopia and Development: Utopian goals and lived practice"
[Lena Kroeker \(University of Bayreuth\)](#)
"Utopia of Universal Health Coverage: Optimism and Aspirations beyond a Failing Experiment"
- 15:30–16:00** **Coffee Break/Pause-café**
- 16:00** **Watching and discussing the film/Regarder et discuter le film "Burkinabè Rising" (2018)**
Discussant/Discutant: Yacouba Banhoro (Joseph Ki-Zerbo University) & Ezai Nana (CNRST)
- 18:30** **Dinner/diner**

Thursday, 16 February 2023

- 10:00–12:00** **Panel 4: Enacting Utopian Futures I/Mise en œuvre de futurs utopiques I**
Chair/Modération: Dieter Neubert (University of Bayreuth)
[Ingrid Artus \(University Erlangen-Nürnberg\)](#)
"Trade unions and Gender in Germany: Female (care) strikes as hubs of utopia?"
[Hermann Savadogo \(Joseph Ki-Zerbo University\)](#)
"Contemporanéité sécuritaire et Exploitations Minières Artisanales et à Petite Echelle (EMAPE) de l'or au Burkina Faso, 2015–2022"
- 12:00–13:30** **Lunch/Déjeuner**
- 13:30–15:30** **Panel 5: Enacting Utopian Futures II/Mise en œuvre de futurs utopiques II**
Chair/Modération: Melina Kalfelis (Goethe University Frankfurt/Main)
[Bettina Engels \(FU Berlin\)](#)
"Actors of change: political orientations, aims, and strategies"
[Amado Kabore \(CNRST/INSS\)](#)
"Crises et vision sociétale au Burkina Faso: entre idéalisme et pragmatisme des populations"
- 15:30–16:00** **Coffee Break/Pause-café**
- 16:00** **Science goes public: Debate on causes and consequences of the evolution of 2014 in Burkina Faso and out coming utopian aspirations**
Panelists/Panélistes:
[Dieudonné Zaongo \(Solidar Suisse\)](#)
[Ismaël Compaoré \(Thomas Sankara University\)](#)
[Valérie Rouamba-Ouédraogo \(Joseph Ki-Zerbo University\)](#)

Friday, 17 February 2023

10:00–12:00 **Panel 6: Religious Utopia/L'utopie religieuse**

Chair/Modération: Kwazema Martins (Abo Akademi University)

Esha Faki (Maseno University)

“Saudi Islamic Hegemony and the Future of African Islam/s”

Magnus Echtler (Leipzig University)

“Afrotopian Christianity”

Asonzeh Ukah (University of Cape Town)

“Secularising the Eschaton: Pentecostal Miracle Cities as Afrotopias”

12:00–13:30 **Lunch/Déjeuner**

13:30–15:30 **Panel 7: Artistic Utopia/Utopie artistique**

Chair/Modération: Magnus Echtler (Leipzig University)

Samuel Ndogo (Moi University)

“Perfecting the Imperfect: Utopian Vision in Ngũgĩ wa Thiong’o’s *Epic The Perfect Nine: The Story of Gikũyũ and Mũmbi*”

Tendayi Sithole (University of South Africa)

“Kodwo Eshun’s Techno and its Afrotopia *Otherwise*”

15:30-16:00 **Coffee Break/Pause-café**

16:00 **Watching and discussing the film/Regarder et discuter le film “Neptune Frost” (2021)**

Discussant/Discutant: Tendayi Sithole (University of South Africa)

18:30 **Dinner/diner**

Saturday, 18 February 2023

Future Workshop: How to Imagine an Alternative World?/Comment imaginer un monde alternatif?

09:00-11:00 **Fishbowl Debate/Débat en cuvette (Fishbowl)**

11:00-11:30 **Coffee Break/Pause-café**

11:30-12:30 **Final Discussion, feedback and further projects/Débat finale, feedback et autres projets**

12:30–14:00 **Lunch/Déjeuner**