



Call for Contributions: Black Scholars and Experts Conference 2025

Date: Friday, October 31st, 2025

Location: International Institute of Social Studies (ISS), The Hague

We are excited to invite proposals for panels, workshops, paper presentations, roundtables, and creative formats for the **Black Scholars and Experts Conference 2025**, taking place on **Friday, October 31st**. This dynamic event will bring together Black academics, artists, innovators, and thought leaders from across the Netherlands and beyond.

Who We're Looking For

We welcome submissions from Black scholars and experts across all disciplines, career stages (incl. students) and creative fields. Whether you're affiliated with a university, an independent researcher, a policy expert, or a cultural worker, your contribution is welcome. Contributions are welcome in both English as well as Dutch.

Possible Formats

- **Panel discussions** (3–4 speakers + moderator)
- **Workshops** (interactive, skill-sharing, or co-creation)
- **Paper presentations** (individual or grouped by theme)
- **Roundtables** (informal discussions on pressing issues)
- **Creative formats** (performances, short films, digital exhibits, audio work, etc.)

Suggested Topics (non-exhaustive)

- Afrofuturism
- Decolonial methodologies and epistemologies
- Health, wellness, and joy
- Cybersecurity, and Surveillance
- Climate justice and environmental challenges
- Tech, AI, and digital sovereignty
- Art, music, and cultural production
- Diaspora connections and transnational solidarity

- Economic justice and entrepreneurship
- Mathematics & Data
- Genetics, Race, and Ethics

Submission Guidelines

Please submit your proposal by **18 July 2025**, including:

- Title of your contribution
- Format (panel, workshop, paper, etc.)
- A 250-word abstract
- Name(s), affiliation(s), and short bio(s) (max 100 words each)
- Any technical or accessibility requirements

Submit via: askdbsconference@gmail.com

What to Expect

We aim to create a space that is intellectually rigorous as well as celebratory. The conference will include keynote conversations, networking sessions, and artistic performances. Check the following website for an impression of the last edition: [A peek into the Dutch Black Scholar and Expert Conference | Erasmus University Rotterdam](#)

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