

Black Scholar and Expert Conference 2025

09.00 hrs CET – 20.00 hrs CET

Friday, 31 October 2025

Kortenaerkade 12 The Hague, The Netherlands

09.00 – 10.00	Registration	Accomplice workshop by Naomi van Stapele		
10.00 – 11.00	Opening Ceremony Welcome by Daphina Misiedjan Keynotes: Naomie Pieter Amílcar Sanatan Musical performance by Maame Joses			

11.00 – 11.15
Break/ room
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<p>11.15-12.45</p>	<p>Seeing the Brain Speak</p> <p><i>Cindy Steward</i> - Quantifying Facial Motor Function and Speech During Awake Brain Surgery Using Computer Vision</p> <p><i>Wanjiru Kabanga</i> - Neurobiological Overlaps Between ADHD and BPD: Is Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder a Precursor to the Development of Borderline Personality Disorder?</p> <p><i>Third speaker – tbc</i></p>	<p>Sound, Style, and Self-Making: Black Aesthetics and Diasporic Practices</p> <p><i>Deiara Semeco Kouto</i> - Embodied Continuities: Sensing, Memory, and Artistic Practice</p> <p><i>Kim Dankoor</i> - Idealized masculinity in rap and young (Black) men's senses</p> <p><i>Marisse Cato</i> - Solvent Listening: Listening to Experimental Music as Prelinguistic Epistemology</p> <p><i>Nancy Hakizimana</i> - The Black Hairdresser's Journey in Amsterdam: Crafting Worlds Through Embodied Motivations</p>	<p>Black Studies, Black Futures</p> <p><i>Ludmila Duncan</i> - Black Futures in the Orange Economy: Creativity and Resistance on St. Maarten</p> <p><i>Marvin Hokstam</i> - Re-centering Knowledge: Launching the First African-Based Master's in Cultural Development</p> <p><i>Sibo Kanobaba</i> - Because We Are Black: Towards a Philosophy of Blackness</p> <p><i>Oda-Kange Midtvåge Diallo</i> - Joining in black study: Theories, practices, pedagogies in noninstitutional spaces across the Nordics and the Netherlands</p>	<p>Stories Unfiltered: Mentale Vrijheid & Black Joy on the Record</p> <p><i>Reform Stigma</i></p>
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	<p><i>Chair- Nkemakonam (Nkem) Linda Ijeh</i></p>	<p><i>Nuria Yhaya - Do I Even Understand Oromo Music? History, Cultural Preservation and Visual Storytelling as a Form of Resistance (from a diaspora perspective)</i></p> <p>Chair: Emmanuel Akwasi Adu-Ampong</p>	Chair: Nawal Mustafa	
12.45 – 13.45	Lunch			

<p>13.45 – 15.15</p>	<p>Reimagining academia: a call for justice, belonging, and centring the needs of (marginalised) young people</p> <p>This panel will provide the audience with their vision of academia as a place where research, teaching, and other activities centre the needs of (marginalized) young people.</p> <p><i>Daudi van Veen</i> <i>Kayla Green</i> <i>Kumeri Bandara</i> <i>Harleen Johal</i> <i>Iman Awi</i> <i>Isabella</i> <i>Agyapong</i> <i>Matimba Swana</i></p> <p>Chair: Sarah Njoroge</p>	<p>Speaking Truth to Power</p> <p><i>Māimouna Lise Pouye</i> - UN Permanent Forum of People of African Descent</p> <p><i>Sharifa Redan</i> - Who Gets to Advocate for What Black and Brown Youth Workers and Policy Advocacy within the Context of Institutional Whiteness and Dutch Racism</p> <p><i>Grâce Ndjako</i> - What happens when Black people speak?</p> <p><i>Afu-Sensil</i>: Navigating “the Crooked Room.” Blackness as Fetish, the</p>	<p>Diaspora, Stereotypes, and Resistance: Reclaiming Black Identity Across Contexts</p> <p><i>Benjamin Koponen</i> - Rebuilding Black Identity in Globalized Capitalism</p> <p><i>Jean Kalunseviko</i> - Reinforcing Stereotypes. An Analysis of British and Austrian Tabloids’ Reporting on Individuals of African Descent</p> <p><i>Natalie Clue</i> - Consumption Construction and the Windrush Generations: Diasporic Celebration as Resistance and Reclamation</p>	<p>Tracing Embodied Survival: A Somatic Workshop on Activism and The Body</p> <p><i>Charlotte Maxwell</i></p>
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<p>15.15-15.30</p> <p>Room switch/break</p>				

<p>15.30 – 17.00</p>	<p>Climate, Ecology, and Displacement</p> <p><i>Risanael Akoth Onjiro</i> - Climate Resilience in Displacement: Rethinking Refugee Livelihoods in the Era of Climate Change: A case of Dadaab Refugee Camp in Kenya</p> <p><i>Philsan Osman</i> - On ecology: A Black feminist approach</p> <p><i>Richaela Primus</i> - Combining the Multi-level Perspective and Social Practice Theory to</p>	<p>Digital Worlds: Racial Realities & Ethics</p> <p><i>Larissa Tiki Mbassi</i> - What Does a QR Code even have to do with collective Memory and politics of emotions ?</p> <p><i>Carlota Memba Aguado Memba</i> - Swiping left on sexual racism</p> <p>Wakanyl Hoffmann - Ubuntu Ethics as a Framework for Digital Sovereignty</p> <p>Eduardo Campbell-Bethancourt - Ethnoracial Categories in Quantitative Research</p> <p>Chair: Dustin James</p>	<p>Critical Conversations on Decolonisation and Coloniality"</p> <p><i>Chisom Mary Adigwe</i> - Decolonising the Narrative: A Comparative Analysis of Traditional Child Labour in Africa and the Normalised Digital Labour of Kid Influencers in Western Media Economies</p> <p><i>Cécile Jagoo</i> - The wrong side of decoloniality? Navigating the Decolonial Continuum: Reflections, Conflicts, and Critical Conversations</p> <p>Obaa Akua Konadu-Osei - Methodological decolonisation and local epistemologies: Practical insights from the field</p>	<p>Creative workshop - tbc</p>
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	<p>Understand Power Dynamics in Beninese Farmer Practices</p> <p><i>Taiwo Ogunwumi</i> – Climate Induced Flood Risks and Displacement: A rapid flood hazard assessment of IDP camps in Nigeria</p> <p>Chair:</p> <p>Gabriella Guinlle Ferreira de Oliveira Santos</p>		<p>Olivia Gieskes - Concealing Coloniality: a critical ethnography of decolonization as a paradigm of progress in Anthropology and African Studies</p> <p><i>Muna Lobé</i> - Centering Storytelling on Identity & Decolonial Representation in Creative Communications and Cultural Spaces</p> <p>Chair: Michael Sharpe</p>	
<p>17.15 –</p> <p>18.15</p>	<p>Closing ceremony</p> <p>Keynotes by</p> <p>Ruben Brave</p> <p>Kehinde Andrews</p>			

	<p>Musical performance by Maame Joses</p> <p>Closing remarks by Daphina Misiedjan</p>			
18.15 – 20.30	Post-conference drinks and bites			