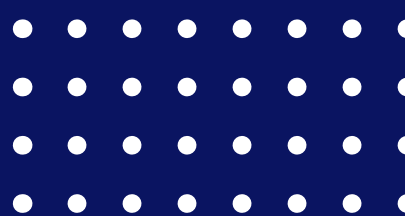


Contested Spaces: Epistemic (A)Symmetries, Mobilities, Identities



DATE:
25 FEBRUARY 2021

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**26 FEBRUARY 2021
5:00 PM
VIRTUAL EVENT**

TYPE OF EVENT:
SYMPOSIUM

**School of Social Sciences, University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa and the
SOAS University of London present their first joint Symposium on the theme of
'Decolonising Knowledge'**

Welcome speeches by Professor Nana Poku (UKZN Vice Chancellor) and Professor Adam
Habib (SOAS Director)
Keynotes by Prof Achille Mbembe, Prof Francis Nyamnjoh, Prof Desiree Lewis, Prof Carolyn
Hamilton, Prof Ciraj Rassool

What are the possibilities for south-north collaborations in terms of knowledge production, embedded notions of power relations, interdisciplinarity and the exchange of ideas? How do the urban spaces that house our libraries, museums, and universities impact on our sense of the 'global' and the 'local', and our understandings of Africa and African in the world, and how do we navigate this research with fieldwork 'on the ground'? How can rural spaces be recognised as potential repositories of (indigenous) memory and heritage? How do the vast distances that are so often required to bring collections – artefacts, archives, artworks – and curators together help us think of new archival itineraries and exhibition practices? How do the archives and texts marginalize/silence the voices of women? How is the history of slavery or neo colonial forms of slavery and enslavement being contested, re-remembered in culture and the curriculum? How is the issue of decolonization, Africanization and transformation being remembered and embedded in the curriculum?

THE MAIN THEMES OF THE SYMPOSIUM ARE:

- ▶ Decolonizing knowledge production/Africanizing Knowledge Production
- ▶ Mobility, Migration, Diaspora
- ▶ Archives, museums & heritage as Contested Spaces of Identity
- ▶ Decolonization and Feminist Voice/s
- ▶ Human Rights, Social Justice and COVID-19

REGISTRATION

This event is open to the public; however, registration is required.

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