



Crossing Boundaries, Building Connections

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2023 Conference

Transatlantic Roundtable on Religion and Race
with Copperbelt University and University of Zambia

New Generation Nation Building: Religious and Political Perspectives from Africa and the Diaspora



July 10-14, 2023

Venue: University of Zambia, Graduate School of Business

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE AT-A-GLANCE

Mon-Tue, July 10-11: Pre-Conference Program (9:00 departure from UNZA Graduate School of Business)
July 10: 9:00-5:00 Lusaka tour and cultural visits. (Each responsible for own lunch costs).
July 11: 9:00-5:00 (Morning) local community immersions (lunch provided).
2:00 Community dialogue, Justo Mwale University

Wednesday, July 12: Conference Program

10:00 a.m. Invocation
10:05 Welcome and opening ceremony
10:20 Conference Purpose and overview
10:30 Plenary 1: Leadership Formation, Nation Building & Faith Factor in Zambia/Zimbabwe
11:45 Tea break
12:00 Plenary 2: Religion, Politics, and the Crisis of Leadership
1:30 Lunch
2:30 Plenary 3: Youth Resistance and Leadership Formation
4:00 Tea break
4:15 Plenary 4: Pandemics, Multidimensional Health, and Faith-Sector Responses
5:45 Closing summary and remarks
6:00 Adjournment

Thursday, July 13

9:00 a.m. Invocation
9:05 Opening remarks
9:15 Plenary 5: Youth Social Action and Strategic Realms
10:45 Tea break
11:00 Plenary 6: Dr. Abraham Chikasa. General Secretary, Bible Society of Zambia
11:30 Lunch
12:30 Plenary 7: Historical and Theoretical Perspectives on Socio-Economic Development
2:00 Tea break
2:15 Plenary 8: Development and Demographic Change in Central Africa
3:45 Closing summary and remarks
4:00 Adjournment

Friday, July 14

9:00 Invocation
9:05 Opening remarks
9:15 Plenary 9: Resisting, Remembering and Rethinking Social Conflict and Violence
10:45 Tea break
11:00 Plenary 10: Black Religion, Personhood, Social Consciousness, and Group Identity
12:30 Lunch
1:30 Plenary 11: Youth, Social Empowerment, and Trajectories of Engagement
3:00 Tea break
3:15 Plenary 12: Religion and Social and Political Imagination
4:45 Final Overview and Challenge
5:00 Closing Ceremony
5:30 Closing Benediction

PANELS, PANELISTS, AND SPEAKERS

Plenary 1: Leadership Formation, Nation Building, and the Faith Factor in Zambia and Zimbabwe

Bishop Dr. Alfred Kalembo, Pilgrim Wesleyan Church of Zambia

Bishop Dr. Paul Bupe, Revival Methodist Church, Zambia (Youth & religious and social leadership)

Dr. Rosemary Chilufya, Acting Director, DH Institute Peace & Conflict Studies, Copperbelt Univ

Rev. Prof Edwin Zulu, Deputy Vice Chancellor, Zambian Open University (Youth & peace in Zambia)

Dr. Nelly Mwale-Chita, Head of Dept, Rel & Cultural Studies, Sch of Educ., University of Zambia

Plenary 2: Religion, Politics, and the Crisis of Leadership

Dr. E. Okelloh Ogera, Great Lakes University of Kisumu (Leadership and democratic erosions in Kenya)

Dr. Baldwin W. Kandinda, Zambian Open Univ. (Youth & religious and cultural leadership development)

Rev. Derrick Kalanga, Copperbelt University (Reconciliation, youth leadership & United Church of Zambia)

*Dr Dylan Y. Mangani & Dr Ntsikelelo B. Breakfast, N Mandela Univ (Generational politics in Zimbabwe)

Plenary 3: Youth Resistance and Leadership Formation

Rev. Peter Obichukwu, University of Nigeria, Nsukka (Faith-based youth leadership development, Nigeria)

Dr. Daniel Pratt Chapman (Political injustices & youth secessionist politics in Cameroon)

Dr. Eugene Fortein, Univ of the Free State ("Born-Free" South African Youth, education & resistance)

Mr. Alex Oladiti, University of Reading, UK (Multiculturalism, education & African leadership decolonisation)

Plenary 4: Pandemics, Multidimensional Health, and Faith-Sector Responses

Sr. Astridah Chibale, Dominican missionary sisters of sacred heart of Jesus (African youth health and wellbeing)

Dr. Naomi A. Watson, The Open University, UK (COVID-19 and Black & Minority health workers in the UK)

*Dr C.M. Lelaka/ Prof A.H. Mavhandu-Mudzusi, UNISA (Psychosocial support to HIV-serodiscordant couples)

Prof R. Drew Smith, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary (Racialized health, COVID 19, and faith sector responses)

Plenary 5: Youth Social Action and Strategic Realms

Prof. Nestor Mijere, Zambian Open University (Youth, migration, & economic development in Zambia)

Dr Tamelyn Tucker-Worgs, Hood Coll & Dr Donn Worgs, Towson U (Generational attitudes & activism)

Dr. Jacques Beukes, University of Pretoria (Youth and environmental activism)

*Ms. Carine Umutoniwase, University of Auckland (Comparative African youth civic activism)

Plenary 6 Speaker: Dr. Abraham Chikasa. General Secretary, Bible Society of Zambia

Plenary 7: Historical and Theoretical Perspectives on Socio-Economic Development

Dr. Michael R. Fisher Jr., The Ohio State University (Walter Rodney & retrospective underdevelopment)

Dr Gosnell L. Yorke, The Copperbelt University (Racism, reparations, and ambivalent religion)

Rev. Amos Muyambo, Univ of Botswana (Religion, gender & development in Zimbabwe)

*Rev. Formijang Bah, Presbyterian Church Cameroon (Development and shifting worldviews in Cameroon)

Plenary 8: Development and Demographic Change in Central Africa

Dr. Wilma S. Nchito, Geography Dept., Univ of Zambia (Diaspora integration in Zambia)

Dr. Naomi A. Watson, The Open University, UK (Global South healthcare workers in Global North contexts)

Ms. Jestina Mbambara/ Dr. Judith Ziwa, Univ of Zambia (Churches and economic development in Lusaka)

*Dr. Colby Hetherwick Kumwenda, Univ of Livingstonia (Migration & economics in Malawi)

Plenary 9: Resisting, Remembering and Rethinking Social Conflict and Violence

Dr. Mbhekeni S. Nkosi, Chris Hani Institute (Colonial dispossession & proselytization in South Africa)

*Dr Canisius Mwandayi, Midlands State Univ Zimbabwe (Xenophobia, multiculturalism & scripture)

*Dr. Myra Ann Houser, Ouachita Baptist University (Reflecting on WCC Programme to Combat Racism)

*Mr. Mervyn Weir, Krik Krak Media, UK (African youth & ritualizations of history)

Plenary 10: Black Religion, Personhood, Social Consciousness, and Group Identity

Dr. Themba E Ngcobo, Univ of South Africa (Ubuntu as methodology for missional encounter)

Dr Ayobami Adekola / Prof Itumeleng Mothoagae, Univ of South Africa (Adolescent sex education in S. Africa)

*Dr. Ekwutosi Offiong, Univ of Calabar & Dr. Charles Ekpo, Arthur Jarvis Univ (Atheism in Nigeria)

*Rev Martin Mukole/Dr Canisius Mwandayi, Midlands State U, Zimb. (Leadership & biblical accountability)

Plenary 11: Youth, Social Empowerment, and Trajectories of Engagement

Prof Itumeleng Daniel Mothoagae, Univ of South Africa (Music, resistance & 2021 unrest in South Africa)

Dr. Bibian Kalinde, University of Zambia (African music, technologies, and indigenous knowledge)

Rev A. Muyambo / Mr C. Mooketsi, Univ of Botswana (Afri Independent Churches and media technologies)

*Dr. Eva Shaw-Taylor, Global Institute for Trad & Culture (Spirituality, technology & community development)

*Ms. Faith Chelangat, Hekima College (Faith and youth political engagement in Kenya)

Plenary 12: Religion and Social and Political Imagination

Dr. Diana A. Burnett, (Bridging Diasporic Pasts and Indigenous Futures)

Rev. Ajime Nelson Zuwed, Presbyterian Chu in Cameroon (Mysticism, naturalism & soc. dev.--Cameroon)

*Dr. Isaac Boaheng, University of the Free State (Prophetism and ethical leadership in African context)

*Dr. Lerato Mokoena, University of Pretoria (Black mysticism, theology, and racial imaginings)

(*=virtual presentation)

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