Caribbean Philosophical Association
Shifting the Geography of Reason XXI
Twenty Years of Shifting the Geography of Reason:
Continuing the Struggle

Sela Adjei, Global Reordering of Things [Simulations Series], 2022

June 22-24, 2023
Online Conference
Thursday, June 22
8:30a.m.–9:25a.m.

PLENARY
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Opening Poems
Rosemere Ferreira da Silva in Portuguese
Stephanie Mercado Irizarry in Spanish
José Cossa in xiRhonga/Rhonga and xiTshangana/Shangaan, Mozambique
Tawanda Chabikwa in Chivianhu, Zimbabwe
Véronique Hélénon in Kréyôl
Jacqueline Martinez in English
Hanétha Vété-Congolo in French

- President’s and Vice President’s Word
Hanétha Vété-Congolo, CPA President, Bowdoin College, Maine, USA
Jacqueline Martinez, Arizona State University, Arizona, USA

- Twenty Years of the Caribbean Philosophical Association: A History, a Mission
Paget Henry, Brown University, Rhode Island, USA
Lewis R. Gordon, University of Connecticut-Storrs, Connecticut, USA
Nelson Maldonado-Torres, University of Connecticut-Storrs, Connecticut, USA

Session A
9:30a.m.–10:30a.m.

I. Thinking the Question of Philosophical Pedagogy
Moderator: Jacqueline Martinez, Arizona State University, Arizona, USA
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- Mayuri Deka, “Ethics and Empathic Pedagogy: Envisioning the Caribbean Geopolitics within the Caribbean Literature Classroom,” The University of the Bahamas, the Bahamas
- Rafael Capó García, “Towards a Pedagogics of Relation: The Caribbean and the Quest for Recognition,” The University of British Columbia, Canada
- Alex Adamson, “Abolitionist Pedagogy in Introductory Philosophy Courses,” Babson College, Massachusetts, USA
Session B
10:35 a.m. – 11:35 a.m.

II. Shifting Knowledge and Hermeneutics
Moderator: Paget Henry, Brown University, Rhode Island, USA
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- Mane Tatulyan, “Hermeneutics of Subjectivity and the Posthuman Body,” Universidad Autónoma de Barcelona, Spain
- Hakiem Nankoe, “AfroEurAsian Knowledge Production and Restructuring, 700-1700: A Non-European Reflection on the Rise and Global Place of Renaissance & Enlightenment Philosophy”
- Paget Henry, “Caribbean Republican Philosophy in the Age of Neoliberal Decline,” Brown University, Rhode Island, USA

Session C
11:40 a.m. – 12:55 p.m.

III. Goumen pou mètè latè-a an lòt manniyè : sa sa lé di, ki sa sa yé?
Moderator: Hanétha Vété-Congolo, Bowdoin College, Maine, USA
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- Mickaella Perina, University of Massachusetts-Boston, Massachusetts, USA
- Félix Germain, The University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, USA
- Akosua Fadhli Afrika, The University of Central Florida, Orlando, USA
- Véronique Hélénon, Roxbury Community College, Massachusetts, USA
- Hanétha Vété-Congolo, Bowdoin College, Maine, USA

12:55 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Lunch Break

Session D
2:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

IV. Orality and Literature
Moderator: Hanétha Vété-Congolo, Bowdoin College, Maine, USA
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- Alex Welcome, “Social Processes and Shifting Existential Burdens: A Nietzschean Reading of Zora Neale Hurston's African American Folktales,” LaGuardia Community College, New York, USA
• Michael Paradiso-Michau, “Frankenstein in the Caribbean,” School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Illinois, USA
• Daniela B. Abraham, “A Taíno Pilgrim’s Quest: Reimagining the Spanish Caribbean in Eugenio María de Hostos’ La peregrinación de Bayoán,” Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology, Indiana, USA
• Alexandra Roch, “Afro-Caribbean religions: a Precious Weapon to Obscurantism,” Université des Antilles, Martinique

**Session E**
3:20p.m.–4:35p.m.

**V. Considering Conflict, Disaster, and Wynter**
Moderator: Shamara Wyllie Alhassan, Arizona State University, Arizona, USA
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• Anna Myers, “The Plantation Complex and the Base/Superstructure Distinction: Ideology and Labor-power in Marx, Engels, Althusser, and Wynter,” University of North Texas, Texas, USA
• Oluwadamilola Ajayi, “Conflict, and the Democratic State,” University of West Indies-Mona, Jamaica
• Jordan Pascoe, “Aftershocks: Disasters, Epistemology, and Social Change,” Manhattan College, Manhattan College, New York, USA
• Roxanne Burton, “Examining Squatting through the Lens of Extractivist Epistemology,” The University of the West Indies, Barbados

**Session F**
4:40p.m.–6:00p.m.

**VI. Understanding Édouard Glissant’s Thought**
Moderator: Allyson Duarte, Texas A&M University, Texas, USA
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• Benjamin Davis, “The Relational Sacred in Wynter and Glissant,” Saint Louis University, Missouri, USA
• Olivia Comstock, “Weaving Édouard Glissant’s Opacity: The Case for Craft Making as Material Knowledge Production,” University of Minnesota, Minnesota, USA
• Lara Hofner, “The ‘archipelagic thinking’ of ‘sea as history’ in the ‘repeating islands’ of the ‘Black Atlantic’ or how to think a history of philosophy and thought in the Caribbean,” University of Hildesheim, Germany
• Conor Lorigan, “Reading Glissant Toward Rangi in New Zealand,” University of Canterbury, New Zealand
Session G
6:05 p.m.–7:05 p.m.

VII. Disrupting Disabling Discourses
Moderator: Dana Miranda, University of Massachusetts-Boston, Massachusetts, USA
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- Sohum Pal, “On ‘Crip as Praxis,’” Columbia University, New York, USA
- Natalia M. Rivera Morales, “Nativist Psychosis: A Case of Punitive Psychiatry in 1950s Puerto Rico,” University of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA
- Anthony Cruz Pantojas, “Cuir Afro-Caribbean Freethought: Disrupting the Regime of Man,” Tufts University, Massachusetts, USA

Session H
7:10 p.m.–8:10 p.m.

VIII. Estado, democracia y organización comunitaria
Moderator: Ryan A. Knight, “Escuela Normal Superior Federal de Oaxaca (ENSFO), Mexico
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- Obed Frausto, “Democracia decolonial,” Ball State University, Indiana, USA
- Nayar López Castellanos, “Los claroscuros de la democracia en América Latina y el Caribe,” CELA, FCPYS, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, Mexico
- Ryan A. Knight, “El anarquismo y la comunalidad,” Escuela Normal Superior Federal de Oaxaca (ENSFO), Mexico

Friday, June 23
8:30 a.m.–8:45 a.m.

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Opening Poems
Sela Adjei, in Ewe, Ghana

- President’s Word
Hanétha Vété-Congolo, CPA President, Bowdoin College, Maine, USA
Session A  
8:50 a.m. – 9:50 a.m.  

XIX. Conversation with Ghanaian Artist Sela Adjei  
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- Matthew Rarey, Oberlin College, Ohio, USA  
- Sela Adjei, The University of Media, Arts and Communication, Accra, Ghana

Session B  
9:55 a.m. – 11:10 a.m.  

X. Abolishing Coloniality  
Moderator: Anwar Uhuru, Wayne State University, Michigan, USA  
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- Dana Francisco Miranda, “The Riot of Disorder,” University of Massachusetts-Boston, Massachusetts, USA  
- Steve Núñez, “ACAB: Abolition, Coloniality, and Black Power Politics,” University of Connecticut, Connecticut, USA  
- Paul B. Miller, “Leo Brouwer and Frantz Casséus: Caribbean Fugue,” Vanderbilt University, Tennessee, USA  
- Anwar Uhuru, “Epistemic Injustice, and the Politics of Grieving,” Wayne State University, Michigan, USA

Session C  
11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.  

XI. Thinking Identity, from Black Britons to Hispanic and Latinx Americans  
Moderator: Anique John, California State University-Long Beach, California, USA  
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- Janelle Levy, “Like Little Black Britons: Education and Aspiration in Jamaica,” University of California-Irvine, California, USA  
- Eric Bayruns García, “Afro-Latinx, Hispanic and Latinx Identity: Understanding the Americas,” McMaster University, Canada  

12:20 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.  
Lunch Break
Session D
1:15 p.m.–2:30 p.m.

XII. Política colonial, Democracia y Caribecologías
Moderator: Stephanie Mercado Irizarry, University of Connecticut-Storrs, Connecticut, USA
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- Jaime Ortega, “La crítica de la economía política colonial: sobre la obra de Manuel Maldonado Denis,” Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana-Xochimilco, Mexico
- Christian Olivier Lozano Villanueva, “Caribecologías,” CPA Secretary of Nature and Culture Critical Studies Association
- Ingrid Brioso Rieumont, “Black Characters Matter: Dos relatos de María de Regla en Cecilia Valdés o la loma del Ángel,” Dartmouth College, New Hampshire, USA

Session E
2:35 p.m.–3:35 p.m.

XIII. The Thought of Aimé Césaire
Moderator: Hanétha Vété-Congolo, Bowdoin College, Maine, USA
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- Arwa Awan, “‘Tropical Marxism’ and the Critique of Empire in Aimé Césaire’s Political Thought,” University of Chicago, Illinois, USA

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XIV. Radical Thought and Transgressive Knowledge Politics
Moderator: Jacqueline Martinez, Arizona State University, Arizona, USA
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- Arun Rasiah, “Seeking Knowledge across Borders: Epistemic Shifts in the Life and Legacy of Malcolm X,” California State University-East Bay, California, USA
- Paula Muraca, “Thinking from Place: Raúl Fornet-Betancourt’s ‘Contextual Thinking’ and Transgressive Knowledge Politics,” University of Melbourne, Australia
- Migdalia Arcila-Valenzuela, “Journey on Foot: The Philosophical Expedition of Fernando Gonzáles,” Cornell University, New York, USA
- Alberto Bejarano Romo, “A Decolonial Structuralism: Aníbal Quijano's Reformulation of Totality,” Pennsylvania State University, Pennsylvania, USA
• Shamara Wyllie Alhassan, “The Politics of Madness: Colonial Rationality and Rastafari Counter Insurgency,” Arizona State University, Arizona, USA

**Session G**

5:20p.m.–6:20p.m.

**XV. Brazilian Literature and Racial Democracy: A Roundtable**

**Moderator:** Rosemere Ferreira da Silva, Universidade do Estado da Bahia, Brazil

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• Rosemere Ferreira da Silva, “Black Existentialism in Torto Arado,” Universidade do Estado da Bahia, Brazil

• Teófilo Reis, “Brazilian Racial Democracy as White Ignorance,” City University of New York, New York, USA

**Session H**

6:25p.m.–7:40p.m.

**XVI. Domination, Resistance and Change**

**Moderator:** Thomas Meagher, Sam Houston State University, Texas, USA

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• Natalie Marie Léger, “Unimaginable Solidarities: The Haitian Revolution and Black and Indigenous Resistance in Film,” Temple University, Pennsylvania, USA

• Caleb Ward, “A Faint Line in the Center of Our Foreheads: Generational Change and Inheriting Resistance,” University of Hamburg, Germany

• Kimberley McKinson, “Remapping the General Strike: Toward New Spatiotemporal Horizons for the American South and the Caribbean,” Vanderbilt University, Tennessee, USA

• Thomas Meagher, “Euromodern Domination: A Relational Theory,” Sam Houston State University, Texas, USA

**Saturday, June 24**

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Dana Francisco Miranda in **English**
• President’s Word
Hanétha Vété-Congolo, CPA President, Bowdoin College, Maine, USA

Session A
8:50a.m.–10:05a.m.

XVII. Lagm-zind biisi ya boë?
Moderator: Mahamadé Savadogo, Université Joseph Ki-Zerbo de Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso
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• Rodrigue W. Sawadogo, Université Norbert Zongo de Koudougou, Burkina Faso
• Cheick B. Ouédraogo, Université Joseph Ki-Zerbo de Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso
• Souleymane Sawadogo, Université Joseph Ki-Zerbo de Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso
• Mahamadé Savadogo, Université Joseph Ki-Zerbo de Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso

Session B
10:10a.m.–11:25a.m.

XVIII. The Interdisciplinarity of Sylvia Wynter: From Machine Learning and Cognitive Science to Daoism and Dance
Moderator: Deborah Jenson, Duke University, North Carolina, USA
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• Hugo F. Idárraga Franco, “Sylvia Wynter and the Replicator Code in Machine Learning,” Duke University, North Carolina, USA
• Elly Veloria, “Coupling Worlds in Theory and Practice: Wynter’s Ceremony,” Duke University, North Carolina, USA
• Tianyu Zhang, “Rupture in Sylvia Wynter’s ‘Third Event’ and Daoism,” Duke Kunshan University, China
• Deborah Jenson, “Sylvia Wynter and the (Un)Minding of Modernity,” Duke University, North Carolina, USA

Session C
11:30a.m.–12:30p.m.

XIX. Looking Forward, Pushing Back: A Conversation with Contemporary Barbarian Artists
Moderator: Gabrielle Aruta, Filo Sofi Arts, USA
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• Akilah Watts, “Trapped in Paradise,” Barbadian Artist
• Alanis Forde, Barbadian Artist

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Lunch Break

Session D
1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

XX. Pandemic Time: Destructuring Health and Knowledge-Production

Moderator: Alia Al-Saji, McGill University, Canada
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• Sujaya Dhanvantari, “The Pandemic’s Other Temporality of Racialized Illness,” University of Guelph, Canada
• John Harfouch, “Diversity and Slavery,” University of Alabama-Huntsville, Alabama, USA
• Alia Al-Saji, “A Debilitating Colonial Duration: Pandemic Time, Racism, and Endemicity,” McGill University, Canada
• Janine Jones, “John Locke: A Structural Racist and Breeder of Racial Prejudice,” The University of North Carolina-Greensboro, North Carolina, USA
• K. Bailey Thomas, “Race, Ignorance, and Non-Ideal Epistemology,” Dartmouth College, New Hampshire, USA

Session E
3:05 p.m. – 4:20 p.m.

XXI. Shifting the Epistemological Geography of AI, Technology, and the Arts: the uBuntu, and Cosmo-uBuntu Alternative

Moderator: José Cossa, Pennsylvania State University, Pennsylvania, USA
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• Sela Adjei, “Global Reordering of Design Practice: Adinkra Symbols as Epistemological Frameworks in Design Pedagogy,” The University of Media, Arts and Communication, Accra, Ghana
• Tawanda Chabikwa, “The Matter of Personhood: Wor(l)d-ing, Diunital Logic, and the Extended Self in Afrikan arts and AI Innovation,” The University of Texas at El Paso, Texas, USA
• José Cossa, “‘uMuntu nguMuntu ngaBantu’: Toward an Equitably Infused Global Epistemological Orientation and Global (Philosophy of) Education,” Pennsylvania State University, Pennsylvania, USA
• Hanétha Vété-Congolo, “From Muntu to Moun: an African Ethical Proposition in America,” Bowdoin College, Maine, USA
Session F
4:25 p.m.–5:25 p.m.

XXII. On Frantz Fanon
Moderator: Hanétha Vété-Congolo, Bowdoin College, Maine, USA
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- Marcelo Cabarcas, “Zapata Olivella, Brathwaite, Fanon, and Artel: Troubled Enunciation(s) of Diasporic History.” University of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA
- Li Beilei, “The Knowledge of Existence, and ‘Madness’: A Comparative Study of Frantz Fanon and Lu Xun,” Zhejiang Normal University, China
- David Ventura, “Black Redaction in Fanon’s Wretched of the Earth,” Newcastle University, United Kingdom

Session G
5:30 p.m.–6:30 p.m.

XXIII. Aimé Césaire, Leopold Senghor, and Horacio Castellanos Moya Ernesto
Moderator: Hanétha Vété-Congolo, Bowdoin College, Maine, USA
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- Ernesto Rosen Velasquez, “Aimé Césaire’s Decolonial Metaphysics,” University of Dayton, Ohio, USA
- Justin Fugo, “Senghor’s Decolonial Socialism,” University of Dayton, Ohio, USA
- Carlos Gardeazábal Bravo, “Critical Representations of Empathy in Human Rights Narratives: The Case of Horacio,” University of Dayton, Ohio, USA

Session H
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