

Black Studies in Europe: A Transnational Dialogue
Nov. 16-17, 2017
Université Libre de Bruxelles

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Conference Program

Thursday 16 November 2017 – Dupréel Room – ULB Solbosch campus	
8h00 – 8h45	Registration & Coffee
8h45-9h00	Introduction: Nicole Grégoire (ULB) & Jacinthe Mazzocchetti (UCLouvain)
9h00 - 9h40	Keynote address: Pr. Michelle Wright, Emory University, USA <i>When and Where We Enter: Epiphenomenal Blackness for a 21st Century</i>
9h40 - 10h00	Keynote discussant: Pr. Paul Gilroy, King's College, London, UK <i>Reply to M. Wright</i>
10h00 - 10h30	Q&A
10h30 -11h00	Coffee break
11h00 - 13h15	Roundtable 1 <i>The emergence of Black studies in European countries</i>
13h15 - 14h00	Lunch break
14h00 - 16h15	Roundtable 2 <i>Blackness in European Black studies</i>

Friday 17 November 2017 – Room Q.D. – VUB Plein campus	
8h30 – 9h00	Coffee
9h00 - 9h40	Keynote address: Dr. Kwame Nimako, Director of the Black Europe Summer School, Amsterdam, the Netherlands <i>Power, (Mis)representation, and Black European Studies</i>
9h40 - 10h00	Keynote discussant: Mireille Fanon-Mendès-France, President of Fondation Frantz Fanon, Paris, France <i>Reply to K. Nimako</i>
10h00 - 10h30	Q&A
10h30 -11h00	Coffee break
11h00 - 13h15	Roundtable 3 <i>Black Studies, Black Activism, and Politics</i>
13h15 - 14h00	Lunch break
14h00 - 16h15	Roundtable 4 <i>Towards a Common Conceptual Framework?</i>
16h15 - 16h45	Coffee break
16h45 – 17h30	Concluding address: Pr. Jean Muteba Rahier (Florida International University, USA) <i>The Actual Transnationalisation of Black studies and African diaspora studies</i>

Roundtable participants:

Jacqueline Andall (University of Tokyo, Japan). Geographical focus: Italy.

Véronique Clette-Gakuba (ULB), Sarah Demart (KULeuven), Nicole Grégoire (ULB), and Sibo Kanobana (UGent). Geographical focus: Belgium.

Iolanda Evora (University of Lisboa, Portugal). Geographical focus: Portugal.

Sarah Fila-Bakabadio (University of Cergy-Pontoise, France). Geographical focus: France.

Marta Sofía López Rodríguez (University of León, Spain) and Antumi Toasijé (Pan-African Studies Centre in Parla, Spain). Geographical focus: Spain.

Michael McEachrane (Raoul Wallenberg Institute for Human Rights, Sweden). Geographical focus: Sweden and Northern Europe.

Kwame Nimako (Black Europe Summer School, The Netherlands). Geographical focus: the Netherlands.

Peggy Piesche (University of Bayreuth, Germany). Geographical focus: Germany.

Stephen Small (University of California Berkeley, USA). Geographical focus: UK.

The roundtable participants will talk during approximately 90 minutes, which will be followed by 30 to 45 minutes of extensive discussion including the audience.

The conference working language will be English (translation provided in French).

Additional activities

Thursday 16 November 2017	
17h00 – 19h00	Decolonial Visit of Brussels with the Collective Colonial Memory and Fight Against Discriminations (€5)
Friday 17 November 2017 – To be confirmed in Brussels	
19h00 – 20h30	Book Launch: 20 Questions & Answers on Black Europe, with Stephen Small (UC Berkeley)
Saturday 18 November 2017	
10h00 – 12h00	Decolonial Visit of Brussels with the Collective Colonial Memory and Fight Against Discriminations (€5)
Monday 20 November 2017 – To be confirmed in Liège	
17h00 – 18h30	Book Launch: 20 Questions & Answers on Black Europe, with Stephen Small (UC Berkeley)

Conference Registration

The number of participants is limited; therefore, we invite you to register for the conference as soon as possible. To do so, please contact Geneviève Corbisier at lamc@ulb.ac.be, indicating what you wish to enroll for:

- **Conference entrance fee: €5**
- **Decolonial Visit of Brussels: €5/visit**
- **“Fresh & Natural” Sandwiches Lunch by Gourmand Gaillard: €16/day** (vegetarian, gluten-free, and halal sandwiches available upon request)