



An International Conference

**Beyond Liberal Democracy:
The Quest for Indigenous African Models
of Democracy for the Twenty-First Century**

22nd-23rd May 2017

*held at
the Main Campus of the University of Nairobi, Kenya*

*organised by
The Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, University of Nairobi,
Kenya*

*and
The Council for Research in Values and Philosophy (RVP), Washington,
D.C., U.S.A.*

Conference Chairs:

*Dr. Reginald M.J. Oduor, University of Nairobi
and
Dr. Hu Yeping, Council for Research in Values and Philosophy (RVP)*

Conference Programme

Opening Ceremony

22nd May, 2017, 9:00-10:00 a.m.

Master of Ceremonies: Dr. Reginald M.J. Oduor

Time	Speaker
8:00-8:50 a.m.	Registration
9:00-9:05 a.m.	Remarks by Dr. Oriare Nyarwath, Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, University of Nairobi
9:05-9:10 a.m.	Remarks by Dr. Hu Yeping, Council for Research in Values and Philosophy (RVP)
9:10-9:15 a.m.	Remarks by Prof. S.I. Akaranga, Chair, Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, University of Nairobi
9:15-9:20 a.m.	Remarks by Prof. Peter Wasamba, Dean, Faculty of Arts, University of Nairobi
9:20-9:30 a.m.	Remarks by Prof. Enos Njeru, Principal, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Nairobi
9:30-9:55 a.m.	Speech by Prof. Peter M.F. Mbithi, Vice-Chancellor, University of Nairobi
9:55-10:00 a.m.	Vote of thanks by Dr. Wamae Muriuki, Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, University of Nairobi
10:00-10:30 a.m.	Tea break

Session 1

Critique of Liberal Democracy in Africa (1)

Monday 22nd May, 2017, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Chair: Dr. Oriare Nyarwath, University of Nairobi

Time	Presenter	Title of Paper
10.30am-10.50am	Prof. J.N.K. Mugambi, University of Nairobi, Kenya	A Critique of Notions of Democracy as Applied in the Twenty-first Century
10.50am-11.10am	Prof. Jack Anselm Odhiambo, University of Nairobi, Kenya	Who are the “People” in a Democracy?
11.10am-11.30am	Dr. Hu Yeping, Council for Research in Values and Philosophy, U.S.A.	Democracy and the Common Good
11.30am-11.50am	Dr. Dennis Masaka, Great Zimbabwe University, Zimbabwe	Colonialism and the Challenge of Western-style Democracy in Africa
11.50am-12.10pm	Prof. Winnie V. Mitullah, University of Nairobi, Kenya	Liberal Constitutional Democracy Deficit in Africa: Interrogating Opportunities and Challenges
12.10pm-12.30pm		Discussion
12.30pm-1.30pm		Lunch break

Session 2

Critique of Liberal Democracy in Africa (2)

Monday 22nd May, 2017, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Chair: Dr. Emmanuel Ifeanyi Ani, University of Ghana

Time	Presenter	Title of Paper
1.30pm-1.50pm	Prof. Sirkku K. Hellsten, The Nordic Africa Institute, Uppsala, Sweden	African Political Ideology and Practice in the Era of Globalization: From Communitarian Socialism to Authoritarian Neo-liberalism - The Next Steps?
1.50pm-2.10pm	Mr. David Jesse Oduor, Advocate of the High Court of Kenya	The Fallacy of Liberal Democracy in Africa
2.10pm-2.30pm	Mr. David-Ngendo Tshimba, Makerere University, Uganda	The Pitfalls of Liberal Democracy: Lessons from Electioneering in Democratic Republic of the Congo
2.30pm-2.50pm	Dr. Munamoto Chemhuru, Great Zimbabwe University, Zimbabwe, and University of Johannesburg, South Africa	The Quest and Limits of Liberal Democracy in Post-Colonial Africa: An appeal to the Communitarian Model
2.50pm-3.10pm	Prof. J.P. Odoch Pido, The Technical University of Kenya	A Design Perspective on Democracy and Democratic Models
3.10pm-3.30pm		Discussion
3.30pm-4.00pm		Tea break

Session 3

Critique of the Quest for Africa-Specific Models of Democracy

22nd May, 2017, 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Chair: Dr. Jacinta Mwendu Maweu, University of Nairobi, Kenya

Time	Presenter	Title of Paper
4.00pm-4.20pm	Prof. Edward Wamala, Makerere University, Uganda	The Rule of Law versus the Rule of Good men (Philosopher Kings): A Classical Solution to a Contemporary Problem
4.20pm-4.40pm	Ms. Robinah S. Nakabo, Makerere University, Uganda	Gender Sensitive Followership and Leadership in Africa: the case of Uganda
4.40pm-5.00pm	Dr. Donna K. Pido, The Technical University of Kenya	Democracy as Falsehood: Seek But Do Not Expect to Find
5.00pm-5.20pm		Discussion

Session 4

Indigenous African Models of Democracy (1)

23rd May, 2017, 8:30-10:30 a.m.

Chair: Dr. Wamae Muriuki, University of Nairobi, Kenya

Time	Presenter	Title of Paper
8.30am-8.50am	Mr. Kisemei Mutisya (United States International University, Kenya) and Dr. Joseph Situma (University of Nairobi, Kenya)	Tentative Elements of African Indigenous Models of Democracy
8.50am-9.10am	Dr. Khondlo Mtshali, University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa	Consensual Democracy and the Expansion of the Mind
9.10am-9.30pm	Dr. Jacinta Mwendu Maweu, University of Nairobi, Kenya	From Liberal to Consociational democracy: Which way for Africa?
9.30am-9.50am	Dr. Siphetho N. Dlamini, University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa	Ake's Model of Consociational Democracy: A New Perspective of a Holistic Development in Africa
9.50am-10.10am	Dr. Emefiena Ezeani, Federal University Ndufu-Alike Ikwo, Nigeria	Cooperative Collegial Democracy: An Alternative African Context-relevant Political Model
10.10am-10.30am		Discussion
10.30am-11.00am		Tea break

Session 5

Indigenous African Models of Democracy (2)

23rd May, 2017, 11:00 a.m. to 12:40 p.m.

Chair: Prof. Edward Wamala, Makerere University, Uganda

Time	Presenter	Title of Paper
11.00am-11.20am	Dr. Francis Chigozie Ofoegbu, Federal University Ndufu Alike Ikwo, Nigeria	Democracy in Africa: the Need for the Practice of Universal Communalism
11.20am-11.40am	Dr. Solomon Ochepe Oduma-Aboh, Kaduna State University, Nigeria	Communalism as an Authentic Basis for an Enduring Democracy in the Twenty-first Century Nigerian Society
11.40am-12.00noo	Dr. Emmanuel Ifeanyi Ani, University of Ghana, Legon, Ghana	The Traditional Roots of Democratic Verbal Discipline
12.00pm-12.20pm	Dr. Moses Oludare Aderibigbe, The Federal University of Technology, Nigeria	Democracy and the Right of the Minority in Africa
12.20pm-12.40pm		Discussion
12.40pm-1.40pm		Lunch break

Session 6

Indigenous African Models of Democracy (3)

23rd May, 2017, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Chair: Prof. Winnie V. Mitullah, University of Nairobi, Kenya

Time	Presenter	Title of Paper
2.00pm-2.20pm	Dr. Reginald M.J. Oduor, University of Nairobi, Kenya	In Defence of Ethnically-based Federations in Post-Colonial African States, with Special Reference to Kenya
2.20pm-2.40pm	Dr. Tayo Raymond Ezekiel Eegunlusi, Federal University of Technology, Nigeria	Critical Reflections on Africans' Consideration of a (Monolithic) Democratic Alternative to Liberal Democracy
2.40pm-3.00pm	Prof. Dan Chitoiu, Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași, Romania	Reconsidering Hierarchy: Justice and Responsibility in an Alternative Social Scenario
3.00-3.20pm	Dr. Thomas Menamparampil, Guwahati, Assam, India	Strengthening Indigenous Values to Facilitate the Emergence of Suitable Forms of Democracy
3.20pm-3.40pm		Discussion
3.40pm-3.50pm	Dr. Hu Yeping, Council for Research in Values and Philosophy	Closing Remarks
3.50pm-4.00pm	Dr. Reginald M.J. Oduor, University of Nairobi	Closing Remarks