



LEAGUE OF AFRICAN WOMEN PHILOSOPHERS

ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE (VIRTUAL) 2026

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THEME: AFRICAN WOMEN PHILOSOPHERS: IDEAS AND TRAJECTORIES

DATE: January 23-24, 2026.

Keynote Speakers:

Professor Ebunoluwa Oduwole (Samuel Ajayi Crowther University, Oyo, Nigeria).

Professor Helen Beebee (University of Leeds, Leeds, United Kingdom).

Professor Alice Ngah Ateba (University of Yaounde, Yaounde, Cameroon).

Call for Papers

African women philosophers and thinkers have profoundly shaped intellectual, cultural, and political life across time. Through oral traditions, political struggles, literary creations, and academic research, they have generated conceptual frameworks that resist domination, foster emancipation, and reconfigure horizons of justice, care, and communal existence. Yet, many of these contributions remain insufficiently documented and underrepresented in dominant philosophical narratives.

This conference seeks to foreground the originality, diversity, and critical force of African women's thought, both past and present. It invites participants to examine their writings, lived experiences, intellectual trajectories, and conceptual innovations, while situating these contributions within broader philosophical debates. Our aim is to explore how African women have acted as creators and co-creators of knowledge, reshaping philosophy across generations, disciplines, and geographies.

We invite papers that engage critically and creatively with the theme. Possible areas of exploration include (but are not limited to):

- Genealogies of African Women's Thought in Precolonial Contexts: mapping conceptual frameworks, epistemic practices, and modes of philosophical elaboration in ancient and indigenous societies.

- Colonial Encounters and Intellectual Resistance: African women's ideas as responses to domination, cultural disruption, and redefinitions of identity.
- Nationalist Movements and Ideological Reconfigurations: philosophical contributions to political imaginaries, liberation discourses, and postcolonial trajectories.
- Epistemic Justice and the Reclamation of Knowledge: women's philosophical voices in debates on truth, authority, and the politics of recognition.
- Moral and Ethical Horizons: interrogations of responsibility, solidarity, care, and the constitution of the good life in African women's thought.
- African Women as Agents of Political and Institutional Rationality: the philosophical significance of women's roles in governance, administration, and public reasoning.
- Figures, Legacies, and Conceptual Innovations : critical engagements with emblematic thinkers: Merit-Ptah – Ancient Egypt, Sophie Bósèdé Olúwolé – Nigeria, Aminata Diaw Cissé – Senegal, Sobonfu Somé – Burkina Faso, Queen Nzinga – Angola, Andrée Blouin – Angola, Ama Ata Aidoo – Ghana, Wangari Maathai – Kenya, Moremi Àjàñṣorò – Nigeria, Walatta Petros – Ethiopia, Yaa Asantewa – Ghana, Queen Amina – Hausaland, Nana Asma'u – Hausaland.

To contribute to the conference, please send an abstract of no more than 200 words to:
africanwomenphilconference@gmail.com

The hard deadline for submitting abstracts is 31 October 2025.

ABOUT THE LEAGUE

The League of African Women Philosophers is a platform created for African women in philosophy, both on the continent and in the diaspora, to connect, collaborate, mentor, and support one another in advancing their careers. Additionally, LAWP focuses on highlighting and showcasing African women's contributions to philosophy. Current members of the League of African Women Philosophers are from countries across Africa and the diaspora, including Cameroon, Kenya, Zimbabwe, South Africa, Uganda, Côte d'Ivoire, Nigeria, Mozambique, Malawi, Burkina Faso, and Brazil. Visit us at: <https://leagueofafricanwomenphilosophers.org/>



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Call for Contributions

African women philosophers and thinkers have profoundly marked the intellectual, cultural and political life. Through oral tradition, militant engagement, literary creation or academic research, they have produced conceptual frameworks that challenge domination, stimulate emancipation and reconfigure the horizons of justice, care and coexistence. However, their contributions remain often marginalized in dominant philosophy narratives.

This conference aims to highlight the originality, diversity and critical power of African women's thought, from yesterday to today. It invites examining their writings, lived experiences, intellectual trajectories and conceptual innovations, all while inscribing these contributions in contemporary philosophical debates. Our objective is to explore how African women have affirmed themselves as creative and co-creative forces of knowledge, reshaping the contours of philosophy across generations, disciplines and cultural spaces.

The proposed articles are expected around the following axes (non-exhaustive list):

- Genealogies of African female thought in pre-colonial context: mapping conceptual frameworks, epistemological practices and forms of philosophical elaboration in ancient and indigenous societies.

- Rencontres coloniales et résistances intellectuelles : les idées des femmes africaines comme réponses à la domination, aux fractures culturelles et aux redéfinitions identitaires.
- Mouvements nationalistes et reconfigurations idéologiques : contributions philosophiques aux imaginaires politiques, aux discours de libération et aux trajectoires postcoloniales.
- Justice épistémique et réappropriation du savoir : portée philosophique des voix féminines dans les débats sur la vérité, l'autorité et la politique de la reconnaissance.
- Horizons éthiques et moraux : analyses de la pensée des femmes africaines sur la responsabilité, la solidarité, le care et la constitution de la vie bonne.
- Les femmes africaines comme actrices de la rationalité politique et institutionnelle : implications philosophiques de leurs rôles dans la gouvernance, l'administration et la délibération publique.
- Figures, héritages et innovations conceptuelles : études critiques de penseuses emblématiques : Merit-Ptah – Egypte ancienne, Sophie Bósèdé Olúwolé – Nigéria, Aminata Diaw Cissé – Sénégal, Sobonfu Somé – Burkina Faso, Reine Nzinga – Angola, Andrée Blouin – Angola, Ama Ata Aidoo – Ghana, Wangari Maathai – Kenya, Moremi Àjànṣorò – Nigéria, Walatta Petros – Ethiopie, Yaa Asantewa – Ghana, Reine Amina – Pays Haoussa, Nana Asma'u - Haoussa

Pour contribuer à la conférence, veuillez envoyer un résumé de 200 mots maximum à : africanwomenphilconference@gmail.com

La date limite de soumission des résumés est le 31 octobre 2025.

À PROPOS DE LA LIGUE

La Ligue des femmes philosophes africaines est une plateforme créée pour les femmes philosophes africaines, tant sur le continent que dans la diaspora, afin de se connecter, de collaborer, de s'encadrer et de se soutenir mutuellement dans l'avancement de leur carrière. De plus, la LAWP s'attache à mettre en lumière et à mettre en valeur les contributions des femmes africaines à la philosophie. Les membres actuels de la Ligue des femmes philosophes

africaines sont originaires de pays d'Afrique et de la diaspora, notamment du Cameroun, du Kenya, du Zimbabwe, d'Afrique du Sud, d'Ouganda, de Côte d'Ivoire, du Nigéria, du Mozambique, du Malawi, du Burkina Faso et du Brésil. Retrouvez-nous sur : <https://leagueofafricanwomenphilosophers.org/>