Annual New Year Lecture

Each year, the Africa Multiple
Cluster of Excellence starts its
line of annual activities and
events with the New Year
Lecture open to the interested
public, featuring prominent
speakers who address
questions and concepts
central to the Cluster's
agenda.

Whether you join us in person or online for the 2024 New Year Lecture, we sincerely hope that it will be the start of yet another fruitful and interesting year of exchange, research and debate within our Cluster community and beyond.

Sest wishes for 2024

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NEW YEAR LECTURE



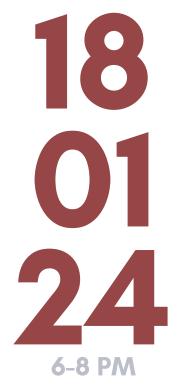
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FIFTH ANNUAL NEW YEAR LECTURE

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Music is experienced and understood as an integral part of our self identity; it is closely linked with personal memories and significant moments of history; it is a form of self-expression of who we are, and how we feel. Taking a slice out of Nigerian singer Tems' book, I employ her song, *Crazy Tings*, as a metaphor to evoke the image of the multiple crazy things that abound in the academy, which is situated in a crazy world. More importantly, however, I reflect on how we might seek an intellectual engagement that serves Global Africa's interests while ensuring that we are not destroyed in the process, and how, hopefully, we can even thrive?

