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## **Invitation to a Public Lecture**

As part of our activities for the winter semester 2019, the Cluster's Postdoc Working Group "Shakespearean Pasts, African Futurities" cordially invites you to its second public lecture and Q & A session on

### **Time in Shakespeare, Shakespeare in Time**

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Date: **Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

Time: **10:00 a.m.**

Venue: **Room S135 (NWIII) Campus**

#### **Abstract**

The lecture addresses early modern English notions of temporality (both of the past and of the future) in the context of religion, politics, and natural philosophy. We will move on to consider Shakespeare's treatment of time in its formal contexts, addressing both the poetic and dramatic works. In the sonnets, we will explore negotiations of authorship in (and against) time; in the plays, we will consider the role of generic temporal structures for comedy, tragedy, and the history play. On the extratextual level, and in conclusion, we will consider Shakespeare's role as cultural icon and canonical author in the past, present, and future.