



The Chair in Epistemologies of the Global South with Emphasis on Africa at the University of Bayreuth, Germany in collaboration with the Johannesburg Institute for Advanced Study (JIAS) at the University of Johannesburg, South Africa, and the Council for the Development of Social Science in Africa (CODESRIA) based in Dakar, Senegal, launched a **COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH PROJECT** and **SEMINAR SERIES** on the theme:

The Changing African Idea of Africa and the Future of African Studies Seminar Series 2023

This collaborative research kick-started with a series of seminars in April 2022 consisting of invited speakers to address various aspects of the idea of Africa and the future of African Studies, and indeed expanding to the broader issues of epistemologies of the Global South. Held every month, these seminars are also part of keynote events of the Africa Multiple Cluster of Excellence at the University of Bayreuth.



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Achille Mbembe

THE EARTHLY COMMUNITY

Humanity seems to have come to the realization that if there is no significant adjustment in how we conduct our lives, parts of the Earth are likely to become inhospitable in the near future. Indeed many are wondering how we should inhabit anew and share as equitably as possible a planet whose life-support system has been so severely damaged by human activities as to be in dire need of repair. In his new book, *LA COMMUNAUTE TERRESTRE*, Achille Mbembe mobilizes concepts and categories drawn from African systems of thought to address the issue of how we may re-member the Earth, that is, put back together its different parts, reassemble it, and reconstitute it as an integrated system in which humans and non-humans, physical, chemical, and biological components are all interlinked in a grand gesture of symbiosis and mutuality. In this session, he will return to these questions of habitability and biosymbiosis, of sustainability and durability, of the interlacing of human history and the Earth's history. He will show the extent to which they will be at the center of any debate on the future of life and the future of reason in this century.

Join here!

20 April 2023, 4-6 pm CEST

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