



INVITATION

In celebration of Heritage Month, the University of Johannesburg Confucius Institute (UJCI) invites you to a Public Dialogue on:

Discourses on Decolonization: Ubuntu as Public Policy

From the 1950s onwards, many African leaders formulated new philosophies or ideologies as guiding principles for the post-colonial era. This included the Pan-Arabism of Gamel Abdel Nasser of Egypt; the Pan-Africanism of Kwame Nkumah of Ghana; the African Socialism of Julius Nyerere of Tanzania and Tom Mboya of Kenya; and the Common Man's Charter of Appolo Milton Obote of Uganda. Other contributions included Leopold Sedar Senghor's Socialism, Kenneth Kaunda's Humanism, and Mobutu Sese Seko's Authenticity. Following South Africa's transition to democracy, Ubuntu and the African Renaissance were added to the list, proving that efforts to formulate an African approach to political and social freedom had not ended. The debate about Ubuntu and its implications has been revitalised by an exchange of ideas between Professors Muxe Nkondo of South Africa and Peter Ndege of Kenya, contained in two UJCI Occasional Papers (available at www.confucius-institute.joburg). In this Public Dialogue, these two figures and others will continue the conversation, reflecting on the potential for and implications of using Ubuntu as a driving principle of public policy, including international relations.

DATE:	Thursday 28 September 2017
TIME:	13h00-16h30
VENUE:	School of Tourism and Hospitality, UJ Bunting Road Campus, Corner Kingsway and University Roads, Auckland Park, Johannesburg
13h00-14h00	ARRIVAL, REGISTRATION AND LUNCH
14h00-14h10	WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS Dr David Monyae , Co-Director, University of Johannesburg Confucius Institute
14h10-15h30	SPEAKERS Professor Muxe Nkondo , former Vice-Chancellor, University of Venda Professor Peter O Ndege , Moi University, Kenya Professor Chris Landsberg , University of Johannesburg
15h30-16h15	DISCUSSION
16h15-16h30	CLOSING REMARKS AND VOTE OF THANKS



About the speakers



Professor Muxe Nkondo is a former Vice-Chancellor and Principal of the University of Venda, and a former Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Vice-Principal (Academic Affairs) of the University of the North (now the University of Limpopo). He was also an Andrew Mellon Fellow of and Visiting Professor at Harvard University, and a visiting scholar at Oxford University. He was one of five hundred scholars from Africa and the Diaspora invited by the African Union in 2004 to participate in a conference in Dakar, Senegal, on the role of intellectuals in Africa. He is a former member of the Oxford Club, and the Middle East and African Council of the International Association of University Presidents. He has chaired Technical Teams and Expert Panels in the following government departments in South Africa: Higher Education, Arts and Culture, Trade and Industry, Tourism, Public Services and Administration, and Human Settlements. He served as a policy expert on the Technical Team that drafted the National Water Resources Strategy, and served as ‘anchor’ for the Eastern Cape Planning Commission. Currently, among other positions, he is a member of the Executive Committee of the Council of the University of South Africa, a member of the steering committee of the Moses Kotane Institute, and a Research Associate of the Centre in Indigenous African Knowledge Systems of the University of KwaZulu Natal.



Peter O Ndege is Professor of History, a former Head of the Department of History, and former Dean of the School of Arts and Social Sciences at Moi University in Eldoret, Kenya. He holds a BA (Hons) degree in History from Makerere University in Kampala; a Postgraduate Diploma in Education and a Master of Arts in History from the University of Nairobi, and a PhD degree in History from West Virginia University in Morgantown in the United States. Among his publications are *Olonana ole Mbatian, Crises of Governance in Kenya; An Assessment of Poverty Reduction in Kenya*, and *Agrarian Kleptocracy and the Land Question in Kenya*. In addition, he has written a number of journal articles and book chapters on Kenya’s economy, governance, commissions of inquiry, and other aspects of Kenya’s history.



Chris Landsberg is professor and SARChI Chair of African Diplomacy and Foreign Policy at the University of Johannesburg, and a Senior Associate of the UJ School of Leadership. He is the former Head of Politics and International Relations at UJ. Landsberg was educated at Rand Afrikaans University (now UJ), Rhodes University and Oxford University, and holds MPhil and DPhil degrees in international relations (Oxon). He was a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford University, and a Hamburg Fellow of Stanford University in the United States. Previously he was director of the Centre for Policy Studies in Johannesburg, and co-founder and former co-director of the Centre for Africa’s International Relations at the University of the Witwatersrand. He is a co-editor of seven books, including *From Cape to Congo: Southern Africa’s Emerging Security Challenges*, and *South Africa in Africa: The Post-Apartheid Era*; and author of *The Diplomacy of Transformation: South African Foreign Policy and Statecraft*, and *The Quiet Diplomacy of Transition: International Politics and South Africa’s Transition*.