

## **E-Seminar**

5th October - 30th November 2020

# Issues in African Philosophy and Theology



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## Dates.

Step 1: 5<sup>th</sup> October - 19<sup>th</sup> October 2020

**Step 2:** 19<sup>th</sup> October – 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020

Step 3: 2<sup>nd</sup> November – 16<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Step 4: 16<sup>th</sup> November - 30<sup>th</sup> November 2020

## **Teaching Method**

- → The seminar takes place entirely online via Domuni's distance-learning platform (moodle.domuni.eu). Each student logs in independently and works at their own pace, according to the schedule defined.
- → Each step lasts two weeks
- → During the first week of the step, each student is asked to write a structured contribution (approx. 4,000 characters, including spaces) to the seminar, using the texts and the discussion points displayed by the professor.
- → The second week of each step is dedicated to debates and discussions, supervised by the professor.
- → The final grade takes into account the quality of the four obligatory contributions and the participation in the debates.
- → Each step requires a minimum of 7 hours of independent work.

### Level

- → This seminar is for students at Bachelor 3 or Master level
- → Places are limited to a maximim of 20 in order to ensure the pedagogical quality of the seminar.

## Scheduled reading with bibliography:

#### Week 1

- 1) Self as a problem in African philosophy by Chukwudum B. Okolo. Work edited by Coetzee, PH & Roux, APJ (Eds). 2002. (2<sup>nd</sup> edition). Philosophy from Africa: a Text with Readings (Oxford University Press Southern Africa) / 2003. (2<sup>nd</sup> edition), pp. 209 215.
- 2) African epistemology by Didier N. Kaphagawani and Jeanette G Malherbe. Work edited by Coetzee, PH & Roux, APJ (Eds). 2002. (2<sup>nd</sup> edition). *Philosophy from Africa: a Text with Readings* (Oxford University Press Southern Africa) / 2003. (2<sup>nd</sup> edition), pp.219 229

#### Week 2

1) African Moral Theory: *Ubuntu*. Metz, Thaddeus. "Toward an African Moral Theory." *Journal of Political Philosophy* 15, no. 3 (2007): 321–41. Metz, Thaddeus. "The Motivation for "toward an African Moral Theory"." *South African Journal of Philosophy* 26, no. 26 (2007): 331-35.

#### Week 3

1) Andoh, Cletus. "Bioethics and the Challenges to Its Growth in Africa". *Open Journal of Philosophy*, 1, 67-76. FAYEMI, A. K. & AKINTUNDE, F. A. 2012. On the Myth Called 'African Bioethics': Further Reflections on Segun Gbadegesin's Account. *Bangladesh Journal of Bioethics*, 3, 4-11

### Week 4

- 1) The Closeness of the God of Our Ancestors: An African Approach to the Incarnation by Mununguri Masumbuko (Nairobi: Paulines Publications Africa, 1998)
- 2) From Magic to Metaphor: A Validation of Christian Sacraments by George S. Worgul (New York: Pauline Press, 1980).
- 3) She Who Is: The Mystery of God in Feminist Theological Discourse by Elizabeth Johnson (New York: Crossroad, 1992).