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Thursday, 19 Sept

Opening Ceremony

7.00 pm - 10.00pm

“No more walls, Building bridges“

Georg Neumann, Jazz Institute, Berlin

Friday, 20 Sept

10.00 am - 6.00pm

“Ideation, Face to Face & Trios“ - Conferences

Akademie der Künste

9.00 pm - 12.00 am

Closing Ceremony

Heilig-Kreuz Kirche

Saturday, 21 Sept

10.00 am - 1.00pm

Workshops

Palais Populaire

Humboldt University

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“ How are we going to meet the big challenges? “

Will we reproduce the mistakes from the adventure of the twentieth century capitalist economy or take a new civilizational turn? The African continent must be the laboratory for a Revised World.

We must imagine new forms, we must reinvent a richer and more open humanity, with sharper ecological consciousness and a fairer economy.

“ Our continent is the place of the world oldest social formations, with a history made of dark and bright periods. Africa has experienced great civilizations but also suffered terrible shocks for which it has shown a great capacity for resilience. Will we be able to become a place where the making of humanity has to be started anew and get it further? “

“ Our Youth must realize that their destiny is not closed, that it is their responsibility to build it and that they embody all the resources to do so. Should it go through emancipation processes or fight regimes that hinder it, then let them do so. They have in their hands all the keys to reconfigure their destiny.”

The Forum de Saint-Louis, A Platform for Creativity, a Platform of Commitment

The Forum de Saint-Louis, a Triple challenge:

I - A Collective Reflection

Develop a collective reflection that will be able not only to make the world intelligible or understandable for all, but also to guide or inspire the future of humanity.

II - A Philosophy Of Action And Commitment

Associate this collective reflection with a philosophy of action and commitment to serve the community.

III - African Voices

To make the African speech voiced louder in the world, be it the voice of Africans, the one raised from the African continent, and more widely or simply the one inspired by Africa or which shares the same ideals or values.

The Forum de Saint Louis, a double-lever body:

I- The Forum de Saint Louis is a platform for creativity, a necessary condition to generate new ideas and solve complex problems. The awareness to be the essence of all forms of economic and social resilience, makes the Forum de Saint Louis wish, through creativity, to support the development of solutions for a better life for everyone. Actually, it aspires to reflect on anticipating and identifying global issues, humanity-related issues.

II- The Forum de Saint Louis is a platform for the social commitment of men and women of all generations, all continents, all cultures, all experiences, all social categories, all levels of expertise (the experienced and proven experts, the passionate, the amateur and the general public, etc.). They get together based on the simple but truthful idea that the genius of nature expresses itself through its love of diversity. As the contours of a new world begin to emerge, this community of individuals, a universal community, means to be:

- All change-makers, all holders of innovative ideas, good practices, beneficial innovations, and innovative projects.
- All those who chose to be actors rather than spectators, who opt for a chosen future and not for an imposed future, who are convinced that part of the solution is in them, and are convinced that reflection and action must be the most inseparable of couples.
- Business leaders and entrepreneurs, politicians and statesmen, writers and journalists, creators and designers, thinkers and intellectuals, men of action and men in the field, artists and men of literature or culture.

IDEATION 1 / WHAT FUTURE FOR THE AFRICAS: FROM AN IMPOSED FATE TO A CHOSEN FUTURE

Friday, 20 September 2019 - 10:00 am. Duration 45 minutes

This panel will evoke the conceptual and material tools available to the continent to get out of what the Cameroonian thinker Achille Mbembe calls the "Great Night" to inaugurate in a new era of human and social progress. Besides, through the experiences and examples of the panelists, questions will be raised about the future of the continent that no longer stands on the fringes of the world, but within it, in a full epistemic centrality. Finally, the human challenge will be tackled: how can the dream-bearing, agile and enterprising youth face the challenges of mental decolonization and development?

ISSUES TO BE ADDRESSED BY PANELISTS:

Inducted as continent of the future, how can Africa be a place where ideas and practices that will determine a turning point in the world will be defined?

According to demographic forecasts, the African population will be 2.5 billion in 2050. Half of this population will be under 25. How can the future of Africa be elaborated, from now on, at the economic, political, societal and cultural levels?

The planetaryization of the African matter also implies an Africa healed, revised and freed from coloniality. In this regard, decolonial urgency traces its path in the African contemporary thought. How to achieve, in all its forms, this decoloniality?

Since 2013, the African Union integrated the Diaspora as the sixth region of the continent. How can the potential of the diaspora be better utilized and included in the works for the shaping of the continent?

Keynote Speaker: Hamidou Anne

Moderator : Cheikh Ibrahima Diong

IDEATION 2 / A REINVENTED HUMANITY: THE BEST THAT AFRICA CAN OFFER

Friday, 20 September 2019 - 11:00 am. Duration 45 minutes

This panel will tackle the arrangements to break with an imposed model that has led humanity to a political, ecological and economic stalemate. Crises are arising everywhere, mainly growing inequalities and a resurgence of nationalism. Panelists will propose a situational analysis of humanity, and suggest ways to reinvent a new model of international society. Like militants in the 90's who proclaimed "another world is possible", they will identify conditions for a new universalism to be possible.

ISSUES TO BE ADDRESSED BY PANELISTS:

The West, which has ruled the world for centuries, is going through a crisis of sense characterized by galloping economic inequalities, the climate challenge, the resurgence of nationalisms, intolerance and withdrawal. Therefore, in order to give humanity a new breath, how could decentering be achieved while taking inspiration from other models and practices that come from the Latin-American, Asian and African worlds?

From a continent at the margins of the world to a promise of the future. The narrative about Africa has changed, coinciding with a desire of the continent, especially by its youth, to be heard. But how to bridge the struggle for the decolonization of mentalities, the promotion of positive and offensive Africanity with the need to think collectively, to build a new "truly universal universalism" without denying the authenticity of identities?

We are in Berlin, the city of symbols. This panel must also evoke the physical and symbolic walls that divide peoples all around the world. How can barriers be pulled down and bridges built in order to no longer divide or amputate but to bind or connect intelligences, peoples and futures?

Keynote Speaker: Andre Azoulay

Moderator : Alioune Gueye

IDEATION 3 / BEYOND THE BORDERS, LET'S THINK OF POSITIVE MOBILITY

Friday, 20 September 2019 - 12:00 pm. Duration 45 minutes

Migration is at the heart of the narrative of our time. Barely a day passes without the media showing flows of stowaways on the assault of the European coasts. But what about the other silent migration that brings economic inclusion and miscegenation? 80% of migrations in Africa are intra-African.

This panel will aim to address differently migration, mobility in a comprehensive way while avoiding clichés. Panelists will also address current issues relating to movement and borders.

ISSUES:

Television, internet, social media. Information is spreading at an exponential speed. What is happening in Berlin is known at the same time in Dakar. In addition to information, capital also circulates. But men still face barriers that are barriers for Africans. Movement is a right. How can it be made effective for people?

Mobility is often restricted to clandestine migration. However, there is intra-African mobility that generate economic opportunities and allows crossbreeding between peoples. How can the media narrative be adapted to shed more light on this positive migration that yields wealth?

Africa has been suffering from European migration policies. Yet, we are provider countries and, in this respect, have a leading responsibility on the subject. What is the state of play of African migration policies? How can a shared public decision be reached for Africa and Europe to design and implement migration policies together?

Keynote Speaker: Didier Acouetey

Moderator : Cheikh Ibrahima Diong

IDEATION 4 / MULTIPLE IDENTITIES, INCLUSIVENESS TO REACH THE UNIVERSAL

Friday, 20 September 2019 - 3:00 pm. Duration 45 minutes

This panel will address the notion of living together in the era of identitarian closures. How can affiliations be melted down and identity rigidities overcome in order to build a dialogue between peoples. Panelists will look at identities, otherness, relationship and connection to languages and cultures from elsewhere that need to dialogue to fertilize the commons.

ISSUES:

In a context of globalization that promotes the connection of peoples and intelligences, there is nevertheless a narrow conception of the identity that is progressing, threatening the living-together, the togetherness. How to repair the social bond that enables to see the other no longer as a threat but as a contributor who enriches through their culture, language, and symbolic and mental universe?

No geographical area, no social group established in whatever part of the world can, by its own, change the world. We need to write a new narrative of humanity in the presence of (inclusive of) all languages and all cultures. How, by means of dialogue and historical understanding, can we once again forge an imaginary of relationship, of the Tout-Monde, the plural identities and the interconnection of intelligences and emotions?

Senghor praised miscegenation; Glissant praised creolity. African artists still produce works in French and English, the languages of colonization that we have internalized. The notion of hybridization has always been present in Afro-diasporic literatures and cultures. How can African intellectuals and artists revive diversity while facing the resurgence of closed identities?

Keynote Speaker: Hamidou Sall

Moderator : Sylvère-Henry Cissé

IDEATION 5 / FROM ECOLOGY TO ECOSOPHY: A NEW ETHICS OF THE RELATIONSHIP TO THE PLANET

Friday, 20 September 2019 - 4:00 pm. Duration 45 minutes

This panel will evoke the relationship of man with nature, in the era of the Anthropocene and the need to erect a new ethics of ecology that could be ecosophy. Panelists will review current initiatives in the continent and elsewhere, often from youth and women, in support of the climate emergency. The standing of Africa, often on the margins of institutional debates on the climate issue, will be addressed.

ISSUES:

Beyond the rhetoric and the declarations of intention, how can concrete measures be adopted to reconcile the necessity for economic growth and the requirement for sustainable development?

Ecology, before being a public policy orientation, is primarily an individual matter. And populations have seemingly taken into account the scale of the climate emergency, and pressure governments to take action. In this regard, on March 15, 2019, millions of young people marched in 2000 cities of 125 countries to require from their leaders action against climate change. With tangible examples, how can young people take up the challenge of reversing the trend of global warming?

How to better inhabit the earth? Should we not shift from ecology (the discourse around nature) to ecosophy, which is an ethics of the relationship of man to nature? This induces an inversion of the current relationship, breaking with man being at the top of the hierarchy of the living, and inserting him into a global whole.

Africa emits less than 5% of greenhouse gases but experiences the negative impacts of global warming. How could the continent, through its past, offer the world traditional tools of resilience to respond global warming?

Keynote Speaker: Volker Schlöndorff

Moderator : Cheikh Ibrahima Diong

AFRICA'S VOICES

Friday, 20 September 2019 - 5:00 pm. Duration 45 minutes

Moderator : Seynabou Dia

Keynote Speakers:

- Aisha Deme
- Mbougar Sarr
- Rama Yade
- Alioune Sall



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Workshop 1:

THE AFRICAS TAKE HOLD OF THE FUTURE. THE DIGITAL AND CREATIVE INDUSTRIES

Saturday 21 September 2019 - 10:00 am

Facilitator: Pamela Stenzel

Workshop 2:

AFRICA, THE NEXT FRONTIER

Saturday 21 September 2019 - 11:00 am (in English)

Facilitator: Arwa Barkallah

Workshop 3:

THE AFRICAS: BEYOND A MARKET, AN INTEGRATION

Saturday 21 September 2019 - 12:00 pm (in French)

Facilitator: Alioune Gueye