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Anton Wilhelm Amo Public Lecture & Symposium

Theme: Anton Wilhelm Amo: Reflections on his Life and Intellectual Legacy for Contemporary Discourses

Dates: 7th & 8th December 2021

Registration link: <https://forms.gle/MU8RmDX2qmW8ALxe7>

Anton Wilhelm Amo Lecture

Host: Prof. Nana Aba Appiah Amfo (Vice Chancellor, University of Ghana)

Chair: Prof. Dzodzi Tsikata (Director, Institute of African Studies)

Special Guest of Honour: His Excellency Daniel Krull (German Ambassador to Ghana)

Guest Speaker: Prof. J. Obi Oguejiofor (Department of Philosophy, Nnamdi Azikiwe University)

Title: The Significance of Anton Wilhelm Amo in Contemporary African Philosophy

Date: 7th December, 2021

Venue: Great Hall & Online via Zoom

Timelines

Day One: – 7th December, 2021

- Kick-off symposium on Anton Wilhelm Amo @ 10:30am
- Unveiling of Anton Wilhelm Amo Plaque at Philosophy Department @ 3:30 – 3:45pm
- Public Lecture @ 4:00 – 6:00pm
- Performance on Anton Wilhelm Amo at the E.T.S Drama Studio @ 7:00pm

Day Two: – 8th December, 2021

- Symposium on Anton Wilhelm Amo @ 8:00am – 5:45pm

Programme Schedule

DAY 1: 7th December 2021

SYMPOSIUM: ROUND-TABLE DISCUSSION (symposium guests only)

Venue: Merian Institute for Advanced Studies in Africa (MIASA), University of Ghana

Zoom: <https://uni-freiburg.zoom.us/meeting/register/u5AucOmurTMsG9NfpqcSSjvdMR11rthajsft>

Time	Program	Officiator
10:30-11:00	Welcome and Registration	
11:00-13:00	Memory Sites of Anton Wilhelm Amo in Ghana - Germany	MIASA IFG 5 and symposium participants

UNVEILING OF ANTON WILHELM AMO PLAQUE (public)

Venue: Department of Philosophy & Classics

Time	Program	Officiator
3:30 – 3:45	Welcome by Head of Philosophy & Classics Remarks by University of Halle/ Rep Remarks by the Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to Ghana Remarks by Vice Chancellor or Rep	Prof. Mohammed Majeed Prof. Werner Kahl His Excellency Daniel Krull Prof. Nana Aba Appiah Amfo

ANTON WILHELM AMO LECTURE (public)

Venue: Great Hall & Zoom

Zoom: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Ag3vXE9mTH-pjAgc9I_kAg

Program		
3:30 – 4:00	Guests Seated	
4:00 – 4:05	Opening	MC
4:05 – 4:15	Welcome Address and Introduction of Chairperson	Prof. Charlotte Wrigley-Asante (MIASA Director 'Ghana')
4:15 – 4:20	Chairperson's Brief Remarks	Prof. Dzodzi Tsikata (Director, Institute of African Studies)
4:20 – 4:30	Address by the Vice Chancellor	Prof. Nana Aba Appiah Amfo
4:30 – 4:40	Address by the Special Guest of Honour	His Excellency Daniel Krull (German Ambassador to Ghana)

4:40 – 4:45	Introduction of Guest Speaker	Prof. Abena Oduro (Member, MIASA Executive Council)
4:45 – 5:30	A. W. Amo Lecture: The Significance of Anton Wilhelm Amo in Contemporary African Philosophy	Prof. Obi Oguejiofor (Nnamdi Azikiwe University)
5:30 – 5:45	Question & Answer Session	Dr. Richmond Kwesi (Moderator)
5:45 – 5:50	Chair's Closing Remarks	Prof. Dzodzi Tsikata
5:55 – 6:00	Vote of Thanks and Closing	Dr. Susann Baller (MIASA Director 'Germany')

PERFORMANCE ON ANTON WILHELM AMO (public)

Organized by the Department of Theatre Arts, School of Performing Arts, UG, and the Theater des Ostens (Berlin) with the support of the Goethe Institute Ghana

Venue: E.T.S Drama Studio

Time: 7pm

DAY 2: 8th December 2021

SYMPOSIUM: PANELS

Venue: ISSER Conference facility & Zoom

Zoom: <https://uni-freiburg.zoom.us/meeting/register/u5AucOmurTMsG9NfpqcSSjvdMR11rthajstf>

Time	Title	Presenter
8:00 – 8:30	Welcome & Registration	
8:30 – 8:40	Welcome Address	Prof. Emmanuel Kofi Ackah (Department of Philosophy & Classics)

Session 1 – Moderator: Dr. Susann Baller (MIASA Director 'Germany')

8:40 – 9:20	Reflections of West-African thought traditions in the context of German enlightenment: Amo as cross-cultural philosopher	Prof. Werner Kahl (Department of Religion, Goethe-Universität Frankfurt) & Prof. Martin Ajei (Department of Philosophy, University of Ghana)
9:20 – 10:00 (Online)	Amo, impassivity (apatheia) and the Internet	Dr. Chris Meyns (Department of Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology, Uppsala University)

10:00 – 10:40 (Online)	The Origins and Aims of Amo’s Tractatus	Prof. Justin E. H. Smith (Department of History and Philosophy of Science, University of Paris)
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10:40 – 11:00

Cocoa Break

Session 2 – Moderator: Dr. Chika Mba (Institute of African Studies)

11:00 – 11:40	Convergence and Divergence of Windowed and Windowless Substances in Anton Wilhelm Amo’s Philosophy	Professor Amaechi Udefi (Department of Philosophy, University of Ibadan)
11:40 – 12:20 (Online)	The theory of knowledge and the nature of man: reflections of the legacy of Anton Wilhelm Amo in the visual rhetoric of some African films	Dr. Vitus Nanbigne (Department of Theatre and Film Studies, University of Cape Coast)
12:20 – 1:00	Africa and Migration Policies in the West: Lessons from Anton Wilhelm Amo’s Life and Times	Dr. Osman Alhassan (Institute of African Studies)

1:00– 2:00

Lunch Break

Session 3 – Moderator: Dr. Richmond Kwesi (Department of Philosophy and Classics)

2:00-2:05	Message from “Anton Wilhelm Amo Legacy Network” in Germany	Andrea-Vicky Amankwaa- Birago (Hochschule für Technik und Wirtschaft Berlin, University of Applied Sciences, Germany)
2:05 –2:45 (Online)	Amo Wilhelm Amo: Justice Then for Now	Prof. Dwight Lewis (Philosophy, University of Central Florida)
2:45 – 3:25 (Online)	Anton Wilhelm Amo: On the Rights of Blacks in Germany	Dr. Natasha Kelly (Max Kade Distinguished Visiting Professor, University of Rhodes Island)
3:25 – 4:05	From Moor Street to Amo the African, Re-Membering Black People’s Right to European Public Space	Jonathan Bill Doe (Brandenburg University of Technology, Germany)
4:05 – 4:45	Taking up the transnational legacy of Anton Wilhelm Amo	Andrea-Vicky Amankwaa- Birago (Department of Museology, University of Applied Sciences, Hochschule

		für Technik und Wirtschaft Berlin)
4:45 – 5:00	Break	
5:00 – 5:40	Panel Discussion: Reflections on the drama performance on Anton Wilhelm Amo Discussant	Dr. Ekuia Ekumah (Department of Theatre Arts, University of Ghana) Prof. Obi Oguejiofor (Nnamdi Azikiwe University)
5:40 – 5:45	Vote of Thanks / Closing Remarks	Prof. Charlotte Wrigley-Asante (MIASA Director 'Ghana')

Organizing Committee

Prof. Abena Oduro (former Director, MIASA)

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Additional information:

<https://www.ug.edu.gh/mias-africa/events/workshop/anton-wilhelm-amo-lecture-symposium>

