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## [News, Updates, Publications](#)

### [Open House 2024 & Networking Event Recap](#)

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Open House 2024 & Networking Event on October 3rd! It was a fantastic opportunity for scholars, students, and members to come together and engage in meaningful conversations, spark future collaborations, and reflect on key topics in Africa and its Diasporas.

Journal of African and African Diasporic Studies (JAADS) / La revue officielle de l'Institut Harriet Tubman pour la recherche sur l'Afrique et ses diasporas (READA)  
JAADS/READA is the official journal of the Harriet Tubman Institute for Research on Africa and its Diasporas. It is an international, peer-reviewed, bilingual journal that publishes research advancing our understanding of Africans and people of African descent across the diaspora. Students and scholars publishing for the first time are guided and supported throughout the publishing process via ScienceOpen.

### [Black History Month 2025](#)

Each year, The Harriet Tubman Institute hosts a series of events dedicated to a chosen theme. Black History Month at Tubman addresses anti-Black racism that impacts the Black community at both local and international levels. The upcoming Black History Month's theme is *Labour*. Please contact [tubman@yorku.ca](mailto:tubman@yorku.ca) if you would like to propose a panel or event.

### [Virtual Museum Project: The Underground Railroad to St. Catharines: Harriet Tubman's Canadian Legacy](#)

This project will become a digital museum that tells the story of Harriet Tubman's time in St. Catharines and how her efforts helped fugitives establish their lives in Canada. St. Catharines was the last stop on the Underground Railroad and for several years it was Tubman's northern base of operations. Through historical photographs, textual records, and the voices of their descendants, this project pays homage to the early Black settlers in southern Ontario, Harriet Tubman, and to the descendants of those whom she guided to Canada. The Virtual Museum will go live in February 2025.

### [International Conference 2026: Jamaica](#)

The Harriet Tubman Institute hosts international conferences every few years. In 2023, the International Conference, *Africa and its Diasporas' Contributions to World Civilizations*, was held at Cheikh Anta Diop University in Dakar, Senegal. The upcoming conference will be held in Jamaica in 2026. Planning is still underway—stay tuned for more information.

### [Tubman Talks](#)

The Harriet Tubman Institute offers Tubman Talks on Thursdays in the Resource Centre (314 York Lanes). They provide an intellectual space that fosters debate among scholars whose research interests focus on the history and contemporary experiences of Africans and people of African descent. Tubman Talks provides individual researchers, as well as research teams, with a platform for exchange. Students especially are encouraged to sign up for Talks to strengthen presentation skills and receive feedback on research. Contact Bianca Beauchemin <[biancab4@yorku.ca](mailto:biancab4@yorku.ca)>, Tubman Talks organizer, if you are interested in presenting.

### [Grants](#)

The Harriet Tubman Institute provides various forms of support to researchers managing their grants through the Institute. Contact [tubman@yorku.ca](mailto:tubman@yorku.ca) to learn more.

### [Research Clusters](#)

Attendees of the Open House & Networking Event engaged in productive discussions on how members wish to organize and participate in Research Clusters.

- Labour, Movement and Mobility
- Expressive Culture and Belief Systems
- Politics, Economics and Social Justice
- Theories and Methodologies, including Oral Sources and Digital Humanities
- Genders and Sexualities
- Health and Disability
- Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics

If you are a Tubman member and would like to join a Research Cluster, please fill out the [Membership Profile Update Form](#). If you would like to become a Tubman Member, [apply here](#).

We invite everyone to stay connected with the Harriet Tubman Institute, whether through upcoming events, contributing to our research clusters, or publishing with JAADS. Let's continue building a strong community together!



### Call for Panelists: Postdoctoral Fellow Dr. Kennedy Opande to present in panel

Postdoctoral Fellow Dr. Kennedy Opande is seeking co-panelists for an upcoming panel discussion at the Association of Social Anthropologists of the UK (ASA) Conference. Paper submissions will be accepted until November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Submit here: <https://nomadit.co.uk/account/contact/login>. Note that you must create or login to your account in order to propose your paper for the panel. Please contact Dr. Opande for further inquiries.

Panel organizer: Dr Kennedy Opande, PhD in Anthropology (University of Nairobi - Kenya) and Postdoctoral Visitor (Liberal Arts & Professional Studies - York University)  
Contact Info: [koo@yorku.ca](mailto:koo@yorku.ca)

Name of Conference and Dates: ASA2025, April 8-11

Name of Panel: P35: Anthropological renewal, knowledge flows, and contextual intersections in Africa.

Abstract: Anthropology remains dominated by exotically-led theoretical domains. This has left unequal knowledge flows in the field. The current movement emphasising accurate representation of knowledge within anthropology offers promise regarding the way the field is engaged with, including how it shapes knowledge production in Africa in the future. The current debates around climate change, health and environmental cataclysms among others which have seriously impacted local societies have renewed anthropology and how it remains pivotal in understanding not just how people interact with their environment but also how the local knowledge systems, epistemologies and ontologies can intersect with global and regional knowledges and praxis. This panel will discuss how the discourse about the shifts in the anthropological knowledge can shape and even influence regional and global realities to

extend epistemological and ontological currencies imbedded in the local realities including science in Africa. It aims at advancing the debate at the broader sphere of knowledge production, exchange and shareability across different ecological contexts as they are generated. The panel invites discussions optimising the expansion of knowledge spaces across contexts and demonstrating the way this can encourage the intersection of knowledge through flows, exchanges, and utilisation. The central questions are: to what extent has anthropological knowledge generated in Africa influenced viewpoints and understanding of the dominant global theoretical discourses? How is this knowledge positioned and even utilised in the contemporary arena of decolonising knowledge in those spaces – including in the key sectors that directly affect the quality of life and existence?

### HTI Journal of African and African Diasporic Studies/ La revue des études sur l'Afrique et la diaspora africaine

An official journal of the Harriet Tubman Institute for Research on Africa and its Diasporas, the HTI Journal of African and African Diasporic Studies (JAADS) is an international, peer-reviewed, and bilingual journal that publishes research that advances our understanding of African people and African-descended people across the diaspora. More information about publishing guidelines can be found [on our website here](#).

The Harriet Tubman Institute offers the following support:

- Mentorship support for first-time publishers and students
- Preliminary review of written work before submission for first-time publishers and students
- Opportunity to share published work at a Tubman Talks
- Network for support and collaboration through the Graduate Students Caucus
- Platform to share your research (not limited to the journal publication)

If you would like to join the Tubman JAADS Committee as a reviewer, send us an email ([tubman@yorku.ca](mailto:tubman@yorku.ca))! Papers will be assigned to reviewers based on the relevant field & topic.



## Room Booking & Study Spaces at The Harriet Tubman Institute (Third Floor, York Lanes, Keele Campus)

Resource Room (314 York Lanes) – cap. 30  
 Study Room (316 York Lanes) – cap. 1  
 Meeting Room (332 York Lanes) – cap. 4  
 Graduate Caucus Study Rooms (325 & 327 York Lanes) (for HTI Research Associates only)  
 Open study space (does not require a booking)

Open weekdays 8:30am-4:30pm. After hour access requires a YU Card.

The Resource Room Booking form can be found [here](#). All other booking requests can be sent to [tubman@yorku.ca](mailto:tubman@yorku.ca) with your name, date, and time of the request in the subject line.

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## Tubman Events

### Tubman Talks with Ify Okadigbo: Gendered Power Through Spirituality: The Case of Igbo West Africa – November 7

Date: Thursday, November 7, 2024

Time: 3:00-4:30pm Eastern Time

Location: Tubman Resource Room (314 York Lanes), York University, Keele Campus

In-person Registration: <https://research.apps01.yorku.ca/machform/view.php?id=237524>

Zoom Registration:

[https://yorku.zoom.us/join/register/tUkfuyurjoiHNFb6tvN\\_6L7HBHjvehO6G6H](https://yorku.zoom.us/join/register/tUkfuyurjoiHNFb6tvN_6L7HBHjvehO6G6H)

Title: Gendered Power Through Spirituality: The Case of Igbo West Africa

**Abstract:** Mainstreaming the mystic traces the utility and recovery of traditional modes of gendered spirituality in southeastern Igbo communities. It explores how contemporary Igbo women adjust to the simultaneous practice of traditional Igbo spirituality/*Odinani* and Christianity without conflict. This research also investigates the connections between the colonial encroachment of Igbo West African communities, and the subsequent and sustained decline of the status of Igbo women. It plots these connections by interrogating how unique modes of power, specifically spiritual power, utilized by Igbo women, were subsequently diminished through a three-pronged approach of colonization, western religion, and western education. Ultimately, this work problematizes the binary and rigid interpretation of Igbo culture as patriarchal, abusive to women, masculinist and “women hating”, by contextualizing the meanings and application of power particularly gendered power through spirituality. It posits that power exists in the quiet, the mysterious, the taken for granted, the hidden, the unorthodox, and the unexplained.

**Bio:** Ifeyinwa Okadigbo, widely known as Ify, is a dedicated Ph.D. Candidate within the esteemed School of Gender, Sexuality, and Women’s Studies at York University, Toronto, Canada. Her academic journey has been characterized by a profound commitment to unveiling the multifaceted dimensions of gender, coloniality, and African feminism. Ify holds an impressive academic record, boasting two master’s degrees in Gender and International Development from the University of East Anglia, United Kingdom, and Gender, Feminist, and Women’s Studies from York University, Canada.

Her research endeavors are anchored in a decolonial feminist perspective, reflecting her fervent desire to critically examine the ramifications of the colonial encounter and its enduring legacies on the lives, aspirations, and future trajectories of African women in the Igbo and Hausa communities of Nigeria. Ify’s scholarly pursuits encompass a rich tapestry of subjects, with a primary focus on coloniality, decolonization, African feminism, African personhood, traditional women’s movements, and gendered leadership.

In her recent work, Ify has expanded her research horizon to encompass the intricate discourses surrounding gendered power and its unique connections to Igbo spirituality. Her exploration delves into how African women continually disrupt the prevailing binary narratives that often oversimplify the interplay between Western religious influences and African spirituality.

Her multidisciplinary approach to complex issues in the realm of gendered power and its connections to spirituality promises to contribute significantly to the evolving discourse in these fields, ultimately paving the way for a more inclusive and equitable future.

Her work has been supported by many Grants and Fellowships.



### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Introduce yourself and your research interests
2. What would be helpful to ensure the research cluster can remain active?
3. What would motivate you to collaborate with cluster members on research and research related activities?
4. How often do you think cluster members should meet?
5. We know that everyone is busy and students and faculty have competing interests with less time. How do you think cluster members should align their schedules and support?

# Tubman Talks

## Welcomes: Ify Okadigbo

Nov. 7, 2024 | 3:00-4:30pm | 314 York Lanes (Hybrid)



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**In-person Registration**

**Zoom Registration**



## Tubman Talks with Dr. Ndu Nwokolo: Human Rights and the Growing Informal Security Industry in Africa- Nov 14

Date: Thursday, November 14, 2024

Time: 3:00-4:30pm Eastern Time

Location: Tubman Resource Room (314 York Lanes), York University, Keele Campus

Register here: <https://research.apps01.yorku.ca/machform/view.php?id=239239>

Poster coming soon.

Title: Non-State Security Provision and Human Rights Abuses in Nigeria: Rethinking the influence of the Principals on the agents

Bio: Dr Ndubuisi N. Nwokolo is a Managing Partner at Nextier & the Chief Executive of Nextier SPD (Security, Peace and Development), a business unit under Nextier. Nextier is a multi-sectoral, multi-competency International development consulting firm with Offices in Nigeria, Liberia, the USA, and the UK.

He is an Honorary Fellow at the School of Government, University of Birmingham, UK, since 2017 and a Visiting Research Fellow at the Nathanson Centre on Transnational Human Rights, Crime, and Security at York University Canada. He holds a *PhD* from the University of Birmingham, UK, in the Political Economy of Natural Resource Conflicts and an advanced MA in Conflict and Sustainable Peace Studies from Katholieke University, Leuven, Belgium. He also has a Master's Degree in Political Economy and Development Studies from the University of Jos and a B.Sc. in Political Science from the University of Nigeria, Nsukka.

Ndu is recognised as a Peacebuilding, Conflict, Security, governance, and International Development Specialist with significant experience and knowledge of Nigeria's and Africa's conflict, stabilisation, security, democratic and governance interventions. He consults for International organisations and Development agencies and has been published in academic journals, newspapers, and policy briefs.

Abstract: Security and Policing provisions in Nigeria remain a huge challenge. Today, the country faces security challenges such as terrorism, farmer-herder conflicts, banditry and armed robbery, secession struggles, kidnapping, cult clashes, and group violence across its six geopolitical zones. The multiplicity of these challenges seems to be overwhelming the capacity and ability of state security forces to deal with them. Based on the existing situation, several non-state security outfits have emerged to complement the efforts of state security forces in security and policing provisioning, especially at the local community level.

In many societies, non-state security and policing platforms often emerge when people perceive political authorities and law enforcement institutions as biased, illegitimate or ineffective. In some situations, such a notion leads to the emergence of self-help security actors who apply their kind of justice (Asif & Weenink, 2019). In Nigeria, they consist of vigilante groups, neighbourhood watch, hunter-guard groups, night watch groups, etc. Based on the need for self-help, they function within platforms that perform security and policing-related responsibilities even when such tasks were not designated to them by the country's constitution. However, some states in Nigeria (federating units) that have established such security outfits on the grounds of augmenting the conventional national security provisions have such outfits backed by state assembly laws but not the constitution.

Narratives of non-state security outfits using on-the-spot corporal punishment such as beating, flogging, and even lynching of suspects are becoming frightening. As these non-state security actors grow in size and numbers due to security challenges, their human rights abuses increase, especially with the absence of national regulations. However, shared understanding and knowledge is that the collaborations between the state security actors/outfits as principals and the non-state security actors/outfits as agents means that the state security outfits oversight and regulate the non-state security outfits even though the constitution has not made such provisions. Based on the Principal-agent theory, it agitates the minds to wonder if a principal with an institutional problem of human rights violations could force its agent to desist from human rights abuse. Drawing on this theory, the current security situation and human rights abuses by state security outfits in the country, making non-state security outfits conform to human rights standards, needs more than constitutional provisions and regulatory processes.

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## Upcoming York Events and News

Call for nominations for 2024-2025 President's Research Awards

The Senate Committee on Awards encourages you to submit nominations for the three President's Research Awards and to promote the submission of nominations among your colleagues.

[President's Emerging Research Leadership Award](#)

[President's Research Impact Award](#)

[President's Research Excellence Award](#)

The criteria and nomination forms can be found on the [Awards webpage](#). Alternatively, nomination packages may be submitted to the Committee Secretary at [jp Pratt@yorku.ca](mailto:jp Pratt@yorku.ca).

Please find more information in the attached memo.

## The CFR invites you to: Advancing Equity and Applying Intersectionality in Europe: Challenges and Contradictions

Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024

Time: 2:30pm – 4:00pm ET

Location: S638 Ross Building (Hybrid Event)

Zoom Registration: <https://yorku.zoom.us/join/98810699862?pwd=asX0yBlNkAhcbinFdeol5vCGJsfQcu.1>

2025 will mark half a century since the first European directives prohibiting identity-based discrimination. However, social inequities are increasing. Moreover, equity policy remains hugely 'siloes', predominantly focused around single issues/identities, best serving intersectionally privileged groups (e.g. white women). Yet, intersectionality, the Black feminist theory that inequalities are indivisible from one another, is increasingly difficult for those with influence on equity policy to ignore or explicitly resist. This presentation will give an overview of intersectionality, identify barriers to its operationalization in Europe, examine the UK in more detail as a case study, and reflect on contemporary challenges and contradictions for advancing equity and applying intersectionality.

Ashlee Christoffersen is a Banting Postdoctoral Researcher in the Department of Politics and Honorary Fellow at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland. Her research is about the operationalization of intersectionality in policy and practice. She is the author of *The Politics of Intersectional Practice: Representation, Coalition, and Solidarity in UK NGOs* (2024, Bristol University Press), and articles about equity policy and intersectionality in the *European Journal of Politics and Gender*, *Social Politics*, *Canadian Public Administration & Policy & Politics*.

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Host: Dr. Micha Fiedtschuster  
DAAD Visiting Professor  
Department of Politics  
[michaf@yorku.ca](mailto:michaf@yorku.ca)

Registration is required due to room capacity

<https://yorku.zoom.us/join/98810699862?pwd=asX0yBlNkAhcbinFdeol5vCGJsfQcu.1>

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## Laptop & Learn: Discover York Academics Drop-In Sessions

Research Commons and the Discover York Academics (DYA) team are excited to continue offering weekly drop-in sessions this fall to assist faculty members in creating their DYA profiles. These sessions will be available both in-person and online.

Discover York Academics is a dynamic eCV platform that enables faculty to showcase their work, connect with peers, indicate availability for graduate supervision, and enhance visibility to industry and community partners. With automatic updates and data aggregation from public sites, your DYA profile will continuously reflect your latest research, publications, awards, and professional activities.

Join us every Tuesday at 10:00 am starting today until December 17 for a step-by-step tutorial, with opportunities to ask questions and get real-time assistance. Sessions alternate weekly between in-person and online formats.

>> [Please register here for the sessions you wish to attend.](#)

Please note that you can sign up for multiple sessions at once. If you find the sessions helpful and wish to attend more, you can easily register again.

### Online Sessions

Online sessions will be held on Zoom:

<https://yorku.zoom.us/j/98810699862?pwd=asX0yBlNkAhcbinFdeol5vCGJsfQcu.1>

Meeting ID: 988 1069 9862

Passcode: 376879

Tuesday, October 22, 2024, 10:00 am

Tuesday, November 5, 2024, 10:00 am

Tuesday, November 19, 2024, 10:00 am

Tuesday, December 3, 2024, 10:00 am

Tuesday, December 17, 2024, 10:00 am

### In-Person Sessions

In-person sessions will be held in Kaneff Tower, Room 626.

Tuesday, October 29, 2024, 10:00 am

Tuesday, November 12, 2024, 10:00 am

Tuesday, November 26, 2024, 10:00 am

Tuesday, December 10, 2024, 10:00 am

To learn more about DYA, [please visit YULink](#). For a one-on-one user profile setup, [book an appointment](#) with DYA Project Manager Anna Kajor.

If you have any questions, please contact [dyahelp@yorku.ca](mailto:dyahelp@yorku.ca).

Panelists:

Jeffery R. Webber, Professor, Department of Politics, York University – *The Labour of Extraction in Latin America: Outlines of a Theoretical Approach*  
Chris Little, PhD candidate, Department of Politics, York University – *Transnational farmworker migration and class formation: notes from fieldwork between Guatemala and Ontario*  
Cirila Quintero, Professor and Researcher, El Colegio de la Frontera Norte (Border Studies Institute), Matamoros Campus – Mexico (will join via Zoom) – *Unions and Workers in Mexico: between a New Labor Law and CUSMA*  
Viviana Patroni, Professor Emerita, Department of Social Science, York University – *Workers, worker organizing and the far right in Argentina*

Date: October 24, 2024

Location: Ross Building, Room S701 (Social Science)

Time: 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm

Description: The panel explores recent developments in the everyday realities of workers and the conditions under which they organize, stemming from the economic and political changes that have occurred in Latin America over the last two decades. While a diversity of work experiences and of economic and political trends characterizes the region, high levels of inequality and growing precariousness are common among Latin American workers. The neoliberal economic and political transformation of the 1980s and 1990s is central in making sense of these features. Yet, the particular political trajectories and economic performance of the last two decades, including the rise of progressive movements and governments and also the radicalization of right wing forces, have created both new openings but also closed some avenues for workers' collective action. The presenters address various facets of these conflicting processes to bring attention to the conditions under which workers must confront the realities of their own survival and the options for collective strategies.

**Building Worker Power in Latin America:  
Possibilities and Challenges**

Thursday October 24th  
2:30 pm – 4:30 pm  
Ross building - Room S701  
@ York University

Panelists:

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Retrieved from Kaosonline: <https://kaosonline.net/2024/09/18/la-clase-trabajadora-esta-dividida/>

GLRC Global Labour Research Centre  
cerlac Centre for research on Latin America and the Caribbean

## Centre for Feminist Research: Call for Nominations - 2023-24 Mary McEwan Dissertation Award

The call for nominations for the CFR's 2023-24 Mary McEwan Memorial Dissertation Award is now open.

Named in honour of Dr. Mary McEwan, a feminist psychiatrist, this annual award of \$1,000.00 will be awarded to one PhD dissertation produced in the 2023-2024 academic year at York University in the area of feminist scholarship. An Awards Committee of faculty affiliated with the Centre will choose the winners.

If you have dissertations that were recommended for awards in 2023-24 (dissertations defended between September 1, 2023 and August 31st, 2024 are eligible), please consider putting them forward for this award. The submission deadline is November 30, 2024.

### CRITERIA OF ELIGIBILITY

1. Must be a York graduate student who has successfully defended a dissertation during the 2023-24 academic year (September 1 2023-August 31st, 2024).
2. The nominee's dissertation must concern feminist theory and/or gender issues.
3. The examining committee for the dissertation must unanimously recommend it for an award.

### PROCEDURE FOR NOMINATION

Each nomination must include:

1. The nomination checklist (see link below).
2. A copy of the dissertation.
3. A one-page statement (max.) from the nominee about the contribution the dissertation makes to feminist scholarship.
4. A letter of recommendation from the student's Supervisor commenting on the nominee's dissertation or thesis.
5. A statement from the Graduate Program Director noting that the nominee's dissertation was recommended as one that should be considered for a prize.
6. A copy of the external examiner's report.

### PROCEDURE FOR SUBMISSION

Please complete [the nomination checklist](#) and submit your nomination package to Andi Schwartz, Coordinator of the Centre for Feminist Research, no later than November 30, 2024.

Submissions and questions can be made via email to [cfr-coor@yorku.ca](mailto:cfr-coor@yorku.ca).

Please see website for complete details: <https://www.yorku.ca/cfr/mary-mcewan-award-nomination-process-2023/>

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## Other Events

### Bridging Heritage and Innovation: Canadian Afrofuturism Takes Center Stage at the Inaugural Cosmic Northside Conference

Date: October 18-20, 2024

Location: National Gallery of Canada

Single-day tickets and full conference passes are available on Eventbrite: [cosmicnorthside2024.eventbrite.com](https://cosmicnorthside2024.eventbrite.com)

Ottawa, Ontario – September 2024 – From October 18-20, 2024, the bilingual event Cosmic Northside - Afrofuturistic Canadian Art Conference (ACAC) will be presented in the nation's capital. The event will honour the legacy of Afrofuturism in Canada with engaging presentations, live music, mixed reality exhibitions, and interactive activities that explore the intersections of artificial intelligence (AI), Sci-Fi fantasy, and Pan-Africanism. Attendees will experience a fusion of S.T.E.A.M (Science Technology Engineering Art Mathematics/Metaphysics) innovation and contemporary practices that envision a future rooted in land sovereignty, solidarity and equity.

The conference is presented by ASTROSANKOFA Arts Initiatives (ASAI), in partnership with the National Gallery of Canada. It is planned by Hors Pair Social and supported by the Black Speculative Arts Movement (BSAM) and the Ottawa Black Arts Collectiv (OBAC). Funded by the Government of Canada's Department of Culture and Heritage and the Canada Council for the Arts, the ACAC will feature discussions, workshops, performances, digital art displays and an interactive robot that will create emphasis on intersectionality and the power of creative expression in shaping tomorrow's world.

See full itinerary attached "CNC Press Release – EN" and "Communiqué de presse du CNC – FR".



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## Institute of African Studies, Carleton University Webinar: Indigenous Knowledge and Entrepreneurship in Africa: Why Now?

Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2024

Time: 9am-11:30am EST

Platform: Zoom

Join us for an engaging webinar that delves into the vital role of African Indigenous knowledge systems in driving entrepreneurship, sustainable livelihoods, and innovation in healthcare, climate action, and the creative industries. Indigenous knowledge has been marginalized for too long, but it is now clear that these communities hold powerful solutions to today's most pressing challenges.

Hosted by the Africa Indigenous Knowledge Research Network (AIKRN), Carleton University, this event offers researchers, practitioners, and stakeholders a unique opportunity to explore how Indigenous resilience and knowledge can foster sustainable business ventures and address inequality.

Don't miss this opportunity to learn, collaborate, and contribute to empowering Indigenous communities across Africa.

[Read more.](#)

## Institute of African Studies, Carleton University: Available Light: Omar Badsha and the Struggle for Change in SA

Join the Institute of African Studies, Carleton University, for an engaging event in our "Knowing Africa" Seminar Series:

Title: [Available Light: Omar Badsha and the Struggle for Change in South Africa](#)

Presenter: [Daniel Magaziner](#) (Yale)

Discussants: [Sean Jacobs](#) (New School) and [Sarah Nuttall](#) (Wits)

Chair: [Shireen Hassim](#), Canada 150 Research Chair in Gender and African Politics, Carleton University

Event Details:

Date: October 30, 2024

Time: 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM EST

Register here: [Available Light: Omar Badsha and the Struggle for Change in South Africa](#)

This discussion will delve into the impact of Omar Badsha's work on South Africa's struggle for change, enriched by insights from our esteemed discussants.



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Call for Proposals: The 2025 conference of the Canadian Association of African Studies - Making, Unmaking, and Remaking Africa



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University of Toronto,  
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# MAKING, UNMAKING, AND REMAKING AFRICA

## Call for Proposals!

This is your chance to contribute to vital discussions on Africa's future and showcase your research.

**Deadline: Dec. 2nd 2024**

For further details on the theme and submission guidelines, please visit our website:

<https://conference.caas-acea.org/>



While we are particularly keen to receive submissions that address the conference theme (and subthemes) in different ways, multidisciplinary papers from all African studies are strongly encouraged.

Submission deadline: December 2, 2024

### Call for Proposals

Africa is at a crossroads of immense opportunities and significant challenges. Despite having sixty percent of the world's uncultivated arable land, vastly distributed natural resources, and the fastest-growing youth population globally, Africa experiences multidimensional poverty, structural inequalities and exclusion, shocks and stressors (such as disasters, environmental degradation and climate change, food insecurity, violent extremism, economic volatility and epidemics), and epistemic injustice. For over six decades, actors at different levels, including governments, the private sector, academics, policy-makers, community leaders, civil society, etc., have proposed diverse recommendations, initiatives, and action plans to respond to the continent's challenges. Despite multisectoral responses, Africa's development aspirations seem like a rollercoaster ride. Consequently, commentators have made all kinds of prognoses: "Africa is doomed, Africa is rising. Africa is bleeding, Africa is thriving. Africa holds the key to the future." (Kabou 1991; Van Wolputte, Greiner, & Bollig 2022).

The 2025 Canadian Association of African Studies (CAAS/ACEA) conference will be a platform to review the outcomes of past attempts to address Africa's growth obstacles and to rethink current narratives, projects, and innovations geared towards unlocking the continent's potential. Hence, the theme: Making, Unmaking, and Remaking Africa.

The 2025 CAAS/ACEA conference theme builds on past editions: "Sustainability and Sustainable Development: Past, Present and Futures" (2024) and "African Reckonings and Futures" (2023). In "Making, Unmaking, and Remaking Africa," CAAS provides a launchpad for Africanist constituencies (including academics, community groups, public intellectuals, and African studies practitioners writ large) based in Africa and its Diasporas to review existing and explore new models, approaches, designs, and interventions that can help understand, rethink, or imagine Africa within local, regional, continental and global contexts. CAAS seeks conversations from both the "town and gown" that prioritise Indigenous knowledge systems and African popular culture while encouraging insights inspired by Western epistemologies, provided that such insights are appropriately critiqued.

CAAS acknowledges the existence of multiple avenues and outcomes in making Africa. Thus, we invite panels, roundtables, individual presentations, performances, and unconventional sessions examining the multifaceted challenges and opportunities of Africa and its Diasporas, and providing actionable insights to drive meaningful change. Proposals may address how different sectors can contribute to achieving peace, prosperity, and progress in Africa. This includes:

Strategies for fostering inclusive society, crisis prevention and resilience, conflict resolution, enhancing security, and exploring integrated infrastructure and energy development. Contributions may also include innovations in agricultural development, poverty reduction, sustainable environmental management, and the impact of climate change. Further, we seek insights into how trade and industrial development, economic integration, and private sector growth can drive regional prosperity.

On the epistemic front, CAAS particularly welcomes proposals seeking to restore African perspectives and agency in research on Africa, especially within the context of gender, class, race, colonialism, inclusive education, identity construction, and languages, among others. We invite proposals that critique the foundations of our intellectual labour, including the questions we ask, theories we privilege, methodologies we consider scientific, how we generate and disseminate knowledge, the curriculum we design, and the collaborations we initiate. Proposals aligned to our theme may also invoke Western frameworks as long as these are rigorously critiqued and centred on a genuine restoration of the epistemological autonomy of Africa and its Diasporas.

CAAS also welcomes submissions exploring the implications of migration and labour mobility on intra-African trade, tourism, and global intellectual exchanges. Proposals on governance, democracy, human rights, and gender equality are also pivotal to understanding how to make African societies stable and just. Health and nutrition are also crucial topics, focusing on addressing issues related to built environments, malnutrition, non-communicable diseases, and improving overall health outcomes. Additionally, contributions to youth development, encompassing health, employment, innovation, and entrepreneurship, are welcome to highlight the role of young people in making Africa's present and future.

While we are particularly keen to receive submissions that address the conference theme (and subthemes) in different ways, multidisciplinary papers from all African studies are strongly encouraged.

More information here: [CAAS 2025 Conference Abstract Submissions \(caas-acea.org\)](https://conference.caas-acea.org/).

### Call for Papers: III Symposium Chair of African and Caribbean Studies (Afro)Multidimensional Resistance, Inequalities and Mobilities

Universidad de Costa Rica, San Pedro, Limón, Costa Rica – February 18-21, 2025

In celebration of a decade of dedicated work and in alignment with the conclusion of the International Decade for People of African Descent (2015-2024), as declared by the United Nations to promote public policies focused on 'Recognition, Justice, and Development' for people of African descent, the Program of African and Caribbean Studies at the University of Costa Rica is delighted to invite the international academic community to its Third International Symposium titled: "(Afro)Multidimensional Resistance, Inequalities, and Mobilities".

For its third edition in 2025, the symposium will focus on the following themes and invites participants to explore:

1. Critical Perspectives on Essentialisms and Methodological Nationalisms.
2. Global Migration Dynamics, Borderization, and Irregularity.
3. Diversity, Heterogeneities, and Citizenship from a Historical Perspective.
4. Social Mobility and Transcontinental Life Histories.
5. Forms of Exclusion and Invisibilization in Education, Texts, and School Narratives.
6. Representation, Elections, and Political Participation of Black and Afro-descendant Peoples.
7. Political Religious Movements, Conservatism, and Nationalisms.
8. Afro-descendant Rights in the Context of Economic Inequality and Technological Transformations.
9. Forced Migration and the Legacies of the Enslaved Era.
10. Gentrification, Tourism, and the Displacement of Afro-descendant Communities.
11. Territoriality, Property, and Sovereignty.
12. Justice, Dynamics of Ethnic-Racial Discrimination, and State Challenges.
13. Life Experiences and Resistance during the Enslaved Era.
14. Epistemology and Ethics in Afro-global Studies.



Those interested in presenting papers on the themes of this symposium are invited to submit a short CV, a title, and a 300-word abstract, including a brief reference to the sources used in their research. As scholars our task is to ensure that the knowledge produced is accurate, grounded in scientific research, and supported by available documentation.

Deadline: October 30, 2024

Proposals may be submitted in either Spanish or English to: [catedrafricacaribe.vd@ucr.ac.cr](mailto:catedrafricacaribe.vd@ucr.ac.cr).

Full call for papers attached.

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## Research Hub

### Call for Nominations: Frontiers Planet Prize

York University is seeking nominations for the [Frontiers Planet Prize](#). The Frontiers Planet Prize recognizes research published in peer-reviewed scientific journals within the past two calendar years with the greatest potential to help keep the Earth system within planetary boundaries that should not be crossed for ensuring sustainability.

The program identifies nine planetary boundaries:

1. Stratospheric Ozone Depletion
2. Ocean Acidification
3. Freshwater Use
4. Climate Change
5. Atmospheric Aerosol Loading
6. Biochemical Flows
7. Biosphere Integrity
8. Land System Change
9. Novel Entities

#### Objective

The goal of the Frontiers Planet Prize is to mobilize the scientific community to speed up the search for planetary solutions.

Selection criteria are:

- The research outlines systemic solutions or pathways that can be implemented in policies, adapted commercially, or otherwise contribute to keep global development within Planetary Boundaries.
- The research advances the scientific understanding and quantification of Planetary Boundaries. It explores how Planetary Boundaries are affected or impact life support systems/the Earth system or investigates the implications of adopting Planetary Boundaries thinking across different disciplines, sectors and activities/applications.
- The research must connect to several Planetary Boundaries at the Earth system scale. Research that explores interactions/relations between multiple Planetary Boundaries will be prioritized.

#### Eligibility

- The Frontiers Planet Prize will be awarded to the best research published in established peer-reviewed scientific journals, with robust peer review and transparent publication procedures.
- The acceptance date of the article must fall within the 2 years prior to the launch of the competition (date of acceptance: 1 November 2022 to 31 October 2024).
- Scientific excellence is the default principle to participate in the Frontiers Planet Prize.
- The competition is open to all disciplines, including social sciences, on the condition it is focused on planetary boundaries and offers new insights that help to reduce the destabilization of the Earth system.
- Nominees should be the lead scientist on the published article who best represents the research team.

#### Value

The institution of each International Champion receives 1 million Swiss Francs to advance the scientist's breakthrough research.

#### Nomination Process

York University, as a registered national nominating body, may put forward up to 3 nominations to the national representative body, the National Research Council (NRC). The NRC will assess and select 3 nominations to go forward as the shortlisted candidates to represent Canada. An international Jury will first assess nominations and select National Champions, and then select 3 International Champions from among the National Champions cohort.

To be considered as one of York University's nominees, interested scientists must complete the attached nomination form and submit it along with the relevant research articles to Abby Vogus, Strategic & Institutional Research Initiatives (SIRI) Specialist ([avogus@yorku.ca](mailto:avogus@yorku.ca)), no later than October 25, 2024.

SIRI will support selected nominees to finalize the nominations and submit to the NRC.

#### Timeline

Internal Nominations due to SIRI	October 25, 2024
Deadline to Submit to NRC	November 1, 2024
Deadline for NRC Submission to International Jury	December 1, 2024
Results Announced	April 2025

#### For More Information

For more details on this opportunity, please visit the Prize website: <https://www.frontiersplanetprize.org/>. If you have any questions, please contact Abby Vogus, SIRI Specialist at [avogus@yorku.ca](mailto:avogus@yorku.ca).

### SSHRC Info Webinar Schedule

SSHRC will be holding a series of webinars for applicants and research administrators on upcoming competitions.

The webinars will be held via MS Teams at the following dates and times:

Webinar	Date	MS Teams Link
Partnership Engage Grants (English)	October 23, 2024 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.	<a href="https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/250238af-2426-4f3f-a2a0-76982104efab@fbef0798-20e3-4be7-bdc8-372032610f65">https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/250238af-2426-4f3f-a2a0-76982104efab@fbef0798-20e3-4be7-bdc8-372032610f65</a> Webinar number: 281 386 375 397 Webinar passcode: gfkjYk
Partnership Engage Grants (French)	October 24, 2024 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.	<a href="https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/c3128ba1-851f-475b-bc63-eedba5341a64@fbef0798-20e3-4be7-bdc8-372032610f65">https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/c3128ba1-851f-475b-bc63-eedba5341a64@fbef0798-20e3-4be7-bdc8-372032610f65</a> Webinar number: 222 283 015 49 Webinar passcode: JDLkm2
Connection Grants (English)	November 27, 2024 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	<a href="https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/29db602b-3193-42dd-a9d0-600a9e365c77@fbef0798-20e3-4be7-bdc8-372032610f65">https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/29db602b-3193-42dd-a9d0-600a9e365c77@fbef0798-20e3-4be7-bdc8-372032610f65</a> Webinar number: 245 801 144 687 Webinar passcode: tMiZz5
Connection Grants (French)	November 28, 2024 11: a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	<a href="https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/75fa013a-befd-4371-b424-2313ae54d0b7@fbef0798-20e3-4be7-bdc8-372032610f65">https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/75fa013a-befd-4371-b424-2313ae54d0b7@fbef0798-20e3-4be7-bdc8-372032610f65</a> Webinar number: 217 840 965 547 Webinar passcode: iLC6cS

Please note that webinar registration information and communications appear in your browser's preferred language setting.

### Canada Graduate Scholarships — Master's program

Value: \$12,500 for 12 months

Application Deadline: December 1, 2024

The CGS M program provides financial support to high-calibre scholars who are engaged in an eligible master's or, in some cases, doctoral program in Canada (refer to the [Eligibility](#) section for more information). This support allows these scholars to concentrate more fully on their studies in their chosen fields.

The CGS M program supports up to 3,000 students annually in all disciplines and is administered jointly by Canada's three granting agencies: the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC), the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC). The selection process and post-award administration are carried out at the institutional level under the guidance of the three agencies. Students submit their application to the institution at which they intend to hold their award using the [Research Portal](#).

Read more [here](#).

### 2024 Ontario Agri-Food Research Initiative

The Ontario Agri-Food Research Initiative (OAFRI) is now accepting proposals for agri-food research and innovative projects. A summary is provided below.

Objectives are to:

- fund demand-driven research and innovation activities in the agri-food sector
- support the sector's resiliency and facilitate sustainable growth
- improve knowledge or technology to address business challenges
- expand market opportunities locally and globally.

OAFRI has the following four funding streams to support research and innovation projects:

1. Applied Research – to fund agri-food applied research projects (original investigation) that leads to new knowledge that will advance or create new products, processes or practices.
2. Pilot and Demonstration – to fund new pilot projects for the development of testing, validation and demonstration of functional prototypes or models of agri-food technologies (products or practices).
3. Knowledge Translation and Transfer (KTT) – to fund projects that transform new research knowledge into use through synthesis, engagement, application, and exchange among researchers and research users.
4. Commercialization – is focused on scaling innovative technologies, products and services to the real world or commercial environment and to fund activities which may include:
  - o Market validation – conducting market research to determine the size and quality of market opportunity for a new and promising technology, product or service
  - o Production development – creating prototypes, performing field trials, removing any barriers to a market launch or private sector adoption and optimizing a minimum viable product that best meets the needs of customers (will advance technologies through TRL 7-9)

For all streams, your application must align with at least one of the [research priorities](#) outlined in the specific stream intake guidelines.

#### Virtual Information Sessions

Bioenterprise will hold a virtual information session for the OAFRI Commercialization Stream on Wednesday, October 16, 2024 at 10:00 AM EST. [Register for the Bioenterprise session](#).

A virtual information session (webinar) for the applied research, pilot and demonstration and knowledge translation and transfer streams will be held on October 29, 2024, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., to:

- provide an overview of the initiative
- explain the streams of funding and the priorities
- answer your questions about the application process and research priorities

[Register to attend this session](#) and get webinar details.

#### Eligible Overhead

25%

#### Value

Applied Research Stream – up to \$150K

Pilot and Demonstration Stream – up to \$150K

Knowledge Translation and Transfer – up to \$50K

Commercialization Stream

Market Validation Grants – up to \$30K

Product Development Grants – \$50K - \$150K

#### Duration

Applied Research – not stated

Pilot and Demonstration – not stated

Commercialization – up to 18 months

Knowledge Translation and Transfer – not stated

#### Deadlines

##### Commercialization Stream

Application due at ORS for full review	Wednesday, November 20, 2024
Final application and fully signed ORS	By 9am on Monday, December 2, 2024
Checklist due at ORS for mandatory review	
Full application due at agency	By 11:59pm EST on Wednesday, December 4, 2024

##### Applied Research Stream, Pilot and Demonstration Stream, and Knowledge Translation and Transfer Stream

Application due at ORS for full review	Thursday, December 19, 2024
Final application and fully signed ORS	By 9am on Thursday, January 9, 2025
Checklist due at ORS for mandatory review	
Full application due at agency	By 11:59pm EST on Monday, January 13, 2025

Please contact your Faculty Research Office for information on their internal deadlines.

ORS is accepting electronic applications – the process is outlined here:

<https://yulink-new.yorku.ca/documents/20182/1241545/Electronic+submission+of+Research+Applications+and+ORS+Checklists+July+2021/8c70a37a-3d33-4f4f-a2e7-7157e2d31e4c>

For more information on this funding opportunity, please visit the [OAFRI website](#) for details on how to apply to each stream.

### CIHR-IPPH Trailblazer Award in Population and Public Health Research accepting nominations

#### Background

The CIHR-IPPH Trailblazer Award is designed to recognize the exemplary efforts and activities of exceptional Canadian researchers at different career stages who have created a highly influential body of work that has had a substantial impact on the field of population and public health research. The award also recognizes the leadership, mentorship, and innovative contributions of the recipients.

The CIHR-IPPH will consider applications for this award that are determined to be relevant to the Institute's [mandate](#) and in keeping with the Institute's values of:

Coherent intersectoral action for population health improvements;  
Scalable population health solutions;  
Community engagement, co-design and knowledge sharing;  
Equitable population health impacts.

Applicants will also be expected to demonstrate how the concept of health equity is incorporated and integrated throughout the applicant's body of work.

Up to three awards will be given, valued at \$2,500 each, for exceptional researchers at different career stages (early, mid and senior career scholars).

Please note this year the award is being administered by the Canadian Public Health Association (CPHA).

Please visit the [CPHA website](#) for more details on eligibility and selection criteria.

#### Application requirements

1. Impact Statement outlining accomplishments and impacts
2. Signed letter of nomination from a member of the Canadian health research community
3. Institutional letter of support - Eligible nominees must be endorsed by the executive head of the institution where they hold their primary appointment (e.g., President, Provost, Rector, Dean of Faculty, Research Director or similar with appropriate authority from applicant's Faculty)
4. Canadian Common CV
5. Document with nominator contact information
6. Consent document for use and disclosure of personal information for peer review

#### Application Deadline

December 16, 2024

#### SIRI Support

The SIRI team is available to support nominations if requested. Please contact your Faculty Research Office and Abby Vogus, SIRI Specialist, at [avogus@yorku.ca](mailto:avogus@yorku.ca) to discuss timelines and available supports.

For more information

Please visit the Canadian Public Health Association Website: <https://cpha.ca/trailblazer-2025>

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## Opportunities

### Postdoctoral Fellowship with The Global and Environmental Health Lab

The Global and Environmental Health Lab based at York University is hiring a Postdoctoral Fellow with a February 1, 2025 start date. Working with Dr. Godfred Boateng on a 12-month term, the Postdoctoral Fellow will support implementation of projects under the resource insecurity, health and sustainable livelihoods and environmental pollution, climatic conditions and health effects themes.

If you have recently completed a PhD in environmental health, human geography, sociology, epidemiology or other related fields, please apply to join the team! See the link below for full application details. The deadline to apply is December 20th, 2024. <https://buff.ly/3AS5Ezb>.

See full job description attached.

### Graduate Research Assistantship with *Policing Shelters*

#### Job Details:

Remote and in-person

Start date: RA amount will be approximately \$4, 890 between November 2024 until March 2025.

Application Deadline: Friday, November 1, 2024 at 5pm. See full job posting attached.

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The Harriet Tubman Institute for Research on Africa and its Diasporas recognizes that many Indigenous Nations have longstanding relationships with the territories upon which York University campuses are located that precede the establishment of York University. York acknowledges its presence on the traditional territory of many Indigenous Nations. The area known as Tkaronto has been care taken by the Anishinabek Nation, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, and the Huron-Wendat, and is now home to many First Nation, Inuit and Métis communities. We acknowledge the current treaty holders, the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. This territory is subject of the Dish with One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, which is an agreement to peacefully share and care for the Great Lakes region.