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Philosophy and our present moment in history

A perspective from the global South

Public lecture by
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On the occasion of UNESCO World Philosophy Day 2024, Wageningen University will be hosting a public lecture by Professor Pascah Mungwini entitled *'Philosophy and our present moment in history: a perspective from the global South'.* The public lecture will take place on November 21 from 10.00 – 11.30 hrs (GMT+1) at Wageningen University Campus, the room will be announced after registration.

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Participation is free of charge, but registration is mandatory for both online and in person attendance. Please register through the following link or by scanning the QR-code. Online participants will receive a link to the livestream prior to the lecture. Kindly note that registration closes on November 14th. forms.office.com/e/DLQnJWSF4Y

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In this presentation I proceed from the perspective that we study philosophy not only to understand its enthralling ideas and theories but also and more importantly to continue to find out how to practice philosophy in a manner that can make a difference in this world. In other words, the main concern should not simply be to grasp that which has already been established by some of philosophy's greatest minds but to go beyond and open the window into that which is yet to be explored and that which has been excluded or occluded and to which intellectual debt is owed. I argue that critical expositions and enquiries into the ideological substratum of modern philosophy including the quest for transformative engagements places on philosophers the responsibility to continue to reflect on our relationship with history and with the world. This is an ethical imperative we cannot shirk and for which we must be prepared to confront our own philosophical allergies. I pay attention to these and similar issues that drive the need for transformative engagements through the lens of African philosophy and to illuminate other intellectual pathways.

PROGRAM NOVEMBER 21 (GMT+1)

10:00-10:10	Opening and words of welcome
10:10-11:10	Lecture by Prof Mungwini 'Philosophy and our present moment in history'
11:10-11:25	Interaction with the audience
11:25-11:30	Closing

Pascah Mungwini is a Professor of Philosophy in the Department of Philosophy, Practical & Systematic Theology, University of South Africa. His most recent publications include the book *African Philosophy: Emancipation and Practice* (Bloomsbury Publishing, London, 2022.)

This UNESCO lecture is hosted by WUR and organised in collaboration with

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- University of Pretoria, South Africa (Department of Philosophy)
- African Studies Centre Leiden, Netherlands (Leiden University)

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