

The African Centre for Epistemology of Philosophy of Science ([ACEPS](#)) at the University of Johannesburg invites abstract submissions for:

## Epistemic Reparations and the Right to be Known in Post-Apartheid South Africa

*ACEPS and Hector Pieterse Community Centre (Soweto)*

20–22<sup>nd</sup> June 2024

### Keynotes

[Jennifer Lackey](#)

[Antoinette Sithole](#)

### Call for Abstracts

We live in a world riddled with epistemic wrongs, from the incidental put down of a marginal voice to the systematic extinction of whole knowledge systems and the continued epistemic disempowerment of whole populations through colonialism and racism. This event brings into dialogue philosophers and community members in order to theorise reparations for such distinctively epistemic wrongs (20<sup>th</sup> June), and start on actual reparative work in the context of post-Apartheid South Africa (21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> June).

Epistemic reparations are “intentionally reparative actions in the form of epistemic goods given to those epistemically wronged by parties who acknowledge these wrongs and whose reparative actions are intended to redress them” (Lackey 2022, *Proceedings and Addresses of the American Philosophical Association*). The paradigm of such reparations is when victims of gross human rights violations exercise their ‘right to be known’—the right to tell their story in the way and the space they choose, with the corresponding duty perpetrators have to bear witness. Two days of the event will, thus, feature apartheid activists, their children and grandchildren telling their stories through talks, discussion, and art.

We invite abstracts from philosophers for the first day of this event.

### Funding

This event is a part of the [Epistemic Reparations Global Working Group](#) supported by the Buffett Institute for Global Affairs at Northwestern University. It is also the fourth event of a three-year collaboration on *Epistemic Wrongs, Blame, and Reparations* between Jennifer Lackey (Northwestern University), Cameron Boulton (Brandon University), and Veli Mitova (University of Johannesburg).

**Abstracts length:** max 500 words

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