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DAY 1 – 17 JANUARY

8:00 -8:45	Arrival and registration			
8:45 -9:00	Welcome – Dr Susan Hall (HoD SU Philosophy Department)			
9:00 -10:15	<p>Keynote speaker Revisiting Standpoint Theory and Identity Politics in light of Elite Capture Prof Gaile Pohlhaus (University of Miami) AUDITORIUM 1</p>			
10:15 - 10:35	TEA			
Session 1				
Chair & Venue	Seán Muller AUDITORIUM 1	Yolandi Coetser AUDITORIUM 2	Susan Hall BREAKAWAY ROOM	Lindsay Kelland STIAS MANOR LIBRARY
10:40 -11:10	Decolonial Epistemic-Authority Reparations - Veli Mitova (UJ)	The Rise of the Hustler State - Pedro Tabensky (RU)	Explanations of emotional actions: A parallel between virtue and emotion - Mary Carman (WITS)	Three Alternative Sources of Philosophical Insight - Josh Platzky Miller (UFS)
11:15 -11:45	Decolonisation and African Feminism: The Nexus of Gender and Race - Dimphe Takane Maponya (UJ)	(Re)constituting Being: Two Moments in Black Consciousness Philosophy - Kiasha Naidoo (SU)	The significance of the will in philosophic transformation - Andrea Hurst (NMU)	Finding a way - Ben Kotzee (Birmingham University)
11:50 -12:20	Rethinking the violence in epistemic violence – Vasti Roodt	Standpoint epistemology as a response to hermeneutical injustice - Nolwandle Lembethe (WITS)	Epistemic Reparations as Restoring the Epistemic Relationship with Self - Sarah Wright (University of Georgia)	"Kill the Boer, kill the farmer!" Possible hate speech re-evaluated within a poststructuralist perspective -Casper Lutter (NWU)
12:25 -13:25	LUNCH			
Session 2				
Chair	Tanya de Villiers Botha	Shirah Theron	Mosito Seabela	Shené de Rijk
13:30 -14:00	The Priority of Preferences in the Evolution of Minds - David Spurrett (UKZN)	Fact Checks and Context Notes: Regulating Trust In The Digital Free Market of Ideas - Dimphe Moletsane (UJ)	The Paradoxical ontology of vulnerability: a conceptual and normative reevaluation - David Doat (Catholic University of Lille)	On "Remaining Barbarian" (Yousfi) as an Anti-Racist/Colonialist Aesthetico-Political Strategy - Matthias Pauwels (NWU)

14:05 -14:35	The Puzzle of Parfit's Puzzle-Cases - Simon Beck (UWC)	Social media, political polarization, and democracy: A non-ideal virtue epistemological approach to our epistemic norms - Nine-Marie van Veijeren (SU)	Human Ontological Vulnerability: The Alteration of Culture and Identity in the Face of Cultural Devastation - Awongwa Gcelu (RU)	Neither Absolute Nonviolence nor Violence are Ethically Justifiable: Clarifying an Aspect of Camus' Philosophy of Rebellion - Gideon Owogeka Onah (RU)
14:40 -15:10	Appraising Analytic African Epistemology - Mikael Janvid (Stockholm University)	Freedom in an algorithmic future - An embodied conversation - Jean du Toit (NWU)	Vulnerability, heteronomy, and ethics: "The heteronomy of our mutual vulnerability" - Lindsay Kelland (RU)	Violence and the Zone of Non-Being in Achille Mbembe - Schalk Gerber (SU)
15:15 -15:35	TEA			
Session 3				
Chair	Andrea Palk	Josh Miller	Edmund Terem	Dimpho Moletsane
15:40 -16:10	Psychoanalysis and Moral Psychology - Elisa Galgut (UCT)	Linguistic Justice as an Epistemic Reparation - Nomaswazi Kubeka (UJ)	Fregean Puzzles and the Object of Knowledge - Tess Dewhurst (RU)	The new Library of Alexandria: machine learning and the individuation of knowledge in the 21 st century - Aragorn Eloff (NWU)
16:15 -16:45	Human Brain Organoids: The Philosophical Dilemmas of Creating Consciousness - Carla Turner (Fort Hare)	Toxic Positivity as a Form of Epistemic Injustice -Shené de Rijk (UJ)	Philosophy without Language: A Further Objection to Wittgenstein's Metaphilosophy - Joachim Nicolodi (UCL)	Robots and dignity from an Afro-communitarian perspective: an evaluation - Karabo Maiyane (NMU)
16:50 -17:20	Peace Through Law? Freud Between Kelsen and Schmitt- Jens De Vleminck (KU Leuven)	Being at Home in Philosophy - Gontse Lebakeng (UJ)	William Whewell's hylomorphism redux - Ragnar van der Merwe (UJ)	Aristotle's "Sea Battle" Scenario: A Matter of Strict versus Lazy Evaluation - Stefan Gruner (UP)
17:30 -18:30	AGM – AUDITORIUM 1			

DAY 2 – 18 JANUARY

Session 1

Chair & Venue	Charla Smith AUDITORIUM 1	Chris Allsobrook AUDITORIUM 2	Emmanuel Oboh BREAKAWAY ROOM	Andrea Hurst MANOR LIBRARY
8:45 - 9:15	A report on Africanising philosophy of disability Ntobeko Shozi (UKZN)	Towards an ecofeminist animal law: Second wave animal ethics and South African Animal Law -Yolandi Coetser (NWU)	Responsibility gaps and Technology: old wine in new bottles - Fabio Tollon (Edinburgh University)	A phenomenological analysis of un/employment and the critical role of the impartial spectator and inoperativity to resist anthropological reductionism - Mark Rathbone (NWU)
9:20 -09:50	The Scoliotic Subject of Philosophy: imaginary for a new ontology and ethics - Lauren den Besten (SU) & Louise du Toit (SU)	Empathy and Wonder in Animal Ethics - Liezl van Zyl (University of Waikato)	LLMs, chatbots, and online search. What could possibly go wrong? - Tanya de Villiers Botha (SU)	Phenomenology and Ectogenesis - Redefining Motherhood - Tamia Moodley (UKZN)
9:55 -10:25	Nothing about Us without Us: Identifying Principles of Justice for Emancipatory Participatory Research in the Context of Neurodiversity - Amandine Catala (University of Quebec)	'Empirical revision' revised. A case for a truth conditional account of revision. - Carin Robinson (UKZN)	Ambiguity of trusting AI: implication from trusting things, humans, technology and animals - Ke Yu (UJ)	False hope and transhumanism - Richard Swinney (UKZN)

10:30 -10:50

TEA

Session 2

Chair	Elisa Galgut	Ke Yu	Mary Carman	Minka Woermann
10:55 -11:25	Mental Illness, Exemption & Moral Exclusion: the role of Interpretative Generosity - Anna Hartford (UCT)	Algorithmic Finitude and the Violence of Closed-Loop Epistemologies: Grappling with Surveillance, Surveyance and Digital Sufficiency with Foucault, Laruelle and Stiegler - Chantelle Gray (NWU)	The Role of Feminist Environmental Ethics In Curbing Gender Based Violence Emmanuel Oboh (UJ)	The role and value of happiness in the work of Paul Ricoeur - Anné Verhoef (NWU)
11:30 -12:00	Set and Setting: The Missing Factors in Chris Letheby's Psychedelic Philosophy - Werner Smith (Fort Hare)	Mitigating AI Risk Through Zero-Knowledge Proof Cryptography - Luke Buckland (Fort Hare)	A new gender politics of affect – redistributing fear, anger and vulnerability – Charla Smith (SU)	Culture Wars: Hegel's Bildung and the Emergence of New Ways of Being - Olerato Mogomotsi (UCT)

12:05 -12:35	Is consent to psychological interventions less important than consent to bodily interventions? - Lisa Forsberg (Oxford)		Is most violence gender-based violence? - Monique Whitaker (UKZN)	Hegelian dialectic in Kierkegaard's Either/Or - Laurence Bloom (RU)
12:40 -13:40	LUNCH			
Session 3				
Chair		Sarah Wright	Carin Robinson	Charla Smith
13:45 -14:15	Book Panel Discussion: The Incentivised University: Scientific Revolutions, Policies, Consequences Panellists: David Spurrett (UKZN), JP Smit (SU), Kiasha Naidoo (SU), Seán Muller (UJ)	A Rawlsian Argument for the Need for the Ordination of Women in the Catholic Church - Paige Benton (UP)	Sensory pollution and the preservation of sensescapes - Shea McBride (University of Freiberg)	Towards the Possibility of a Non-Gendered Value Theory - Lindokuhle Gama (UP & RU)
14:20 -14:50		God, Philosophers and Theologians in Africa - Patrick Aleke (St Joseph's Theological Institute)	Towards an ecological pedagogy of repair: exploring the potential role of Indigenous and Traditional Ecological Knowledge in transforming environmental education- Emma Hay (NMU)	Intersecting Identities: Matolino's Limited Communitarianism and its Implications for LGBTQ+ in African Communities - Lemohang Tebeli (UKZN)
14:55 -15:25		African and Western conceptions of Time - Anele Sithole (UKZN)	Energy, value and a first personal perspective in ecology - Jaco Kruger (St Augustine's)	
15:30 -15:50	TEA			
Session 4				
Chair		Susan Hall	Shené de Rijk	Ivan Bock
15:55 -16:25	Book launch: Human Dignity in African thought - Chris Allsobrook & Motsamai Molefe (Fort Hare)	Global capitalism and the commodification of breastfeeding: An investigation of its impact on the African conception of family life and motherhood - Mosito Seabela (UNISA)	Equality in Negotiation as a Principle for International Cooperation - Christine Hobden (WITS)	Could a Transhuman be the Same Person Through Time? - Doreen Sesiro (University of Botswana)
16:30 -17:00		Ecomaternalism: The contribution of grandmaternal values to environmental discussions in the Global South - Elsie Bokaba (NWU)	Rethinking Secular Public Policy - John Patrick Giddy	Could I Have Had a Different Father? Against Material-Origin Essentialism About Human Identity - Tomasz Żuradzki (Jagiellonian University in Kraków)
17:15	CONFERENCE DINNER (BRAAI) – STIAS			

DAY 3 – 19 JANUARY

Session 1

Chair & Venue	Chantelle Gray AUDITORIUM 1	Ivan Bock AUDITORIUM 2	Ben Kotzee BREAKAWAY ROOM
8:30 -9:00	Fair treatment? Sex verification and the eligibility regulations for female classification - Susan Hall (SU)	Revisiting the Fair Inning Framework for Allocating Healthcare Resources: A Case of South Africa - Edmund Terem Ugar (UJ)	Self-Legislation and the Limits of Ambition - Jack Morgan Jones (University of Manchester)
9:05 -9:35	Sexual Pleasure: Morally obligatory, morally optional, or only (somewhat) praiseworthy? - Shirah Theron (SU)	Developing the Metzian Ubuntu Inventory through Empirically Engaged African Philosophy- Aida Terblanché-Greeff (NWU)	Narrative and the experiential self - Adrian Romeo (UWC)
9:40 -10:10	OnlyFans as an Oppressive Digital Environment - Kayleigh Timmer (UKZN)	Considering African philosophy as a way of life through the practice of philosophical counselling -Jaco Louw (SU)	Calling all Deflationists - John Mancini (University of Virginia)
10:10 - 10:30	TEA		
Chair	Susan Hall	Mikael Jarvid	Tanya de Villiers Botha
10:35 -11:05	The Philosophy of Empathy: Defining Empathy in a Multicultural Context under Pandemic Conditions. - Amy-Jean Viljoen (UWC)	Doing what's right because it's right: a second chance for the <i>de dicto</i> account of moral praiseworthiness - Jess Lerm (UWC)	Philosophical Elements of University Finance – JP Smit (SU) & Stan du Plessis (SU)
11:10 -11:40	Defending the practicality of procreation ethics - Miles Collison (UWC)	Towards A Nonideal Theory of Virtue Ethics: Clarifying the Situationist Challenge and Discussing a Preliminary Path Forward - Ivan Bock (SU)	Paradoxes of Infinity and Beyond: the case of Cantor's Domain Principle - Tarryn Harding (UCT)
11:45 -12:15	Natalist and epistemic injustice - Gabriele James (UCT)	Conceptualising flow experiences as a channel of creativity - Minka Woermann (SU)	Towards a family resemblance definition of 'life' - Erik Persson (Lund University)
12:20-13:30	LUNCH		