



ABOUT AN AFRICAN ATHENS RHETORIC AND DEMOCRACY

TO CELEBRATE 10 YEARS OF DEMOCRACY IN SOUTH AFRICA

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Cape Town, South Africa

6-11 June 2004

Centre for Rhetoric Studies, University of Cape Town

Hiddingh Hall, second floor,

31, Orange Street, Gardens

Cape Town, South Africa

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In 2004, South Africa celebrates ten years of democracy. For rhetoricians and scholars in rhetoric, the negotiated folding back of apartheid and the deliberative emergence of an African Athens offer a signal occasion to bring to bear the history and theory of our discipline on a broad spectrum of issues pertaining to the exercise of deliberative democracy. From the vantage point of South Africa's exemplarity, we want to reflect on the position of our area of studies within democratic formation and to advance innovative thinking in the study of "rhetorical democracy."

The Conference is held at Hiddingh, the historical campus of the University of Cape Town, on Government Avenue, and a short walk to Parliament. In 2004, the University celebrates its 175th anniversary and the Centre the 10th anniversary of its founding conference, "Persuasion and Power" (July 1994).

ACADEMIC PROGRAMME

Sunday 6 June

17.00-18.00 Registration cocktail party at "Bayfront Blu", Two Oceans Aquarium, V&A Waterfront (tel. 419-9068)

Monday 7 June: Aspects of Rhetoric in Africa

9.30-9.45 Welcome by University Officials

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Martin West

The Dean of Humanities, Professor Paula Ensor.

9.45-10.45 Opening Keynote

Gerard Hauser (Colorado), "Vernacular Rhetoric of Prisoners of Conscience".

10.45-11.00 Short recess

11.00-13.00 Session 1: Rhetoric Culture in Africa

11.00-11.30: Anna-Maria Brandstetter (Addis Ababa/Mainz), "Culture and rhetoric in an African rain forest".

11.30-12.30: Ivo Strecker (Addis Ababa/Mainz): Screening of "Bury the Spear!" Mention spéciale du Film ethnographique de Paris, followed by "A cinematographic view of African rhetoric culture and The ambitions of Rhetoric Culture Theory".

12.30-13.00 Jean Lydall (Addis Ababa/Mainz), "The Rhetoric of Hamar Women".

13.00-14.00 Lunch

14.00-15.30 Session 2: South African Rhetorics

14.00-14.30: Bernard Lategan (Stellenbosch), "New Democracies for Afrikaners: Rhetorical Strategies in Antjie Krog's *A Change of Tongue*".

14.30-15.00: Richard Marback (Detroit), "Ubuntu as the Rhetoric of Democracy".

15.00-15.30: Susan Zaeske (Madison), "Liberation Theology and Rhetorical Practice: Black South African Appropriations of Esther".

15.30-16.00 Recess

16.00-17.30 Session 3: Aspects of African Rhetoric

16.00-16.30: Jean-Philippe Dedieu (Paris), "Sally N'Dongo's Rhetorical Artistry: Communication Strategies of an African Workers' Union in Post-Colonial France".

16.30-17.00: Barry Brummett (Austin), "Representing Africa: The Nigerian E-Scams."

17.00-17.30: Masekale Chele (Lesotho), "Patriarchy and Democracy: The Case of Lesotho".

Tuesday 8 June: Gender and the Rhetorical Democracy

9.00-11.00 Session 4: Women, Feminisms and Nation

9.00-9.30: Martina Wagner-Egelhaaf (Münster), "Is the Nation a Woman? Views from Contemporary Germany".

9.30-10.00: Andrea A. Lunsford (Stanford), "Women against War".

10.00-10.30: Jacqueline Jones Royster (Ohio), "Nubia Lives: The Transformative Rhetorics of African American Women".

10.30-11.00: Susan C. Jarratt and Katherine Mack (Irvine), "The Gendered Rhetoric of Nation-Formation in South Africa's Women Testimonies".

11.00-11.30 Recess

11.30-12.30 Keynote on Women's Rhetoric

Brigitte Mral (Örebro): "The Rhetoric of Women's Political Leadership. The Swedish Case".

12.30-13.30 Lunch

13.30-17.00 Workshop on Women's Rhetorics in South Africa and Sweden

13.30-14.00: Nathalie Rose Bucher (Cape Town), "Women orators at the South African Parliament".

14.00-14.30: Anna Maria von Stedingk (Örebro), "Women politicians at the Swedish Parliament".

14.30-15.00: Shalin Sirkar (Cape Town), "Women as Victims: Indian Cinema in South Africa".

15.00-15.30 Recess

15.30-16.00: Connie Mpokocho (Cape Town), "Women's approach to Child Rights".

16.00-16.30: Niels Reise (Stockholm), "Women politicians and the media".

16.30-17.00: Gunilla Malm (Örebro), "Young Angry Women - rhetorical strategies of new feminist groups".

17.00-17.15 Short recess

17.15-18.15 Session 6: Queer Rhetorics

17.15-17.45: Pierre Zoberman (Paris), "A democratic fallacy: reading sodomy as an aristocratic topos in Ancien Régime France".

17.45-18.15: Lynn Clarke (Nashville), "Pleasure and Potentiality: A (Re)Turn to Psychoanalytic Rhetoric?"

Wednesday 9 June: The Rhetorical Presidency and the Republic

9.00-11.00 Session 7: The Rhetorical Presidency in Transitional Democracies

9.00-9.30: Alina Haliliuc, "The Rhetorical Leadership of Vaclav Havel: Transforming Czechoslovakia from under the Communist Regime".

9.30-10.00: Jairos Kangira (Harare), "Negative Advertising as a Strategy for Influence in the 2002 Presidential Election Campaigns in Zimbabwe".

10.00-10.30: Yemi Susan Akande (Ohio), "Trends in Presidential Rhetoric: An Analysis of Rhetoric from General Obasanjo during Military and Civilian Rule".

10.30-11.00: András Bozóki (Budapest), "Metapolitical Rhetoric versus Apparatchik Talk: The Political Rhetoric of Post-Communist Presidents".

11.00-11.30 Recess

11.30-12.30 Keynote on the Rhetorical Presidency

Cezar Ornatowski (San Diego): "Performing Change. Walesa, Mandela and the Rhetorical Presidency".

12.30-13.30 Lunch

13.30-16.00 Session 8: Rhetoric and the *Respublica*

13.30-14.00: Michael Dorland (Carleton), "Aporias of the Republic: Lessons from France".

14.00-14.30: Maurice Charland (Montréal), "Retrying Canadian History: Searching for a Just Future".

14.30-15.00: Robert Hariman (Drake), "The Imperial Masquerade in American Public Address".

15.00-15.30: Kirt Wilson (Minnesota), "Civil Rights, Civil Relations: The Private Implications of Public Civil Rights Rhetoric".

15.30-16.00: Francis Beer (Colorado), "Offensive Speech and Democratic Politics".

Thursday 10 June: Philosophy, Rhetoric and Democracy

9.00-11.00 Session 9: Rhetoric and the Question of Universals in Politics

9.00-9.30: Sarah K. Burgess (Berkeley), "Reconciling Fate: The Unwritten Laws of Recognition".

9.30-10.00: Michael McFarland (Stetson) and Mark Pollock (Loyola), "People as Gods: A *Eutyphro* dilemma".

10.00-10.30: Reingard Nethersole (Johannesburg), "The rhetoric of African Renaissance".

10.30-11.00: Dominique de Courcelles (Lyon), "Gérer le Monde. L'élaboration du *jus gentium* par les théologiens de Salamanque au 16^e siècle".

11.00-11.30: Recess

11.30-12.45: Prof C de la Rey, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) and H.E. the French Ambassador, Monsieur Jean Félix-Paganon will address the Conference, followed by a Keynote on Rhetoric and Political Philosophy

Romain Laufer (Paris), "The symbolic foundations of American pragmatism".

12.45-14.00 Lunch

14.00-17.00 Special event at the South African Parliament (departure at 13.30)

Facilitator: Zuma Mvulane, Research Unit of the South African Parliament.

Conference attendees engaged in parliamentary rhetoric are invited, in a limited number, to attend a sitting of the National Assembly, followed by an open discussion.

Leading discussant: Karlyn Kohrs Campbell (Minnesota).

19.00-21.00: Special Session: The Memphis Africa Project

Screening of award winning film "At the River We Stand" – on the 1968 strike and the assassination of Martin Luther King – by David Appleby, Steven Ross and Allison Graham (Memphis), who will present it.

Followed by a discussion on Martin Luther King's rhetoric, led by David Acey and Michael Leff (Memphis).

Friday 11 June: Rhetorical Democracy in the Post-Modern Public Sphere

8.30-12.00 Workshop on Electronic Democracy and Information Society

8.30-9.00: Molly Abel Travis and Michael Griffith (New Orleans): "Liberal Democracy and the Lure of Technology in South Africa".

9.00-9.30: Catherine Wynsculley (Cape Town): "Electronic media and rhetorical democracy".

9.30-10.00: Loucaros Eleftheriou (Cape Town), "Hollywood's shrine of Intolerance: Playing the Maverick Voice".

10.00-10.30: Recess

10.30-11.00: Connie Mpokotho (Cape Town), "E-democracy and children rights advocacy at the time of election campaign".

11.00-11.30: Nicolas P ejout (Johannesburg), "Online Deliberation in South Africa – A Comparative Investigation of Two Parties Electronic Political Fora".

11.30-12.00: Gerard Hauser (Colorado): "Questions and Opportunities about Public Opinion and the Electronic Public Sphere".

12.00-12.15 Short Recess

12.15-13.15 Final Keynote

Ildiko Kovats and Janos Tolgyesi (Budapest): "Electronic democracy. The Hungarian case."

13.15-14.00 Lunch

14.00-16.00 Session 12: Knowledge, Ethics and Rhetorical Democracy

14.00-14.30: Eileen A. Scallen (St. Paul), "Ethical and Intercultural Dimensions of Practical Reason".

14.30-15.00: James H. Read (St. Benedict), "Minority Veto, Political Deliberation and the Common Good".

15.00-15.30: Francis J. Mootz III (Penn), "Rhetorical Knowledge in Legal Practice and Critical Legal Theory".

15.30-16.00: Eugene Garver (St. John's), "Skepticism about Deliberative Democracy".

16.00-16.30 Recess

16.30-17.00 Farewell Remarks introduced by Yehoshua Gitay (Cape Town).

The Conference ends at 17.00

Full institutional affiliations of speakers, names of chairs of sessions and programme planners, as well as sponsors, are listed separately in your conference package.

Light buffet lunches will be served every day to registered participants.

