



## Council for Research in Values and Philosophy

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Invitation to an International Conference  
**Re-Learning to be Human for Global Times:  
 Philosophy, Information Technologies and Changes of the  
 African Life Worlds**

Makerere University, Kampapa, Uganda  
 June 1-2, 2017

### Theme

The increase of information communication technologies is steadily making inroads into the slow changing of traditional African lifestyles. The pace of such technological invasion is unprecedented and rapidly increasing. Local communities are finding themselves playing a catch-up game in an ever changing landscape of technology. The problematic, as we conceptualize it, is that where as the African sub Continent is receiving and absorbing values purveyed in different media channels, she is contributing little or nothing by way of adding to values consumed. The Africans are net absorbers of values created and packaged from afar. Whether we are absorbing Hollywood films or soccer matches from European leagues or even literary sources and researches, the pattern is the same; the Africans are receiving and savoring values of others and not portraying African values in return.

- What challenges do we encounter when communities with high levels of illiteracy (and poverty) are subjected to relentless value bombardment from the developed West?
- How is this one-sided flow of values going to affect sub Saharan value development?
- What strategies can sub Saharan states deploy to reverse the trend?
- Does it make sense (in a globalised world) to care what values different communities contribute or consume?
- Is it sufficient to take whatever values we encounter and do the best we can with them?
- Are there internal weaknesses which predispose third world communities to relentless value bombardment without adequate means to fight back?

These and similar questions are the ones which we think international philosophers can reflect on and see which way Africa and similarly placed underdeveloped societies can fair in the brave new world.

### Abstract

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