VRIJE UNIVERSITEIT AMSTERDAM CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO THE:

Connected World Conference:

FROM DECOLONIZATION TO GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP

DATE: FRIDAY DECEMBER 8, 2023
TIME: 09.00 - 18.00 HRS
WHERE: MAIN BUILDING VU, ROOM AURORA

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THE CONNECTED WORLD CONFERENCE: FROM DECOLONIZATION TO GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP

Cultural heritage and, more broadly, social and economic relationships between the Global North and South bear the marks of a colonial and imperial past. This conference on The Connected World, the VU strategic profile theme, sheds light on these matters from many different angles and discusses how to overcome this past in just, inclusive and diversity-respecting ways.

PROGRAMME

Friday 08 December 2023, Room Aurora, Main Building VU

09:30-11:00 Session I: *Decolonizing the Digital Society*
Speakers:
- Francis Amaning (President Internet Society, Ghana Chapter): *Decolonizing the Internet*
- Prof Hannes Werthner (Vienna University of Technology): *Digital Humanism – What It Is and Why It Is Needed*

Moderator: Gossa Lô (University of Amsterdam, Netherlands State Commission against Racism and Discrimination)

Coffee break 15 min

11:15-12:45 Session II: *Educating for Societal Impact in a Globalizing and Decolonizing World*
Panelists:
- Prof Monika Kirloskar (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, Faculty of Humanities): *Diversifying Philosophy, Decolonizing Education*
- Simbarashe Maguchu (Vrije Universiteit, CIS/Centre for International Cooperation/JUR): *Teaching Human Rights and Fighting Corruption*
- Alaaeddin Swidan (OU) & Prof Felienne Hermans ((Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, Faculty of Science*) Nurturing Cultural Inclusion in Computer Programming Education*
- Anna Bon (Vrije Universiteit, CIS/Centre for International Cooperation): *International Education on Digital Society and Global Citizenship*
- Prof Marjolein Zweekhorst (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, Faculty of Science): *Community Service Learning as a Strategy to Increase Social Impact in Education*
  Moderator: Doortje Smithuijsen (journalist, Connected World Senior Fellow 2023/2024)

Lunch 1h 12:45-13:45

13:45-14:05 *The Connected World Fellowship Program*
Chair: Prof Gert-Jan Burgers (Vrije Universiteit, Faculty of Humanities)
- The Connected World Senior Fellows: Daniel Neugebauer (*Haus der Kulturen der Welt HKW*, Berlin), Doortje Smithuijsen (journalist and independent Digital Society researcher, Amsterdam)

14:05-15:15 Session III: *Decolonizing Knowledge Production and Indigenous Knowledge*
Speakers:
- Pius Mosima (guest lecturer Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, Faculty of Humanities): *Inclusive Development – Perspectives from African Communitarian Philosophy*
- Prof Saa Dittoh (Agro-economy, UDS, Tamale, Ghana): *The "Plug-In Principle" as a Strategy to Connect Indigenous Knowledge and Science*

Moderator: Chris Reij (formerly Vrije Universiteit, CIS/Centre for International Cooperation and World Resources Institute WRI, African regreening)

Tea break 15 min

15:30-17:00 Session IV: *Decolonization Beyond the Fashion*
Panelists:
- Prof Monika Kirloskar (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, Faculty of Humanities)
- Prof Bambang Purwanto, (Gadjah Mada University Yogyakarta)
- Prof Tony Bogues (Brandeis University; guest lecturer Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, Faculty of Humanities)
- Prof Pepijn Brandon (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, Faculty of Humanities)
- Prof Guno Jones (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, Faculty of Humanities)

Moderator: Prof Susan Legène (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, Faculty of Humanities)

17:00 *Afterparty with drinks and snacks*

Note: participation is free, but registration is required, see:
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