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Agency, Ethics, and Everyday Heroes: Strategies
for Prevention of Genocide and Human Rights
Abuses in Africa and the Diaspora



**KEYNOTE
SPEAKER**

DR. MAHMOOD MAMDANI

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**FEATURED
SPEAKER**

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AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

March 3 & 4, 2022

9:00 AM - 1:15 PM CST

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CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

DAY 1: MARCH 3, 2022

Day 1 MC: Dr. Chielozona Eze		
Time	Presenters	Presentation Title
9:00-9:05	Jeanine Ntahirageza	Meet the GHRAD Research Team
9:05 - 9:15	Dr. Andrea Elzy	Opening Remarks by a Representation
9:15 - 9:20	Jermaine McCalpin	Reflection on the Current Russia/Ukraine Conflict
9:20 - 9:30	Dean Katrina Bell Jordan	Keynote Introduction
9:30 - 10:35	Mahmood Mamdani	Keynote Speech
10:35 - 11:05	Ligia de Souza Cerqueira	Genocide Prevention Tools for Post-Conflict Generations in Rwanda and Namibia
11:05 - 11:35	Bo Chamberlin	Barbarian Logic: Genocide, Pan-African Criticism, and the Unspeakable Nation
11:35 - 12:05	Regina Paulose	Genocide Under Idi Amin: The Destruction of Peoples
12:05 - 12:15	Break	
12:15 - 12:45	Christopher Davey	Joint Workshop on the Role of Peace Education in Genocide and Atrocity Prevention
12:45- 1:15	Christopher Davey	Uses of "Genocide" in Cameroon

DAY 2: MARCH 4, 2022

MC: Dr. Sharon Bethea		
Time	Presenters	Presentation Title
9:00 - 9:30	Birhanu Bitew	Modernity, Colonial Narratives and Genocide in Non-colonized Society: Italy's Historical Narratives and the Amhara People of Ethiopia
9:30 - 10:00	Anne Kubai	"The pastor and his wife hid me in a small space between the mattress and the bed": A Testimony to Individual Courage During the Genocide of the Tutsi
10:00 - 10:30	Tim Libretti	Towards a Political Economy of Genocide: Understanding Labor Solidarity as a Means of Resisting and Preventing Genocide
10:30 - 11:00	Samantha Lakin	Memory and Victimhood in Post-Genocide Rwanda: Legal, Political, and Social Realities
11:00 - 11:15	Break	
11:15 - 11:45	Rukia Kalanzi	Mobilizing Religious Leaders in the Face of Existential Threats and Possible Causes of Genocide: The Experience of Inter Religious Council of Uganda (IRCU)
11:45-12:15	Immaculee Harushimana	Silent Lionesses: Widows of the 1972 Genocide in Burundi
12:15-1:15pm	Featured Speaker: Léonce Ndikumana	No Trust No Peace: The Role of the State for Post-Conflict Peace Building

PRESENTERS' BRIEF BIOS

Mahmood Mamdani: Keynote Speaker

Professor Mahmood Mamdani, an expert in the field of African History and Politics from Kampala, Uganda, is Columbia University's Lehman Professor of Government with a dual appointment in the departments of Political Science and Anthropology. He is also the Director of the Makerere Institute of Social Research in Kampala, Uganda. He has taught at the University of Dar-es-Salaam (1973–79), Makerere University (1980–93), and University of Cape Town (1996–99). He is the founding director of Centre for Basic Research in Kampala, Uganda (1987–96) and was president of CODESRIA (Council for the Development of Social Research in Africa) from 1999 to 2002. His major publications include "Saviors and Survivors: Darfur, Politics, and the War on Terror (2009).

Léonce Ndikumana: Featured Speaker

Léonce Ndikumana is a Distinguished Professor of Economics and Director of the African Development Policy Program at the Political Economy Research Institute (PERI) at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, USA. He is a member of the Independent Commission for the Reform of International Corporate Taxation (ICRICT) and former member of the United Nations Committee on Development Policy. He has served as Director of Research and Director of Operational Policies at the African Development Bank, and Chief of Macroeconomic Analysis at the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA). He is an Honorary Professor of Economics at the University of Cape Town and the University of Stellenbosch in South Africa. His research focuses on African development and Macroeconomics and covers the issues of external debt and capital flight, financial markets and growth, macroeconomic policies for growth and employment, and the economics of conflict and civil wars in Africa. He is co-editor of Capital Flight from Africa: Causes, Effects and Policy Issues and co-author of Africa's Odious Debts: How Foreign Loans and Capital Flight Bled a Continent, published also in French as La Dette Odieuse d'Afrique : Comment l'endettement et la fuite des capitaux ont saigné un continent, in addition to dozens of academic articles and book chapters. Léonce Ndikumana is a graduate of the University of Burundi and received his doctorate in economics from Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri.

Jeanine Ntahirageza: GHRAD Center Director

Jeanine Ntahirageza holds a PhD in Linguistics from the University of Chicago. Dr. Ntahirageza is a Full Professor and TESOL program coordinator at Northeastern Illinois University (NEIU), Chicago. For 9 years she served as department chair. She is also the founding director of the Center for Genocide and Human Rights Research in Africa and the Diaspora. Her research interests are in linguistics, language teaching, refugee and genocide studies, and human rights in Africa. In addition to a number of refereed journal articles and book chapters, her publications include a co-edited and co-authored book, Critical Perspectives on African Genocide: Memory, Silence, and Anti-Black Political Violence (Rowan and Littlefield International, 2021) and a chapter "Repenser pour mieux panser: A survivor's account of the 1972 Burundi genocide". Dr. Ntahirageza is currently on Sabbatical leave to collect testimonies about the 1972 genocide in Burundi.

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Bo Chamberlin

Bo Chamberlin is a doctoral student in the department of Africology and African-American studies at Temple University. He was a student leader in Amnesty International and later worked on Connecticut's successful campaign to abolish the death penalty before moving to teach english and literature at a Jesuit-run highschool in the Federated States of Micronesia. As a Jesuit novice (seminarian) he began investigating the history of Jesuit involvement in the enslavement of African people, and left the Jesuits to pursue a second bachelor's in Black Studies from Cleveland State University, and then a Master's degree at Temple. His research focuses on Afrocentric criticism of the culture of white supremacy. He is particularly interested in intellectual history and the legacy of racial metaphor in religion, aesthetics, and philosophy. His work has appeared in the Journal of Black Studies and he is the recipient of the Molefi Kete Asante award for Afrocentric scholarship.

Regina Paulose

Regina M. Paulose is an international criminal law attorney. She has a JD from Seattle University School of Law and a LLM in International Crime and Justice from the University of Turin/UNICRI. She is a member of the International Association of Genocide Scholars.

Christopher Davey

Christopher P. Davey is the Charles E. Scheidt Visiting Assistant Professor of Genocide Studies and Genocide Prevention at the Strassler Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies. He teaches Genocide and Civil War in the African Great Lakes Region, and Genocide Prevention and Conflict Transformation. His research explores the connections of genocide across DR Congo and Rwanda, and contemporary perspectives on genocide from identity to diaspora mobilizations of genocide, and climate related violence. He also serves as a board member and project lead for Education for Global Peace. Education for Global Peace (EGP) is an organization which is building a global network and movement that seeks to bring about a world based on cultures of peace. Following the belief that the foundation of peacebuilding is peace education, EGP is committed to developing projects and strategies on peace education at different levels worldwide.

Ligia de Souza Cerqueira

Ligia de Souza Cerqueira - bachelor in Law at the Mackenzie Presbyterian University (2020). Criminal Lawyer. Postgraduate student in Human Rights at Portuguese Catholic University.

Birhanu Bitew

Birhanu Bitew have been teaching Political Science courses in the Department of Political Science at Debre Markos University. His research interest is on indigenous knowledge, Ethiopian politics and inter-ethnic relations. He has published articles in different journals, including Inter-ethnic relations among Amhara and Kemant ethnic groups in North-Western Ethiopia in the International Journal of Political Science and Development, Matrimony of Discordant: Developmental state and ethnic federalism in Ethiopia, 2001-2018 in the Bandung: Journal of the Global South, Inquiring the political strategy of Tigray People's Liberation Front in the post-2018 Ethiopia in the The African Review and Indigenous Governance Systems and Democracy in Ethiopia: Yejoka Qicha System of the Gurage People in the International Indigenous Policy Journal.

PRESENTERS' BRIEF BIOS

Anne Kubai

Anne Kubai is associate professor of World Christianity and Interreligious Studies. Currently, she is a researcher at the School for Historical and Contemporary Studies at Södertörn University, Sweden. Kubai is also an affiliated Research Fellow at Stellenbosch University, South Africa. Her research interests include genocide, mass violence, religion, peacebuilding, conflict, gender-based violence, transitional justice, international migration and human trafficking, human security and psychosocial studies. Kubai worked with different universities and organizations in Kenya and Rwanda for many years. She worked as Research Director for Life & Peace Institute, an International Ecumenical Centre for Peace Research and Action in Uppsala, Sweden. Kubai also worked as Senior Social Scientist at the Division of Global Health (IHCAR), Department of Public Health Sciences at Karolinska Institute in Stockholm, Sweden. Kubai has published numerous peer reviewed journal articles, contributions to anthologies, co-edited anthologies and research reports, and produced two documentaries.

Tim Libretti

Tim Libretti is a Professor of English, Latina/o and Latin American Studies, and Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies at Northeastern Illinois University, where he currently serves as Acting Associate Dean in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Rukia Kalanzi

Rukia Kalanzi is a Senior Program Manager at Inter Religious Council of Uganda (IRCU) which is constituted by the Roman Catholic, the Anglican of Uganda, the Orthodox Church, the Uganda Muslim Supreme Council, the Seventh-day Adventists, the Born Again Faith, and the Pentecostal and Evangelical Churches. She provides technical support and guidance to senior religious leaders on Country program partnership with international organizations like UNFPA; coordinates partnership with African Council of Religious Leaders in preventing extremism and violence; represents IRCU at meetings with government and development partners; mobilizes Faith Based Organizations in regional agendas like the EAC Sexual Reproductive Health Bill and UNICEF Faith in Education Joint statement. She previously worked as a Programs Manager at the African Forum for Muslim Councils (AFMC). A practicing Muslim, she has cordial working relationships with Christian leaders and co-presents a weekly radio talk show hosted by an Anglican radio station, Namirembe FM

Samantha Lakin

Samantha Lakin, Ph.D., is a researcher focused on transitional justice and African political history. Her dissertation explored local perspectives of memory and justice in the aftermath of genocide, specifically in the case of Rwanda. Lakin was a Fulbright scholar in Rwanda (2017-2018) and in Switzerland (2011-2012), and a Graduate Research Fellow at Harvard's Program on Negotiation (2019-2020). Since 2013, Lakin has led numerous action-based research and policy teams in Rwanda, DRC, Ghana, and Uganda, with organizations including the Kigali Genocide Memorial and Aegis Trust, the United States Ambassador's Fund for Cultural Preservation, Search for Common Ground, CDA Collaborative, and Inclusive Security. Lakin holds a Master of Arts in International Law and Diplomacy from The Fletcher School at Tufts University and a Ph.D. from the Strassler Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies at Clark University.

Immaculee Harushimana

Immaculee Harushimana is a native of Burundi, currently Professor of TESOL and English Education at Lehman College and affiliate faculty at the Graduate Center of, City University of New York. Her areas of research interest include critical linguistics as well as race, language and literacy navigations by African immigrant youth and professionals. Some of Harushimana publications include: "Peace Resides in the Stomach": Cultural Linguistic Interpretation of Burundi's Intractable Conflict (2017) in Journal for Peace and Justice Studies; African immigrants in US Schools, African Immigrants' Experiences in American Schools: Complicating the Race Discourse (2016), with Mthethwa-Sommers; and A Paradise to Regain: Post-Obama Insights from Women Educators of the Black Diaspora (2019), with Alfred and Davis.