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”.
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
16.30-17.00: 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”.
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
15.00-15.30 Recess
15.30-16.00: Connie Mpokotho (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
17.45-18.15: 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”.
10.30-11.00: 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
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”.
15.30-16.00: 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 Eutyphe 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 16è 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
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

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

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 Péjout (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.