TUESDAY 17 DECEMBER – PROGRAMME

IFRA-Nairobi and the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies of the University of Nairobi are pleased to welcome you to this symposium on the philosophy and literary work of philosopher V.-Y. Mudimbe, its relevance and its legacy.

9:00am-12:30pm

Francis E. A. OWAKAH (Senior Lecturer, Philosophy; University of Nairobi)
*Introducing Mudimbe to East Africa: The Good, The Fun and The Ugly*

Pierre-Philippe FRAUTURE (Professor, Literature; University of Warwick, UK)
*V.Y. Mudimbe’s Modernities?*

Kai KRESSE (Professor at the Institute of Social & Cultural Anthropology; Vice-Director at ZMO, Germany)
*Entanglement and Critique: Eurocentrism, Africanism – and Beyond? Thinking Mudimbe*

13:30pm-5:00pm

Oriare NYARWATH (Senior Lecturer, Philosophy; University of Nairobi)
*Beyond the Invented Africa*

Reginald M. J. ODUOR (Senior Lecturer, Philosophy; University of Nairobi)
*The Relevance of V.Y. Mudimbe’s The Invention of Africa to Future Directions in the Humanities and Social Sciences*

Salim ABDELMADJID (Lecturer, Philosophy; Toulouse Jean Jaurès University, France)
*Reading V. Y. Mudimbe Towards a Concept of Africa*