



## Queer in Africa Re-imagined PROGRAMME

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**Wednesday, 22 April 2015**

<b>8.30am -9.00am</b>	<b>Coffee and Registration</b>
<b>9.00am-10.00am</b>	<b>Welcome and Introduction</b>
<b>10.00am – 11.30am</b>	<p><b>SESSION 1</b>  <b>Sexual rights make people human:</b>          The importance of sexual citizenship to human dignity and freedom. Issues concerning LGBTQI people and security, social organising, sexual and relationship rights, parenting rights, and rights to migrate.</p> <p><b>Brizan Okollan (Upper Rift Minorite, Kenya)</b>          "Rethinking sexual citizenship: our solidarity...my citizenship"  <b>Guillain Koko (Independent Researcher/Activist)</b>          "The rights to migrate and barriers facing LGBTI refugee for a successful local integration in the host country."  <b>Busisiwe Deyi (Gender Dynamix)</b>          "The Multi-layered Queer Citizen - A critique of the South African equality campaign"  <b>Kopano Ratele (UNISA &amp; MRC)</b>          Queer women and African traditions"</p>
<b>11.30am – 11.45am</b>	<b>Tea Break</b>
<b>11.45am-13.00pm</b>	<p><b>SESSION 2</b>  <b>Naming ourselves:</b>          How do we name ourselves - under what conditions, and why? How do we remain visible, or stay invisible? Who names us and what are the effects? What identity terms/categories are useful – for example lesbian, women who have sex with women - and when? What new ways of naming ourselves are there?</p> <p><b>Mary Hames (Gender Equity Unit, UWC)</b>          "Words for women"  <b>Florence !Khaxas (Y-Fem, Namibia)</b>          Title to be announced.  <b>Thabo Msibi (School of Education, UKZN)</b>          "There are gay people who are out and then there's us who are bisexual and hiding": Queering the use of Western of labels in African settings"</p>



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13.00pm- 14.00pm	<b>Lunch</b>
14.00pm-15.15pm	<b>SESSION 3</b> <b>Global and local:</b> How do globalised categories influence the local? Are people developing categories at a local level that can become global?
	<b>Eunice Namugwe (Coalition of African Lesbians)</b> “Organising in hostile contexts” <b>Monica Tabengwa (Pan African ILGA)</b> “LGBTI Rights in Africa: Ready or Not, It’s Time!” <b>Surya Monro (University of Huddersfield)</b> “How useful is intersectionality theory? How useful is citizenship theory?”
15.15pm- 15.30pm	<b>Tea Break</b>
15.30pm-17:00pm	<b>SESSION 4</b> <b>The politics of knowledge production concerning sexualities:</b> Queer knowledge, queer strategies
	<b>Oliver Phillips</b> “Who wears the skirt right? Sex, normativity and the importance of traversing the hetero/homo, masculine/feminine binaries in Southern African politics, panics and post-colonial polemics” <b>Stella Nyanzi (MISR, Makerere University)</b> “Dollars, dildos and dental dams: Disfigurations of Queer ethos and practice in contemporary Uganda” <b>Jane Bennett (AGI, University of Cape Town)</b> “Making trouble: reflections on the politics of knowledge creation around South African queer processes” <b>Paula Assubuji (Heinrich Böll Stiftung)</b> “Challenging perspectives on heteronormativity”
17:00pm- 17.30pm	<b>Summary, Book Project and Close</b>