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## Wednesday

### PROGRAM

#### SESSION III

*Kantonsratssaal, Klosterhof 3, St. Gallen*

*Chair: Yorbana Seign-Goura,  
University of Neuchâtel, Switzerland*

**9:00 - 10:00** — **Keynote 3: Internet and Democracy in Africa**  
*Tina Freyburg,  
University of St. Gallen, Switzerland*

**10:00 - 10:30** — *Coffee Break*

#### PANEL

*Kantonsratssaal, Klosterhof 3, St. Gallen*

**10:30 - 11:30** — **The role of tech-companies in addressing human rights risks in Africa**  
*Kebene Wodajo,  
Ambo University & Addis Ababa University,  
Ethiopia*

**Access Granted: Facebook's Free Basics in Africa**  
*Toussaint Nothias,  
Stanford University, USA*

**11:30** — *Lunch in the Ratsstübli*

#### GUIDED TOUR

*Meeting point: in front of the Kantonsratssaal*

**12:10 - 13:10** — **Guided Tour in the Stiftungsbibliothek**

#### SESSION IV

*Kantonsratssaal, Klosterhof 3, St. Gallen*

*Chair: Jelena Aparac, United Nations Working Group on the Use of Mercenaries, Geneva, Switzerland*

**13:30 - 14:30** — **Keynote 4: Confounder in the Throes of Globalism: Personhood and Emergence of Digital Capitalism**  
*Uchenna Okeja,  
Rhodes University, South Africa*

**14:30 - 15:00** — *Coffee Break*

#### PANEL

*Kantonsratssaal, Klosterhof 3, St. Gallen*

**15:00 - 16:00** — **The Impact of Information and Communications Technology in African Creativity and Career**  
*Fredrick Ogola,  
Strathmore University, Kenya*

**Ethics, Technology, and Human Rights - reimagining algorithmic technology through the Sub-Saharan African ethics**  
*Sabelo Mhlambi,  
Harvard University, USA*

**16:00 - 16:30** — *Coffee Break*

*Kantonsratssaal, Klosterhof 3, St. Gallen*

*Chairs: Florian Wettstein & Thierry Ngosso*

**16:30 - 18:00** — **Institutional Panel and Closing remarks**  
*(by invitation)*

#### CLOSING DINNER

**18:30** — **Closing Dinner (by invitation)**  
*Kora music  
Sadio Cissokho, Senegal*

*The Kora is a harp lute originally from west Africa. It is traditionally associated with royalty, the ruling classes, or religious practices and one of the most complex strings instrument.*

## IWE-HSG Competence Center for African Research (CCAR)

### LAUNCH EVENT



## Ethics, New Technologies, and Africa

### Scholarly Symposium

**Kantonsratssaal  
Klosterhof 3  
St. Gallen, Switzerland**

**14-15  
January 2020**



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The CCAR launch symposium focuses on ethics, new technologies and Africa. Particular emphasis is put on the potentials and risks of Artificial Intelligence and new Information- and Communication Technologies for the African continent. The symposium features keynote speakers, roundtables, and discussants of various disciplines and aims at kick-starting a fruitful intercontinental discourse and network between scholars in Switzerland and on the African continent. The symposium offers a platform for cutting-edge contributions particularly of young African researchers and activists.

Location & Accommodation



14 Tuesday

| REGISTRATION                                                                                          |   | Kantonsratssaal, Klosterhof 3, St. Gallen                                                                                                                 |
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| 9:00 - 9:30                                                                                           | — | Registration & Coffee                                                                                                                                     |
| WELCOME NOTE                                                                                          |   | Kantonsratssaal, Klosterhof 3, St. Gallen                                                                                                                 |
| 9:30 - 10:00                                                                                          | — | Florian Wettstein & Thierry Ngosso                                                                                                                        |
| SESSION I                                                                                             |   | Kantonsratssaal, Klosterhof 3, St. Gallen                                                                                                                 |
| Chair: Michael Heumann, University of St. Gallen, Switzerland                                         |   |                                                                                                                                                           |
| 10:00 - 11:00                                                                                         | — | Keynote 1: Numeric capital, numeric transition and politic transition in sub-Saharan African countries<br>Thierry Amougou, University of Louvain, Belgium |
| 11:00 - 11:30                                                                                         | — | Coffee Break                                                                                                                                              |
| PANEL                                                                                                 |   | Kantonsratssaal, Klosterhof 3, St. Gallen                                                                                                                 |
| 11:30 - 12:30                                                                                         | — | Artificial Intelligence and its ethical implications in Africa<br>Denis Ghislain Mbessa, University of Yaoundé I, Cameroon                                |
| Technology, Ethics & Economic Development in Africa<br>Ndidi Nwaneri, Lagos State University, Nigeria |   |                                                                                                                                                           |
| 12:30                                                                                                 | — | Lunch in the Ratsstübli                                                                                                                                   |
| OFFICIAL OPENING                                                                                      |   | Kantonsratssaal, Klosterhof 3, St. Gallen                                                                                                                 |
| 13:45                                                                                                 | — | Ulrich Schmid, Vice-President, External Relations, University of St. Gallen, Switzerland                                                                  |

| SESSION II                                                                                                                                              |   | Kantonsratssaal, Klosterhof 3, St. Gallen                                                                                                                                                    |
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| Chair: Rose Kimotho, University of St. Gallen, Switzerland                                                                                              |   |                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 14:00 - 15:00                                                                                                                                           | — | Keynote 2: Why Africans should hold onto their “ploughs” in the digital tech age<br>Nomalanga Mkhize, Nelson Mandela University, South Africa                                                |
| 15:00 - 15:30                                                                                                                                           | — | Coffee Break                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| PANEL                                                                                                                                                   |   | Kantonsratssaal, Klosterhof 3, St. Gallen                                                                                                                                                    |
| 15:30 - 16:30                                                                                                                                           | — | The Challenges of Information and Communication Technology in Malawi<br>Eugenio Njoloma, Mzuzu University, Malawi                                                                            |
| Enhancing regional collaboration by strengthening innovation ecosystems in SADC<br>Flora Ismail, Southern Africa Innovation Support Programme, Tanzania |   |                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 16:30 - 16:45                                                                                                                                           | — | Family Picture with all participants                                                                                                                                                         |
| Kantonsratssaal, Klosterhof 3, St. Gallen                                                                                                               |   |                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 17:00 - 18:30                                                                                                                                           | — | Lisa Garbe, University of St. Gallen, Switzerland<br>Julie Owono, Internet Without borders, France<br>Eleanor Marchant, Oxford University, UK<br>Arthur Gwagwa, Strathmore University, Kenya |
| 19:00                                                                                                                                                   | — | Dinner (by invitation) at Restaurant Marktplatz<br>Neugasse 2, 9000 St. Gallen                                                                                                               |