2024 WORLD PHILOSOPHY DAY CONFERENCE IN ZIMBABWE

Call for Abstracts — Submit Now!

THEME:

Artificial Intelligence, Climate Change and the African Experience: Challenges, Resilience and Opportunities

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

SEPTEMBER 15, 2024
Deadline for Submitting Abstracts

SEPTEMBER 30, 2024
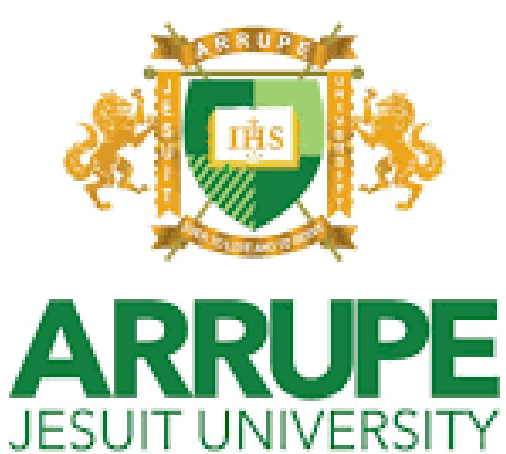Announcement of acceptance/rejection

OCTOBER 31, 2024
Deadline for the submission of full papers

NOVEMBER 19, 2024
Conference, Arrupe Jesuit University (Blended)

NB: please note that only those that would have submitted full papers will feature on the final program and as we build towards the 2024 world philosophyday conference timely updates shall be posted on: www.aju.ac.zw/worldphilosophyday2020

Hosting Institution

ARRUPE JESUIT UNIVERSITY

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Ss. John Fisher & Thomas More National Seminary

Great Zimbabwe University

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CONFERENCE THEME:

Artificial Intelligence, Climate Change and the African Experience: Challenges, Resilience and Opportunities

The African continent and its people face a convergence of complex challenges at the intersection of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and climate change. African leaders, policymakers, civil society organizations and scholars must be at the forefront of advocacy and policy initiatives that seek to address the intersectionality of AI, climate change, and the lived experiences of African people.

One of the primary challenges faced by Africans is the disproportionate impact of climate change. Extreme weather events, natural disasters, and environmental degradation often disrupt livelihoods, food security, and access to essential resources. Compounding these climate-related challenges are the concerns and opportunities presented by AI systems.

The Organizing Committee for the 2024 World Philosophy Day Conference in Zimbabwe invites submissions for its upcoming event focused on the intersectionality of Artificial Intelligence (AI), Climate Change, and the African people. This interdisciplinary conference aims to explore the challenges, resilience, and opportunities at the nexus of these critical domains from divergent perspectives.

The conference seeks to examine how these global issues disproportionately affect African communities, both on the continent and in the diaspora, and how they intersect with existing social, economic, and political aspects.

Conference Aims and Topics

The conference aims to bring together scholars and researchers from different disciplines and fields interested in deliberating the intersectionality of AI, climate change, and the lived experiences of African people. The extent to which these global issues affect African communities, both on the continent and in the diaspora, and how they intersect with existing social, economic, and political aspects cannot be underestimated. Papers on the 2024 World Philosophy Day Conference theme "Artificial Intelligence, Climate Change and the African Experience: Challenges, Resilience and Opportunities" may explore, amongst others, the following topics:

- Ethical frameworks for AI development and deployment
- Decolonizing AI
- Perspectives on AI governance and policymaking
- Approaches to AI-driven entrepreneurship innovation
- Education and ecological crisis
- Climate Change Impacts on the African continent
- Bias and Exclusion in AI Systems
- Leveraging AI for Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation
- Climate Change: Community Resilience and Grassroots Initiatives
- Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Strategies
- Indigenous Knowledge Systems, AI and Climate Change

In addition to individual papers on the conference theme, presentations by interest, lobbying and advocacy groups on the theme are welcome.

Submissions: worldphilosophyday2020@aju.ac.zw

Conference Venue: Arrupe Jesuit University (Blended - Online and In-Person)

Keynote Speaker: *TBA*

Programme Steering Committee

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Conference Structure

In the main conference, in addition to keynote lectures and other plenaries, the conference may also adopt some parallel sessions.Please also note the following:

- Since we expect a large number of submissions for this conference, each person is limited to only one individual paper presentation and participation in only one group presentation. Thus,each person may only make two submissions and these must be to different types of sessions (e.g. full paper and interest, lobbying/advocacy group)

- Full academic papers will be presented in a session of not more than 25 minutes per paper including discussion/questions.

- While the papers may come from any discipline and may be theoretical, applied, or policy-based, every paper must engage with, apply, extend, criticize, or offer insights specifically relevant to the theme.

Publication of Presentations

Papers presented at the conference will be published as an edited book. To ensure academic quality, all submissions will be reviewed by at least two reviewers.

For More Information:

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