AFRICANISM(S)?

POSITIONALITY, KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTION, AND NARRATIVES

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The term Africanism(s) points for many a domain of thought and knowledge that takes the African continent as its object of study; however, it remains insufficiently thought-out and interrogated. From its origins to the current and multiple understandings of the term, the meaning of Africanism(s) and its consequential practices have greatly varied and constituted fields of contention. Thus, it seems to imply differing and potentially competing narratives and imaginations of a place, people, and studies across time and space. This conference will interrogate, through multidisciplinary dialogue, the existence, relevance, and meaning of the term Africanism(s), with respect to the power relations that participate in its construction and materialization.

Participants should consider a wide range of topics including but not limited to:

- Knowledge Production
- Positionality
- Authority/Power
- Language
- Translation
- Citations
- Origins
- Silence
- Genealogy
- Memory
- Sources
- Circulation
- Academic freedom
- Violence
- Domination
- Liberation

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