



#### Sub-themes:

- Rhetoric, Power and Discourse
- Rhetoric, State and Medical Science / African Pharmacology
- Rhetoric, Democratic Governance and the Politics of Funding
- Life-Histories: Rhetorising Narratives
- Writing AIDS: AIDS in Academic Discourse
- Protest Rhetoric and Global Movements on AIDS
- Rhetorical Acts and Organisational Imperatives: Between Speech delivery and Service delivery
- National, Trans-national and Global dialogue on AIDS
- AIDS, War and the Rhetoric of Responsibility
- Media, Rhetoric and AIDS
- Rhetoric, Race and AIDS
- AIDS, Rhetoric and Gender/Sexuality

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Biennial International Conference

on the topic

### *Rhetoric in the Time of AIDS: African Perspectives*

organised by

### *The African Association for Rhetoric (AAR)*

Date: 1-3 July 2009

Venue:

Durban, South Africa

Recent literature at the intersection of rhetoric and medical science, particularly as it relates to HIV/AIDS epidemic, is proof that the resurgence of rhetoric in academic discourse across disciplines is making progress. This conference, *Rhetoric in the time of AIDS: African Perspectives* promises to bring together distinguished researchers, scholars and graduate students from across the globe whose interests relate to rhetoric and AIDS. This multidisciplinary conference will be of interest to specialists in but not limited to Rhetoric, Law, Medicine, Philosophy and Ethics, Sociology, Gender Studies, Psychology, Social Development Studies, Anthropology, Pharmacology, Political Science, Economic Policy, African Studies and Communication. This conference arises in view of the recognition and opportunity for contemplating issues ranging from policy, the construct of medical knowledge around the pandemic, media rhetoric and the state of global health to funding politics. Interested scholars and academics are invited to submit abstracts of about 250 words each.

**Abstracts:** November 20 2008  
**Papers:** February 15 2009

**Length:** 250 words  
**Maximum Length:** 6000

#### Keynote Speakers

Alex Preda, PhD  
Professor of Sociology, University of Edinburgh

Nana Poku, PhD  
John Ferguson Professor of African Studies, University of Bradford

Will Akande, PhD  
Professor, Graduate School of Business, University of KwaZulu-Natal

Leana Uys, PhD  
Professor of Nursing, University of KwaZulu-Natal

**NB:** Papers will be made available to delegates on CD-ROM. The Organisers however advise that papers should be written not only for presentation, but also for publication, since select papers will be published in the Association's Journal: *AJR: African Journal of Rhetoric* following a peer review process.