

The Decoloniality Research Group (DRG), the University of
Pretoria, South Africa

and

The Conversational Society of Philosophy (CSP)

Post Graduate Research Workshop

On the Theme

Decolonial Research Methods in the Humanities

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Day 1

Speaker	Topic	Time
Breakfast	Breakfast	7.30 – 8.15
Accreditation/Opening	Accreditation/Opening	8.15 – 9.00
Dr Jonathan Chimakonam	Decoloniality: Background and prospects for research	9.00 – 9.50
Dr Isaiah Negedu	Why decolonial research methods in the humanities? Interrogating the master tropes	9.55 – 10.45
Tea Break	Tea Break	10.45 – 11.15
Prof Fainos Mangena	Research in the humanities: An African direction for the new millennium	11.15 – 12.05
Dr Maduka Enyimba Dr Leyla Tervanaro-Haidarian and	Overview of conversational thinking/ The conversational method as a form of qualitative action research	12.10 – 13.10
Lunch	Lunch	13.00 – 13.45
Dr Maduka Enyimba Dr Jonathan O Chimakonam	Ezumezu as the logic of conversational thinking Decolonial and Interdisciplinary foundation in the humanities	13.45 – 14.35
Dr Aribiah Attoe	The conversational method as a decolonial and interdisciplinary approach	14.40 – 15.30
Teamwork Exercise and Tea	Teamwork Exercise and Tea	15.30 – 16.30

Teamwork: The aim of this session would be to practice the conversational method as a decolonial method. Participants will be divided into three – four groups of ten. Each group would be given an interesting topic that would form the focus of each respective group. Each group of ten would further be subdivided into two with one half serving as the Nwa-nsa and the other half serving as the Nwa-nju. Each half would be expected to spell out their thesis and engage in a creative struggle that would constantly improve the sophistication of each thesis. At each level of sophistication, group members would identify disjunctive-contextual modes as well as conjunctive-complementary mode. At the end of the allotted time, each group would describe their experience, noting their theses they began their conversation with and their theses after the conversational encounter. In true conversational fashion, the conversations would be augmented with food and drinks.

Day 2

Speaker	Topic	Time
Dr Uchenna Ogbonnaya	The complementary reflection as a decolonial method	8.00 – 8.50
Prof Idom Inyabri	A decolonial approach to autoethnographic method	8.55 – 9.45
Tea Break	Tea Break	9.45 – 10.05
Prof Bernard Matolino	Decolonized qualitative methodology	10.05 – 10.55
Prof Chris Isike	Decolonized quantitative methodology	11.00 – 11.50
Closing and Departure	Early Lunch	12.00 – 13.00