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#### GENERAL INFORMATION

Keolebogile Mbebe is a lecturer in the Department of Philosophy at the University of Pretoria. She is currently studying towards a PhD in the Department of Jurisprudence at the same university. The title of her PhD is *Tracing the Doctrine of Discovery in the Promotion of National Unity and Reconciliation Act: Truth and the Question of Historical Justice*. The main themes of Ms Mbebe's research centre around issues of justice, race, emotions, moral philosophy, philosophy of law, and history. Mbebe is a founding member of the Azanian Philosophical Society (APS), a multi-disciplinary social sciences and humanities association and a founder and convenor of a black women's PhD candidate writing circle. Prior to her work in the academy, she was an award-winning journalist and a communication officer.

#### ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

<b>DEGREE/ Diploma</b>	<b>FIELD OF STUDY</b>	<b>HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION</b>	<b>Year</b>
BA	Journalism	University of Johannesburg	2005-2007
BA (Hons)	Philosophy	University of Johannesburg	2008 (Cum Laude)
MA	Philosophy	University of Johannesburg	2011-2013 (Cum Laude)
PhD	Jurisprudence	University of Pretoria	2018 - In Progress

WORK EXPERIENCE TO DATE

Name of employer	Capacity and/or type of work	Period
University of Pretoria	Lecturer	1 January 2015 - Present
Centre for Social Development in Africa (University of Johannesburg)	Development Communications Specialist	10/2013 to 12/2014
University of Johannesburg	Temporary Lecturer in Philosophy	2013
University of Johannesburg	Junior Lecturer in Philosophy	01/2011 to 11/2012
City Press	Journalist (web, press and video formats)	02/2010 to 01/2011
Media24 Journalism Academy	Journalist (web, press and video formats)	02/2009 to 01/2010
University of Johannesburg	Peer Helper/Tutor	09/2005 to 10/2008

TEACHING

<b>Level</b>	<b>Course</b>	<b>Year</b>
First Year Level	Justice: How do we know what the right thing to do is?	2013
Second Year Level	Social and Political Philosophy - What is Justice?	2011
	Philosophy & Contemporary Debates	2012
	Business and Professional Ethics	2015
	Ethics for Economic and Management Sciences	2015
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	Ethics for Economic and Management Sciences	2017
	What is Transitional Justice?	2018
Ethics for Economic and Management Sciences	2019	
Third Year Level	Transitional Justice and Philosophy of Time	2020

#### RESEARCH FUNDING

<b>Origin of research funds</b>	<b>Title of research project or program</b>	<b>Duration</b>
NRF	BA Honours (Philosophy)	1 year
NRF	MA (Philosophy)	2 years
Vice-Chancellor's Academic Development Grant Program	PhD (Law)	6 months

#### OTHER SCHOLARLY RESEARCH-BASED CONTRIBUTIONS

### **Published Journal Article**

Mbebe, K. 2018. Whites Cannot Be Black: A Bikoist Challenge to Xolela Mangcu, *Theoria*, Vol. 65, No. 1, pp. 24-47, doi:10.3167/th.2018.6515402

### **Conferences and workshops**

The Philosophical Society of Southern Africa Annual Conference 2012 (International)  
*Paper presented: The Emotion of Resentment as a Kantian Response to Wrongdoing*

The Philosophical Society of Southern Africa Annual Conference 2013  
*Paper presented: Respect and Compassion for the Offender in a Criminal Case*

UNISA Decoloniality Summer School January 2015  
*Attendee of the Summer School*

World Social Sciences Forum 2015  
*Attendee*

Invitation by Allan Gray Centre for Leadership Ethics (AGCLE) at Rhodes to present research 14 August 2015  
*Immanuel Kant and the rationality of emotions*

African Philosophy: Past, Present and Future Conference (9-11 September 2015)  
*Conference attendee*

The Philosophical Society of Southern Africa Annual Conference 2016  
*Black Souls in White Skins: A Bikoist Reply to Prof Xolela Mangcu*

Hoernlé Research Seminar at the University of the Witwatersrand May 2016  
*Black Souls in White Skins: A Bikoist Reply to Prof Xolela Mangcu*

The Caribbean Philosophical Association Annual Conference 2016  
*Black Souls in White Skins: A Bikoist Reply to Prof Xolela Mangcu*

South African Transforming Philosophy Workshop at Rhodes University 2017  
*Participant*

University of Fort Hare, East London campus, 26 September 2018  
*Black Souls in White Skins: A Bikoist Reply to Prof Xolela Mangcu*

Azanian Philosophical Society Inaugural Conference 24-26 November 2018 Fort Hare University  
*Founding member and conference attendee*

African Feminisms Conference 27-29 September 2018, Rhodes University  
*Conference attendee*

African Phenomenology Conference 5-7 March 2020, Chintsa, Eastern Cape  
*Co-organizer*

#### COMMUNITY SERVICE OR PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

- Founder member of the Azanian Philosophical Society
- Founder of an inter-university writing circle for Black Female PhD candidates

#### AWARDS AND SCIENTIFIC/SCHOLARLY RECOGNITION

- Member of Golden Key International Honours Society since 2005 (only top 15% of university students admitted for membership globally)
- Member of UJ Humanities Faculty Top Achievers list 2008
- Member of UJ Humanities Faculty Top Achievers list 2013
- Winner – Chancellor’s Medal for the most meritorious Masters study in the University of Johannesburg’s Faculty of Humanities for 2013