

ANNOUNCEMENT “BLACK FEMINISM AND THE POLYCRISIS”

THE NEW INSTITUTE is proud to announce the launch of a ground-breaking program titled “Black Feminism and the Polycrisis: Configuring a Novel Solution Space Through Intersectional Methodology,” running until June 2024.

At a moment when the world desperately needs transformative visions, the program offers a forward-thinking space to converge brilliant minds dedicated to challenging the status quo and reshaping the global discourse on crises.

Chaired by feminist author and social critic Minna Salami, with her “epistemically polyamorous” vision, this paradigm-molding working group convenes at THE NEW INSTITUTE’s Warburg Ensemble in Hamburg. It is comprised of six eminent fellows who are intellectual giants and experts in their respective fields.

The fellows in this distinguished group are:

KATHRYN SOPHIA BELLE

Philosopher and Author. Founding Director, Collegium of Black Women Philosophers. Founding Director, La Belle Vie Academy. Previously Associate Professor of Philosophy at Pennsylvania State University.

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Author and Professor of Sociology at University of Warwick.

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Author and Professor of Literary and Cultural Studies, and Research Chair of African Feminist Imagination at Nelson Mandela University.

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Author and Assistant Professor of Philosophy at University of Ibadan. Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Alexander von Humboldt Foundation.

MAHA MAROUAN

Author and Associate Professor of Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, African American Studies and African Studies, and Director of Graduate Studies at Pennsylvania State University. Scholar in Residence, Harvard University.

ADENIKE OLADOSU

Climate Activist, Nigeria. Fellow, "Panel on Planetary Thinking" at Justus Liebig University. International Climate Protection Fellow, Alexander von Humboldt Foundation.

The group is joined by the philosopher and scholar, **Delicia Antoinette-Kamins**, as program coordinator.

The working group grapples with the central question "How can the unique insights and intersectional methods of Black Feminism respond to the complexities of the contemporary polycrisis?"

Since the *Financial Times* declared 2022 "the year of the polycrisis", we recognize (or respond to) the need to delve deeper into this pervasive topic and to provide a forward-thinking lens of understanding by drawing from the wealth of Black Feminist thought. Toward that end, the group will:

- Address patriarchal and Eurocentric diagnostics,
- Elevate intersectional theory, emphasizing Black and African diasporic perspectives; and
- Challenge conventional "crisis mode" methodologies and articulate new visions and possibilities grounded in intersectional insights.

In this era of uncertainty and unrest, THE NEW INSTITUTE's initiative promises a novel perspective that could redefine the way we understand and navigate our global challenges.

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