



REPARATIONS FOR AFRIKAN ENSLAVEMENT: BEYOND NATIONAL BOUNDARIES. TOWARD INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITIES

**An International, Interdisciplinary Workshop for Scholars, Activists and
Practitioners**

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**Birmingham City University (UK)
Curzon Building
4 Cardigan Street
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Building from our inaugural meeting in London on 21 October 2017, this second event will focus on the need to internationalize the struggle for reparations and find ways to build solidarities across national boundaries. The purpose of the INOSAAR is to provide a collaborative space in which academics, activists and scholar-activists may engage in discussions to challenge and stretch the movement for reparations by identifying some of the central issues and tensions that it faces and determine ways in which those challenges might be overcome.

10:30–11:30: Registration and Sankofasafarinta Reparations Exhibition

Exhibition: Daniel Soloman and Aurora Delgado
Registration: Nicki Frith and Joyce Hope Scott

11:30–12:20: Welcome and Introduction

11:30–11:40	Libations and Prayers	Kwame Sarpong and Doreen Morrison
11:40–11:50	Welcome address	Kehinde Andrews
11:50–11:55	Spoken word	Isis Amlak
11:55–12:00	Solidarity messages from Ghana	Read by Kofi Mawuli Klu
12:00–12:10	Brief introduction to the INOSAAR	Joyce Hope Scott and Nicki Frith
12:10–12:20	Report from RepAfrika	

12:20–13:15: Opening Panel

- Eric Phillips (Guyana Reparations Committee, Caricom)
- Yvette Modestin (National Coalition of Blacks for Reparations in America, N’Cobra)
- Esther Stanford-Xosei (Pan-African Reparations Coalition in Europe, PARCOE)

Session chaired by Nicki Frith

13:15–14:00: Lunch Break

Including artistic interventions on reparations, with music videos by Robert Beckford, Ablodevava and Akala

14:00–15:45: Workshop Sessions

Workshop 1: Working across National and International Boundaries

Workshop 1: Working across National and International Boundaries will focus on the different kinds of research that individuals and organizations are conducting (whether they are activists or scholars or scholar-activists). It will explore how research relating to particular localities can be connected with similar work being undertaken in other places, and on ways to build international solidarities and support networks.

Discussants: Athol Williams; Katarina Schwarz; Susanne Seymour; and Gnaka Lagoke (video link)

Chair: Gislaine Doue

Note taker/reporter: Fe Haslam

Questions to consider

- How do we connect the work of scholars and activists on a global scale in order to advance research and activism for reparation?
- How do we unite efforts across the globe to create new comparative, historical and transnational research and activist interventions?
- What INOSAAR relevant projects exist or can be developed to realise the outcomes of discussions in this workshop?

Workshop 2: Creating Global Legitimacy: Winning Hearts and Minds

Workshop 2: Creating Global Legitimacy: Winning Hearts and Minds will look at creating global legitimacy by focusing on the different methods and vehicles that might be adopted, or are currently being used, to gain legitimacy for reparations within the international community. It will also consider how to centre the contributions and creations of scholars and activists within the humanities — literary and visual artists, historians, musicians, theatrical performers, and others — to validate their work in the reparations movement.

Discussants: Jendayi Serwah; Doreen Morrison; and Hunter Adams (video link)

Chair: Simeon Stanford

Note taker/reporter: Stella Ezeogu

Questions to consider

- How do we harmonise efforts in the Afrikan Diaspora, as well as the Continent of Afrika, to globally produce an all-Afrikan Reparatory Justice aesthetic?
- How can we validate the contributions and creations of scholars and activists within the International Social Movement for Afrikan Reparations and the Peoples Reparations International Movement (ISMAR/PRIM)?
- What INOSAAR relevant projects exist or can be developed to realise the outcomes of discussions in this workshop?

Workshop 3: Connecting International Reparations Movements and Pan-Africanism

Workshop 3: Connecting International Reparations Movements and Pan-Africanism will focus on the ways in which reparations movements are trying to internationalise their cause and how different communities invested in reparations might learn from each other. It will ask how we can establish greater links to Caribbean, Latin American, African, U.S. and Indian-based scholars and activists to draw out different national contexts and cross-cultural perspectives.

Discussants: Kofi Klu; Cleo Lake; Rico Jakk; and Sumana Nandi (video link)

Chair: Peninah Achieng

Note taker/reporter: Aurora Delgado

Questions to consider

- What do reparations movements of diverse communities have in common as relevant to the objectives of Pan-Africanism?
- How can we establish greater links to Caribbean, Latin American, African, U.S. and Indian-based scholars and activists to draw out different national contexts and cross-cultural perspectives?
- What INOSAAR relevant projects exist or can be developed to realise the outcomes of discussions in this workshop?

15:45–16:15: Tea/Coffee Break

16:15–18:00: Closing Session

16:15–16:20	Spoken word	Sai Murray
16:20–17:00	Report and questions from workshops 1, 2 and 3	Aurora Delgado Stella Ezeogu Fe Haslam
17:00–17:50	General discussion on future directions and core strategies to take forward.	Session chaired by Joyce Hope Scott
17:50–18:00	Closing remarks	Gus John

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