

Multiple Futures through Time
Working Group B
30 January 2014
Sharing our Tomorrows

“I don't think any of you will deny the fact that it is impossible to understand the present or prepare for the future unless we have some knowledge of the past.” Malcolm X

This session will allow discussion of an African Diaspora thinker whose influence and ideas about the future have had influence beyond the North American or African contexts. Malcolm X's visions for the future of African Americans, Africans and of humanity have been taken up by a number of liberationist groups. Distinctively African or African Diaspora visions of the future and views of “human rights” inform the research of everyone at the Academy, by zooming in on one particular thinker we hope to open discussion about how we research these visions and analyse texts and how we could place our research and analysis in another angle – decentering common beliefs and methodologies and giving way to more questioning, unstable and open forms of thinking a future *world*

Agenda

16.00: Introduction and Welcome

- Christine Whyte (Chair)
- Annalisa Urbano (Scribe)

16.15: Malcolm X, violence and resistance (Christine Whyte)

16.25: Categories and Concepts to perform *world*: violence, nation, resistance, (Third World) Internationalism - Presentation on Malcolm X along some video clips (Mariam Popal)

16.50: Presentation (Mariam Popal)

Academy Fellow Mariam Popal will present her thoughts on African and African-American Philosophies in Decolonization and her own research.

17.30: Discussion

Which African/African Diaspora thinkers have been/are important in our research?
How can we analyse these kinds of texts to discern alternative ways to think about humanity, rights and research?

18.00 Close and next week's session