## Africa in the New Century

## workshop with Achille Mbembe

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Africa is experiencing a momentous technological turn and undergoing vast spatial and temporal re-configurations, which have to do with the acceleration of the dynamics of mobility and circulation, structural demographic shifts and attendant issues of social health, the emergence of

new urban forms and life styles, as well as innovative artistic and cultural practices.

Furthermore and contrary to long-held representations, it is increasingly assumed that the continent is the last frontier of capitalism, a key laboratory of the world in the making, and a place where the future of life itself, of the Earth and of the human and other species might be played out.

The Workshop will foreground and discuss these transformations from a variety of viewpoints, both continental and diasporic. It will examine in particular what increasingly appears as "the planetary turn of the African predicament" and assess the latter in relation to broader issues facing the Earth at large.

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