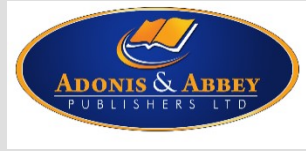


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Invitation to a Seminar on:

Scholarly Publishing in Africa: Challenges and Opportunities

In commemoration of our 22nd anniversary on 18 March 2025, Adonis & Abbey Publishers warmly invite you to participate in a seminar on the above theme. This free, Zoom seminar, offers participants a unique opportunity to interact with global experts in the field. It also enables them to gain insight on the untapped opportunities for publishing in high-impact journals by African academics and researchers and how to overcome some of the structural challenges they encounter in the process of trying to publish in such journals.

Date: Friday, March 21 2025:

Time: 12 PM West African Standard Time

Location: Zoom

Keynote Speakers

Professor David Mills, Director, Centre for Global Higher Education, University of Oxford, United Kingdom.

Topic: From Defiance To Respect: Afrostructuring Academic Journal Publishing

Professor Mills will talk about the challenges facing West African academic publishing within a global knowledge economy structured by bibliometric coloniality, university rankings and status divides. Despite these inequalities, he will point to ways that publishers and journal editors can build the academic profiles and scholarly reputations of their journals, and will argue for the importance of what Penda Ba calls 'Afrostructuring'.

Professor Mills is the co-author of the article, 'Getting by in a bibliometric economy: Scholarly publishing and academic credibility in the Nigerian academy' (2022); co-author of the book, *Who counts? Ghanaian academic publishing and global science* (2023) and co-editor of issue 7 of the journal, *Global Africa*, entitled, 'Publishing Africa' (2024).

Dr Savo Heleta, is a researcher and educator, whose research focuses on decolonisation of knowledge, higher education internationalisation, international research collaboration, analysis of foreign aid flows to higher education, and rebuilding higher education after violent conflict

Topic: Challenging bibliometric coloniality, building African and Global South knowledge platforms

Dr Heleta will discuss the challenges linked to bibliometric coloniality (i.e. the system of domination of global academic publishing by bibliometric indexes based in the Global North) in Africa and the broader Global South. These challenges will be framed within the broader global coloniality of knowledge, neoliberalization of higher education, Eurocentric epistemic hegemony, and policies of many African governments and higher education ministries that disincentivize African scholars from looking beyond bibliometric indexes and journals based in the Global North. The talk will explore ways bibliometric coloniality can be tackled and how to go about building, strengthening and promoting African and other Global South knowledge and academic publishing platforms.

Dr Heleta's published works include the co-authored articles, 'Bibliometric coloniality in South Africa: Critical review of the indexes of accredited journals', (2024) and 'Decolonisation is not even a footnote: On the dominant ideologies and smokescreens in South African higher education.' (2024)

Moderator

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