Intersectional Challenges in Afroeuropean Communities by Elisabeth Bekers

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"University, Culture & the City" for LIST, for example:

- writers in residence
 - (co)sponsored French Embassy, Passa Porta (int'l house of literature in Brussels)
- "Imaginary Europes" (European funding application)
 - non-academic partners: Passa Porta, Cultural Action Europe,...
- Brussels in literature
 - launched @ Passa Porta (livestream: <u>www.passaporta.be/agenda/brussel-schrijven</u>)
- Afroeuropeans Network Conference 2021

Ed. Daniel Acke & Elisabeth Bekers (VUB Press, 2016)

with contributions by scholars in literary studies and history

@ VUB and other Brussels institutions (incl. Fondation Auschwitz)



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8th Afroeuropeans Network Conference 2021

Intersectional Challenges in Afroeuropean Communities

Preparatory meeting 23 August 2018 hosted by Prof. Dr. Elisabeth Bekers & Dr. Sophie Withaeckx





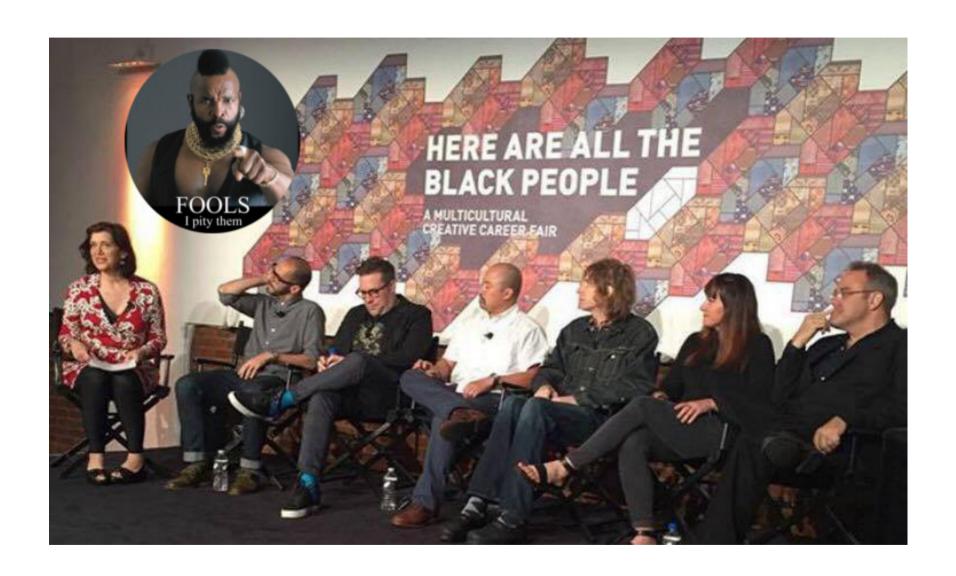
Afroeuropeans Network Conferences

Previous editions

- 2013 London
- 2015 Münster
- 2017 Tampere
- 2019 Lisbon Black In/Visibilities Contested

http://afropean.com/black-invisibilities-contested-7th-biennial-afroeuropeans-network-conference-lisbon-04-07-2019-06-07-2019/

 2021 Brussels – Intersectional Challenges in Afroeuroepean Communities



Afroeuropeans Network Conferences

Principles:

- broad interdisciplinary
- interaction academics activists
- cultural programme

General topic: 'intersectional challenges'

- how Afroeuropean communities are shaped by the intersections of
 - 'race' and ethnicity
 - other markers of identification such as gender, class, sexuality, ability, age, citizenship status, language...
- rejection of unidimensional perspectives in activism, policy and research

Subtopics/streams

- Gender & intersectionality
- Sexuality and queerness
- Religion & ideologies
- Family formation and unification, adoption & fostering
- Work & global care chain
- Decolonial movements, education & knowledge production
- Law & public policy
- Racism & political representation
- International cooperation, globalization and (socio-economic) inequalities
- Cities & migration/arrival infrastructures
- Global and reproductive health and migration
- ...

Timing: February

- class-free week
- Black History Month

Collaboration with organizations such as

- Royal Africa Museum (co-host?)
- @ VUB: African Students Community (ASCOM), Kultuurkaffee
- Passa Porta (International house of literature in Brussels)
- Mwanamke Collectif Afroféministe Belge; Collectif Mémoire Colonial et Lutte contre les Discriminations; Black Speaks Back
- European Parliament

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