

**Conference in honor of Souleymane Bachir Diagne
PROGRAM**

Thursday, April 3, 2025

The Lantern, Lenfest Center for the Arts, 615 West 129th Street

5:30 PM Doors open

6:30-6:45 PM Opening remarks by Bruno Bosteels and Emmanuelle Saada

6:45-7:45 PM *In Praise of the Universal* Keynote Lecture by Souleymane Bachir Diagne

8:00-9:30 PM Reception

Friday April 4, 2025

East Gallery, Maison Française, Buell Hall

9:30-9:45 Introduction by Shanny Peer

9:45-11:00 AM Panel 1 in English

Etienne Balibar: For Souleymane Bachir Diagne: Universalization as Becoming

Frédéric Worms: The Common Problems of Mankind: Continuing Discussion with Souleymane Bachir Diagne

Lewis R. Gordon: Shifting the Geography of Reason with Souleymane Bachir Diagne
Chair: Jennifer Wenzel

11:00-11:15 AM Coffee break

11:15-1:00 PM Panel 2 in French

Daniel Dauvois: Africa's Presence in Abbé Dubos' *Réflexions critiques*

Françoise Blum: Socialism Was Also African: Thinking with Souleymane Bachir Diagne

Salim Abdelmadjid: Souleymane Bachir Diagne, creating the Possible
Chair: Madeleine Dobie

1:00-2:00 PM Break

2:00-3:45 PM Panel 3 In French

Charles Zacharie Bowao: The Epistemological and Ethical Turn of "African Philosophy"

Ramatoulaye Diagne: Building Humanity Together: The Universal in Three Questions

Alioune Bah: Translate-Dialogue-Universalize: Three Action Concepts of Souleymane Bachir Diagne

Chair: Thomas Dodman

3:45-4:15 PM Coffee break

4:15- 6:00 PM Panel 4 in French

Phillipe Gouët: Fraternity, a Prospective Intuition

Bado Ndoye: Souleymane Bachir Diagne: Sharing the Universal

Jean-Godefroy Bidima: Conversation as Germination: Diagne, Through the Furrows

Chair: Antoine Compagnon

Saturday April 5, 2025

East Gallery, Maison Française, Buell Hall

10:00-10:15 AM Introduction by Pierre Force

10:15-12:45 PM Panel 5 in English

Anaïs Maurer: “Ensemble habiter la terre:” Environmental perspectives on Négritude and Océanitude

Nadia Yala Kisukidi: From the Humanities to Humanity: Decolonize, Translate, Universalize

Nasrin Qader: Souleymane Bachir Diagne-Camara Laye: A Conversation on Aesthetics

Ali Benmakhlof: Family, Commercial and Spiritual relations: Saint Louis and Fez

Chair: Mamadou Diouf

12:45-1:45 PM Break

1:45-3:30 PM Panel 6 in English

Penelope Deutscher: Hountondji From the Balcony: Diagne and The Translation of Philosophy's Address

Mouhamadou El Hady Ba: Bachir and the Pitfalls of Decoloniality

Felwine Sarr: Ubuntu and Relationality in the Thought of Souleymane Bachir Diagne

Chair: Christia Mercer

3:30-4:00 PM Coffee break

4:00-5:30 PM Panel 7 in English

Akeel Bilgrami, Hamid Dabashi, Mamadou Diouf, Thomas Dodman, Pierre Force, Christia Mercer, Achille Varzi

Chair: Emmanuelle Saada