# REIMAGINING THE LANDSCAPE OF IDENTITY
## INTERCULTURAL AND INTERDISCIPLINARY APPROACH

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# PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

# Day 1 (February 3, 2026)

| TIME | EVENTS AND NAMES OF PRESENTERS | VENUE |
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| 9.00 - 10.20 am | **Registration** | Lobby of Multifunctional Room, Mona Library |
| 10.30 am - 1.00 pm | **Inaugural Session**<br><br>**Opening Remarks/MC:** Dr. Nicole Plummer – Undergraduate Coordinator, Institute of Caribbean Studies, The University of the West Indies, Mona, Jamaica<br><br>**Welcome:** Dr. Vivette Milson-Whyte - Head of Department of Language, Linguistics and Philosophy (DLLP), The University of the West Indies, Mona, Jamaica<br><br>**Greetings:** Dr. Deon Edwards-Kerr - Dean, Faculty of Humanities and Education, The University of the West Indies, Mona, Jamaica<br><br>**Remarks:**<br><br>**Dr. Rotimi Omosulu** - Coordinator- Philosophy Section, DLLP, The University of the West Indies, Mona, Jamaica<br><br>**Prof. Franz Gmainer-Pranzel** - Department of Philosophy, Faculty of Catholic Theology (FCT), Paris-Lodron Universität Salzburg, Austria<br><br>**Presentation of the theme:** Dr. Christina Thurnwalder - Department of Philosophy, FCT, Paris-Lodron Universität Salzburg, Austria<br><br>**Cultural presentation:** Inna De Yard Binghistra<br><br>**Introduction of keynote speaker:** Dr. Janice Smith, DLLP, The University of the West Indies,Mona, Jamaica<br><br>**Keynote address:**<br>A Multidimensional Reimagining of the Landscape and Metaphysics of Identity by **Prof. Lewis Gordon**, Distinguished Professor of Philosophy, The University of Connecticut, USA<br><br>**Question and answer segment:** Mr. Simeon Mohansingh, DLLP, The University of the West Indies, Mona, Jamaica.<br><br>**Vote of Thanks:** Ms. Khimaja Connell, DLLP, The University of the West Indies, Mona, Jamaica.<br><br>**Rapporteurs:** | Multifunctional Room, Mona Library |

| 1.00 - 2.15 pm | **Lunch Break** | Consult Food Option Listing |
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| 2.15 – 3.45 pm | **Technical Session I**<br><br>**Theme:** Landscape of Identity – Intercultural Approaches<br><br>**Chair:** Dr. Rotimi Omosulu<br>The University of the West Indies, Mona, Jamaica.<br><br>**Presenters:**<br><br>1. **Franz Gmainer-Pranzl:** "Plowing up the Landscape of Identity. Paulin Hountondji's Critique of Ethnophilosophy" from Paris-Lodron Universität Salzburg, Austria<br>2. **Anthony Savari Raj Lourdusamy:** "Crossing Borders in the Sky: Reflections on the Vertical Frontiers of Cultures" from The University of the West Indies, Mona, Jamaica<br>3. **Franziska Theresa Kinskofer:** "Internalized Colonialism and the Politics of Identity in DACH Migration and Diaspora" from Paris-Lodron Universität Salzburg,Austria<br>4. **Kam-Au Amen:** "We are all Rastas": The Rastafari in Jamaican Identity and its Powers of Transformation from The University of the West Indies, Mona, Jamaica<br>5. **Khimaja Connell:** "Rethinking Identity Through a Caribbean Worldview: Creolisation and Relational Selfhood" from The University of the West Indies, Mona, Jamaica.<br><br>**Rapporteur:** | Multifunctional Room, Mona Library |
| 3.45 - 4.00 pm | **Coffee Break** | |
| 4.00-5.30 pm (EST) | **Technical Session II (Online)**<br><br>**Theme:** Landscape of Identity: Interdisciplinary Approaches<br><br>**Chair**: Prof. Franz Gmainer-Pranzl<br>from Paris-Lodron Universität Salzburg, Austria | Multifunctional Room, Mona Library |

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| 4.00-5.30 pm (EST) | **Presenters:**<br><br>1. **Kiesha Martin:** "Linguistic Identity: A "Caribbeanist" Analysis" from American University, USA<br>2. **Abraham Apereseimokomo Alfred:** "Rethinking Africa in the Face of Value Erosion: Where Is the Africanness of Africa?" from Niger Delta University, Nigeria<br>3. **Meredith McFadden:** "Algorithmic Selves: AI Recommendation Systems and the Cultural Politics of Identity Formation" from Northeastern University, USA<br>4. **Sílvia de Carvalho Homem:** Encoded Selves - "Digital Identification, Biometric Control, and the Ethics of Recognition" from University of Minho Law School, Portugal<br><br>**Rapporteur:** | Multifunctional Room, Mona Library |
| 6.00 pm - Onwards | **Networking** | Janga's Soundbar & Grill |

# Day 2 (February 4, 2026)

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| 9.00 - 10.00 am | **Panel Session**<br><br>**Theme:** "Transforming Identification Markers: Jewish, Christian, and Buddhist perspectives"<br><br>**Chair:** Prof. Franz Gmainer-Pranzl from Paris-Lodron Universität Salzburg, Austria<br><br>**Panellists:**<br><br>**Peter Hunter** from St Michael's Theological College and Seminary, Jamaica<br><br>**Scott Steinkerchner** from St Michael's Theological College and Seminary, Jamaica<br><br>**Martin Badenhorst** from Saint Augustine College, South Africa<br><br>Rapporteur: | Multifunctional Room, Mona Library |
| 10.00 am - 11.30 pm | **Technical Session III**<br><br>**Theme:** Landscape of Identity – Philosophy, Psychology, and Archaeology<br><br>**Chair:** Dr. Anthony Savari Raj Lourdusamy from The University of the West Indies, Mona, Jamaica.<br><br>**Presenters:**<br><br>1. **Cristina Thurnwalder:** "Split Identities: The Construction and Devaluation of the Other A Psychoanalytic-Philosophical Investigation" from Paris-Lodron Universität Salzburg, Austria<br>2. **Sarah Jessica Turnbull:** "Unearthing Bias: A Feminist Philosophy of Science Approach to Archaeological Methods" from McGill University, Canada<br>3. **Sophia Morgan:** "Reimagining Identities in Organizations: A Psycho-socio-cultural Framework" from The University of the West Indies, Mona, Jamaica | Multifunctional Room, Mona Library |

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| 10.00 - 11.30 am | 4. A**nna Breitwieser:** "Addressing Questions of Identity: An interdisciplinary Approach from Philosophy Education" from Paris-Lodron Universität Salzburg, Austria<br>5. **Shantae Saddler:** "Mental Illness and the Question of the Self: Fragmentation, Continuity and Identity" from The University of the West Indies, Mona, Jamaica<br><br>**Rapporteur:** | Multifunctional Room, Mona Library |
| 11.30 - 11.45 am | **Coffee Break** | |
| 11.45 am - 1.15 pm | **Technical Session IV**<br><br>**Theme:** Landscape of Identity – Politics of Culture, Language and Ethics<br><br>**Chair:** Dr. Cristina Thurnwalder from Paris-Lodron Universität Salzburg, Austria<br><br>**Presenters:**<br><br>1. **Casey Grippo:** "Solidarity, Conflict, and Identity" from Boston University, USA<br>2. **Suzette Henry-Campbell:** "Cultivating Regional Community in a Gaze-fueled, Competitive Ecosystem" from The University of the West Indies, Mona, Jamaica<br>3. **Simeon Mohansingh:** "Cultural Relativism and Reproductive Technology" from The University of the West Indies, Mona, Jamaica<br>4. **Janice Smith:** "Identity Coercion, Objectification and Solidarity: The Case of Jamaica" from The University of the West Indies, Mona, Jamaica<br>5. **Satnereen Ducran:** "Music and the Formation of Personal identity" from The University of the West Indies, Mona, Jamaica<br>6. **Nicole Plummer:** "Anansi: Wellness Advocate and Activist" from The University of the West Indies, Mona, Jamaica<br><br>**Rapporteur:** | Multifunctional Room, Mona Library |
| 1.15 - 2.30 pm | **Lunch Break** | |

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| **2.30 - 4.00 pm (EST)** | **Technical Session V (Online)**<br><br>**Theme:** Landscape of Identity- Gender, Politics, and Ethics of culture<br><br>**Chair:** Franziska Kinskofer from Paris-Lodron Universität Salzburg, Austria<br><br>**Presenters:**<br><br>1. **Bradford Gladstone:** "Moving Against Deference: Constructive Politics and Coalitional Identities" from Emory University, USA<br>2. **Okwe Ogah:** "Trainity: Gender Transcendence in Nigerian Drama" from I Lagos State University, Nigeria<br>3. **Anne O'Byrne:** "Grounded Normativity, Seaborne Relationality" from Stony Brook University, USA<br><br>**Rapporteur:** | Multifunctional Room, Mona Library |
| 4.00 - 5.30 pm | **Technical Session VI**<br><br>**Theme:** Landscape of Identity – Gender, Ecology and Technology<br><br>**Chair:** Anna Breitwieser from Paris-Lodron Universität Salzburg, Austria<br><br>**Presenters:**<br><br>1. **Rotimi Omosulu:** "Environment and Personal Identity Construction in Jamaica" from The University of the West Indies, Mona, Jamaica.<br>2. **Britannia Johnson:** "Identity (Re)formation Post Disaster: An Ethnographic Study in Saint Elizabeth, Jamaica" from The University of the West Indies, Mona, Jamaica<br>3. **Jacinta Mwende Maweu:** Rethinking Masculinities, Femininities and the Colonial Invention of the Male Bread winner in Kenya: A Cross-cultural Philosophical Approach from University of Nairobi, Kenya<br>4. **Okechukwu Anthony Ezenne:** "Scapegoating Responsibility in the Age of Artificial Intelligence" from The University of the West Indies, Mona, Jamaica. | Multifunctional Room, Mona Library |

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| 4.00 - 5.30 pm | 5. **Helen Atkins:** "From Women's Media Watch to WMW: Representation in the Identity Formation of a Civil Society Organisation in Jamaica" from The University of the West Indies, Mona, Jamaica<br><br>**Rapporteur:** | Multifunctional Room, Mona Library |
| 6.00 pm - Onwards | **Networking** | To Be Announced |

# Day 3 (February 5, 2026)

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| | Campus Tour/Tour of the City/Networking & Departures (US$60 includes guided tour, transportation, entrance fees to Bob Marley Museum, Devon House and Institute of Jamaica Museums) | |