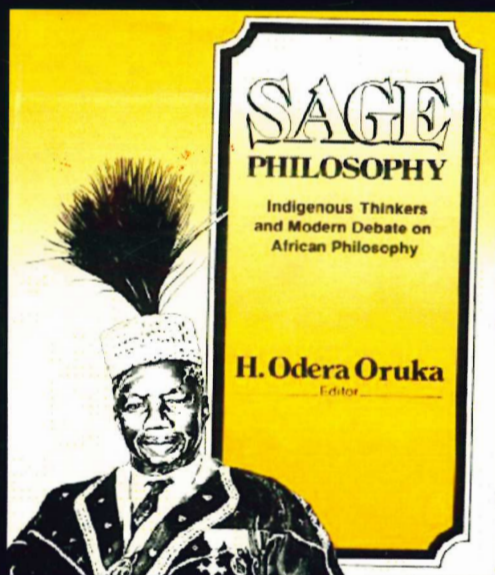




CONFERENCE WORKSHOP

RE-THINKING HENRY ODERA ORUKA'S SAGE PHILOSOPHY

"Sage Philosophy" is a research project coined by the Kenyan philosopher Henry Odera Oruka (1944-1995) who was based at the University of Nairobi. He developed sage philosophy in the 1970s, as a fieldwork-based interview and documentation technique working with wise people in Kenyan communities, in response to a dominant derogatory attitude in Western academia that was skeptical or outright dismissive of the possibility of philosophical thought in Africa. Oruka and his research assistants traveled the country to seek out people who were recognized as "wise" within their own communities, and documented



their discussions with them, thus creating an accessible archive of individual Kenyan thinkers outside of academia.

In this international conference workshop, contributors come together to revisit and re-think the sage philosophy project, from their respective research perspectives, based in Philosophy, African Studies and related disciplines. The workshop is part of an ongoing collaborative project between faculty and graduate students of Columbia University and the University of Nairobi, funded by Columbia University's Global Presidential Fund Initiative.

FRIDAY 25/05/2018 9.00 AM - 5.00 PM

**GOETHE-INSTITUT, AUDITORIUM
ADMISSION: FREE**

**ORGANIZERS: KAI KRESSE, ORIARE NYARWATH,
REGINALD ODUOR, FRANCIS OWAKAH.**

COLUMBIA GLOBAL CENTERS | NAIROBI

 **THE INSTITUTE OF AFRICAN STUDIES**
Columbia University in the City of New York

**GOETHE
INSTITUT**