

THE SOCIETY FOR AFRICAN PHILOSOPHY (GESELLSCHAFT FÜR AFRIKANISCHE PHILOSOPHIE – GAPH) INTRODUCES ITSELF

Since its founding in 2002, the *Society for African Philosophy (Gesellschaft für afrikanische Philosophie – GAPH)* with its base in Berlin, Germany, has been trying to make more widely known the various ideas and theories of African philosophers and thinkers, both in the academic life of the Federal Republic of Germany, and in that country at large. To achieve this goal, the Society organizes weekly readings, when texts of African philosophers are discussed. Furthermore several renowned philosophers and scientists have already been guests of the Society in order to lecture about their work in the contexts of African philosophies and their concepts. Also, the Society for African Philosophy organizes, twice a year, a colloquium about topical political and sociological questions concerning the African context. One of the purposes of these meetings is to demonstrate that these questions can meaningfully be analysed in a philosophical manner.

The Society for African Philosophy does not want favourize any particular school of philosophical thinking, neither inside the African context nor outside. It is open to any opinion or theory. Our point of departure is that there were and are many and multifarious philosophies in Africa, and that intercultural philosophical inspiration may be gathered from the thoughts of African thinkers past and present.

Apart from the above mentioned activities, also an international conference on African philosophies is planned in Berlin.

More information about the Society of African Philosophy is available from: www.gaph.org (exclusively in German, as yet). There also the postal address and the e-mail address of the Society may be found.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Any association or organisation directly relevant to philosophy in Africa may present itself in QUEST in a manner similar to the GAPH above