

## BOOK LAUNCH

The Book Lounge and Wits University Press have the pleasure to invite you to the launch of the first African edition of Achille Mbembe's path-breaking book:

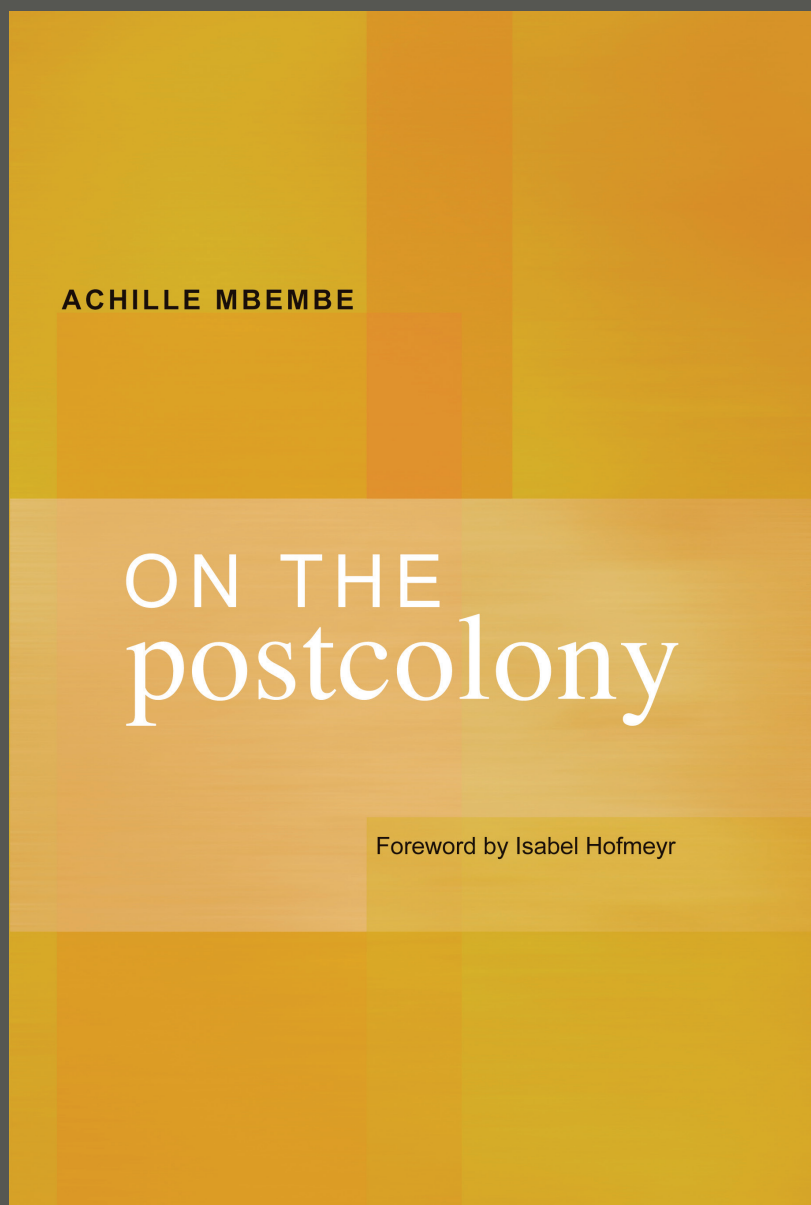
### ON THE POSTCOLONY

Political theorist and public intellectual, Achille Mbembe will be in conversation with cultural analyst and writer, Capetonian Ashraf Jamal and Cameroonian writer, Ntone Edjabe, who is a DJ and founding editor of *Chimurenga* – a pan African journal of writing, art and politics.

"To think critically is to work with the fault lines, to feel the chaotic touch of our senses, to bring the compositional logics of our world to language. Critique is witnessing as well as endless vigilance, interrogation and anticipation. A proper critique requires us to first dwell in the chaos of the night in order precisely to better break through into the dazzling light of the day. "

"Indeed, in Africa, music has always been a celebration of the ineradicability of life, in a long life-denying history. It is the genre that has historically expressed, in the most haunting way, our raging desire not only for existence, but more importantly for joy in existence – what we should call the practice of joy before death."

*Achille Mbembe in the new preface to the African edition published by Wits University Press*



Achille Mbembe is a philosopher, political scientist, and public intellectual based at WiSER (Wits Institute of Social and Economic Research), University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg. His previous works include: *Johannesburg: the elusive metropolis*, which he co-edited with Sarah Nuttall, and *Sortir de la grande nuit*.

*On the Postcolony* is a book that speaks compellingly to our present predicaments and vibrates with the reflexes of the future. — Isabel Hofmeyr, African literature scholar in the foreword to *On the Postcolony*.

In the decade since its publication, *On the Postcolony* has proven one of the most lastingly provocative and stimulating contributions to the theoretical literature on the postcolonial state in sub-Saharan Africa — Mikael Karlström, Researcher, Department of Anthropology, University of Chicago.

WHEN: Thursday 6 August 2015, 17:30 for 18:00  
WHERE: The Book Lounge: 71 Roeland St, Cape Town  
RSVP: [Booklounge@gmail.com](mailto:Booklounge@gmail.com) | 021 462 2425



For more info about this book, go to [www.witspress.co.za](http://www.witspress.co.za)

