

Tanner Lectures on Human Values at the Whitney Humanities Center
Yale University, 53 Wall Street

New Haven, Conn. —Achille Mbembe of the University of the Witwatersrand will deliver the 2018 Tanner Lectures on Human Values this spring at the Whitney Humanities Center. His talks are jointly titled “Borders in the Age of Networks.” The first, “The New Global Mobility Regime,” will be on Tuesday, March 27; the second, “The Idea of a Borderless World,” on Wednesday, March 28. Both will take place at 5 pm in the WHC Auditorium. Professor Mbembe will be joined by Yale faculty for further discussion on Thursday, March 29, at 10:30 am.

Mbembe is a research professor in history and politics at the Wits Institute for Social and Economic Research (WiSER), University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa. He holds a PhD in history from the Université de Paris I-Panthéon Sorbonne and a DEA in politics from the Institut d’études politiques de Paris. A member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, he is the author of timely and path-breaking books such as *On the Postcolony*, *Critique of Black Reason*, and *Politiques de l’inimitié*. He has published extensively in fields as diverse as African history, politics and aesthetics, and critical theory. Translated in many languages including English, German, Dutch, Spanish, Portuguese, and Italian, his work is growing in influence worldwide. Worthy of the twenty-first century and the new demands placed on theory, it provides a new and startling perspective on the crises of our times. Mbembe holds many awards, including the 2015 Geschwister Scholl Preis for his *Kritik der schwarzen Vernunft*.

The Tanner Lectures on Human Values were established by the American scholar, industrialist, and philanthropist Obert Clark Tanner, who hoped that these lectures would contribute to the intellectual and moral life of humankind. Both lectures and the discussion are free and open to the public. For more information contact the Whitney Humanities Center at 203-432-0670 or email whitneyhumanitiescenter@yale.edu