

## The Faculty welcomes: Associate Professor Markus ARNOLD



**Sending institution: University of Cape Town  
(South Africa)**

**Duration of stay: 31 May – 9 June**

**Invited by: Professor Marina Ortrud  
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**Personal data:** The author of a binational doctorate (Romance & Comparative Literature), Markus Arnold is Associate Professor of French and Francophone studies at the University of Cape Town (UCT). He has previously taught in Lyon, France (*École Normale Supérieure*) and La Réunion (University & *Ecole Supérieure d'Art*) and his interests comprise comparative and Francophone literatures of the Global South (notably Indian Ocean), postcolonial theory, cultural studies, and text-image relations. His publications include the monograph *La littérature mauricienne contemporaine* (2017), the co-edited books *L'image et son dehors* (2017) and *Borders and Ecotones in the Indian Ocean* (2020), and a co-edited special issue on African literary and artistic manifestos (*FSSA 51.2*, 2021). He held research fellowships and visiting professorships at the Sorbonne-Nouvelle in Paris (2021) and the Maison Française of Oxford (2022), and is part of the "VC 2030 Future Leaders Programme" at UCT, and the chief-editor of the journal *French Studies in Southern Africa*

**Current research focus:** Within a critical framework of the circulation in Global South literatures, Prof Arnold currently works on the articulation of Indian Ocean / Caribbean and African thought through notions such as 'Afropolitanism', 'Afrotopia', 'Creolization' and 'Ecotones'. He is involved in various international research projects, such as "Thanatic Ethics: The circulation of bodies in migratory space" (2020-2024), "Spaces of Precarity: Migration, Spatiality and the Refugee Graphic Narrative" (2022-2024), and "NOVI – The Norms of Life" (2023-2027).

### Public lecture

## Afropolitanism – a multi-layered and contested notion from and for the Global South

**Lecture takes place: 01 June 2023, 18h ([NK] R 401)**

We hope Prof Arnold is going to have a nice and enriching stay at our faculty. Moreover, we thank him for his visit and his commitment.