



French and Francophone Studies Presents:

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*"Walking a Tight Rope:
Gender Interrelations in African Societies"*

Duality characterizes gender relations in African societies. Dualism fosters competition and the latter, contrary to general presumptions, sustains complementary parts. The loss of competitiveness destroys the system. Dualism, competition and complementarity in indigenous African systems – what lessons for the present world? From a multi-disciplinary standpoint, this talk explores a fundamentally philosophical, but very practical, question.

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