

# THE AFRICAN ARCHIVE EXISTS: CALLS AGAINST POSTCOLONIAL AFRICAN ARCHIVAL PESSIMISM



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Professor Osei-Opare will highlight the value and importance of postcolonial African archives in the construction of postcolonial African histories, thus rejecting what he calls ‘postcolonial African archival pessimism,’ the argument that postcolonial African archives are too disorganized or ill-kept to be of much, if any, value in configuring postcolonial African histories.

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