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About the Speaker

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Mwangi is Associate Professor of Economics, Associate Dean of the College of Social and Behavioural Sciences and Co-Director of the World Studies Interdisciplinary Project at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst. He was Chairperson of the Five Colleges African Studies Council from 2014 to 2016. Previously he was Associate Professor of Economics and Chair of Africana Studies at Gettysburg College, Pennsylvania.

His research interests are in the Political Economy of Development, Stratification Economics and the Decolonization of Economics with particular attention to issues of class, gender, identity and income distribution in relation to agrarian transition, as well as the process of structural transformation in Africa. He is the author of *Ten Millionaires and Ten Million Beggars: a study of inequality and development in Kenya* and co-author of *An Employment Targeted Plan for Kenya*.

He is presently working on a co-edited interdisciplinary multi-volume body of work on decolonization. In addition to his research Mwangi has been active in policy circles consulting with multi-lateral and national agencies and NGOs such as the UNDP, Economic Commission for Africa, Africa Centre for Economic Transformation, and the Society for International Development among others, on issues of development particularly with respect to Africa. He is an Editor of the *African Studies Review*, Associate Editor of the *Canadian Journal of Development Studies* and on the Editorial Board of the *Journal of African Development*.

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