

Understanding “Understanding” in Strands of African Philosophy Ancient and Recent

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After a summary of African philosophy in Africana philosophy, the presenter will explore several ancient concepts from KMT philosophy (before its transformation into “Egypt”) through which “understanding” is articulated relationally. Although there were, and continue to be, many African philosophies, the connection of those ancient ideas with some in recent Akan philosophy in Ghana, through ideas from the late Kwame Gyekye and Kwasi Wiredu, offers additional relational accounts in which not only cross-cultural communication but also structuralist approaches come to the fore in teleological suspensions of disciplines through which philosophy emerges also as a communicative practice.