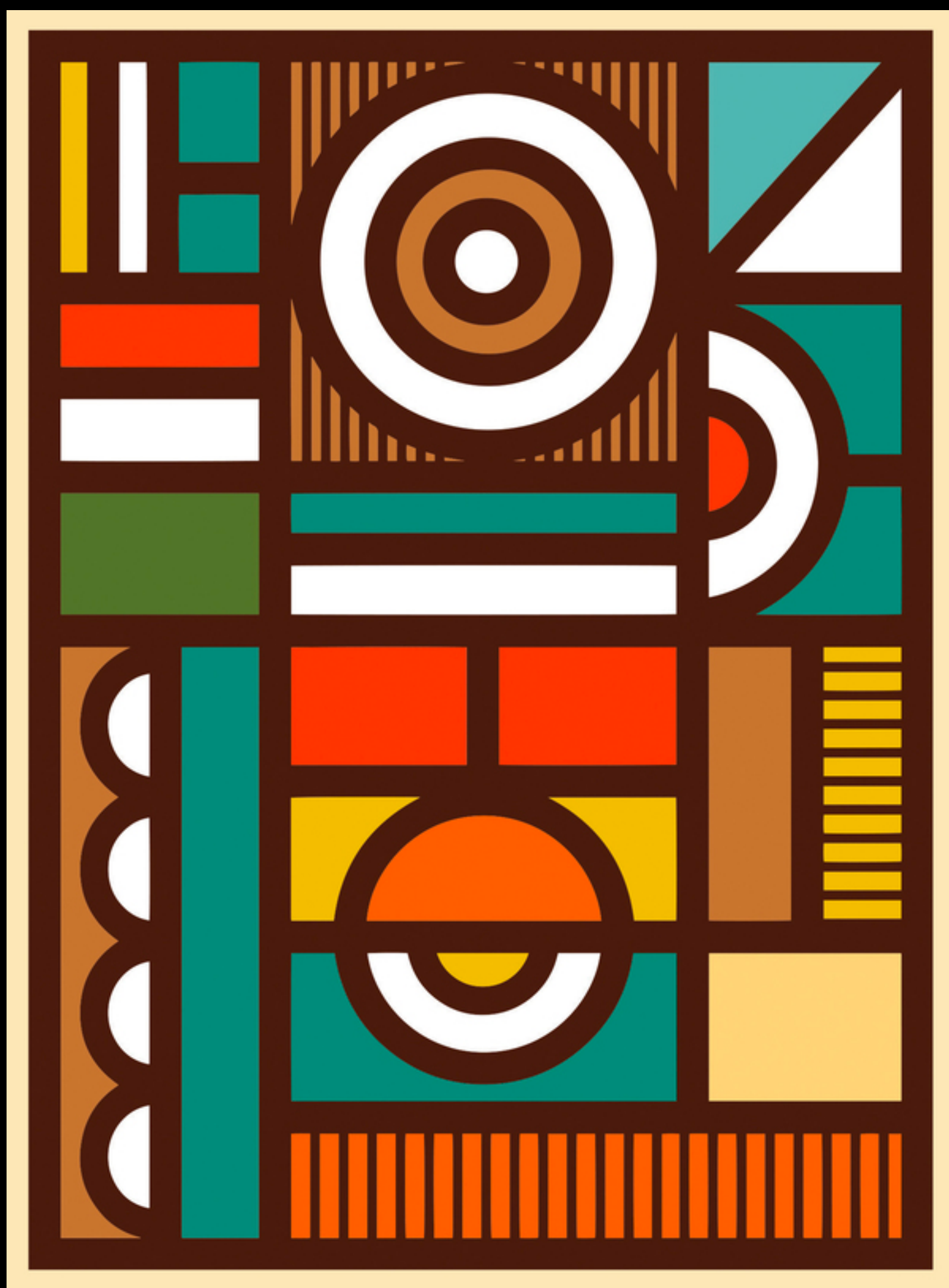


# “African Natural Language Processing (NLP): Looking Back to the Future”

Thursday, December 15 at 10:30AM-12PM ET  
CoRE Room 301 (Busch Campus) or join us via Zoom registration [here](#).



**Critical AI @ Rutgers**, the  
**Department of Computer  
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invite you to a special lecture and  
discussion with

**Vukosi  
Marivate**

Chair of Data Science at the  
University of Pretoria and leader  
of the Data Science for Social  
Impact group.

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**African NLP is part of an important multidisciplinary conversation.** As large language models continue to power the dominant paradigm in conversational “AI,” these technologies focus on English (especially as spoken in North America) and other “western” languages and populations. **Marivate will describe his work to ensure that African languages and local language tasks “count” on the African continent and beyond.**

Introducer and Moderator: Matthew Stone, Chair of Rutgers Computer Science.

This is a hybrid event. To join us via Zoom please register at the link above.