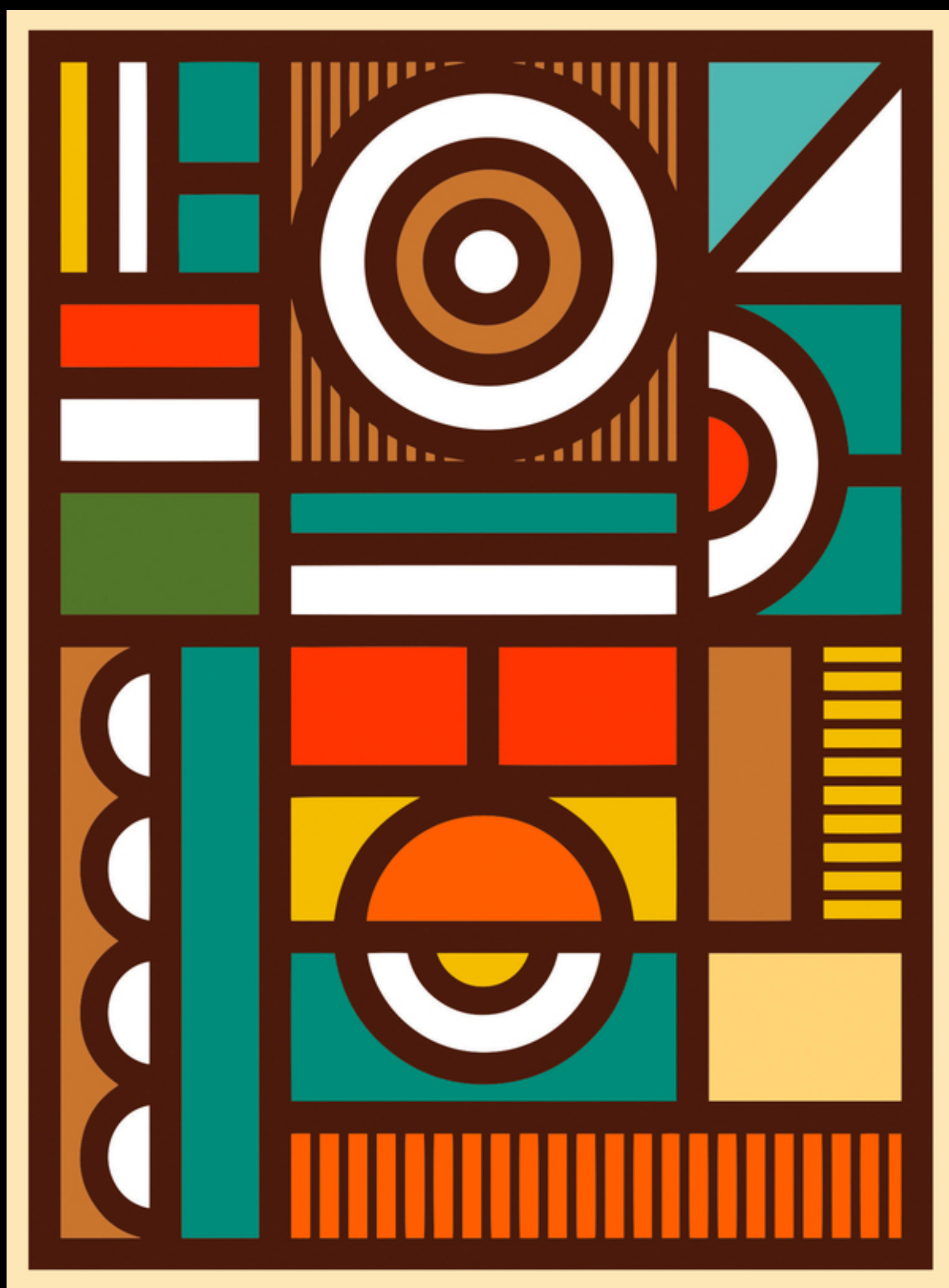# "African Natural Language Processing (NLP): Looking Back to the Future"

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 Science**, **DIMACS** and the **Institute for Global Racial Justice**

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.