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**The Work of Appearances: Disability, Visibility, and Christianity in Uganda**

***Abstract***

Drawing on fieldwork on disability and Christianity in Uganda, the talk considers relations between the visible -what appears - and the political. Taking a disabled women's wish to be photographed as a point of departure, the talk traces her theory of the image and its basis in a prevailing social aesthetics in central Uganda. The paper considers the political work of appearances in two Christian charities, with a particular focus on ritual and social media. The paper further demonstrates that what are framed as radical claims about assembly, presence, and the sensible within a North Atlantic philosophical tradition are merely commonsensical in a place like Uganda. Without assuming appearance is inherently redemptive, the paper ultimately argues for the existential and political stakes of appearing in a world which is apparently common.

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