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In 1981, Nigerian Philosopher P.O. Bodunrin argued that philosophy in Africa had been dominated by one question: Is there an African Philosophy (1981:161)? Very few people, if any, would today deny the existence of African philosophy. The second, more philosophically interesting question then emerges - what is African philosophy? In this presentation, I will delve deeper into this question. Specifically, I look at what is 'African' and what is 'philosophical' about African Philosophy. After giving a short historical overview, I will then unpack different trends, and conclude by discussing the current state of African philosophy within the South African philosophical community.