

DETAILED PROGRAMME

New Political Topographies: Trans-boundary Flows, Power and Legitimation in Africa and beyond

Thursday 28th May

08:15- 08:30	Registration	CMB Lobby
08:30-08:45	Welcome and opening remarks/overview - Jana Hönke (PIR, UoE), Barbara Bompani (CAS, UoE)	Seminar Room 1 & 2
08:45-09:45	Keynote Speech - Andrew Barry The Infrastructure of the Earth Chair: Richard Freeman (Academy of Government/Social Policy, UoE)	Seminar Room 1 & 2
09:45-10:00	Break	CMB Lobby

PANEL 1: New Political Geographies: Economic Infrastructures and Trade 10:00-11:15am

Chair: Sara Rich Dorman (PIR, UoE)

The spatial effects of topological compression, the 'topography' of the port of Dar Es Salaam	Jana Hönke & Ivan Cuesta-Fernandez	Seminar Room 1 & 2
Concepts of governance and power beyond the state	Finn Stepputat	
African Governance and Space: Transport Corridors, Border Towns and Port Cities in Transition (AFRIGOS)	Wolfgang Zeller & Paul Nugent	
11:15- 11:45	Coffee Break	CMB Lobby

PANEL 2: New Political Geographies: Economic Infrastructures, Energy and Conservation 11:45 - 13:00pm

Chair: Lawrence Dritsas (STS, UoE)

The Ironic Frontier: Taming the Borderlands to 'safe' the Virunga National Park, DR Congo	Esther Marijnen & Stephan Hochleithner	Seminar Room 1 & 2
Isacor and the making of Ellisras: Extending infrastructure to the borderland in South Africa in the 1970s	Faeza Ballim	
The power of solar power: How renewable technologies are renewing power dynamics in Africa	Jamie Cross & Declan Murray	
13:00 -14:00	Lunch	CMB Lobby

PANEL 3: New political geographies: Spatial politics of resources and their contestation

14:00-15:15pm

Chair: Sam Spiegel (CAS, UoE)

Transnational resource governance in Ghana	Jonathan Phillips	Seminar Room 1 & 2
Making concessions: Defining <i>res publicae</i> in Burkina Faso	Muriel Côte	
Towards Regional Crimes Control: An Analysis of The West African Police Chiefs Committee, 1997-2014	Famoye Abiodun Daniels	
15:15 -15:45	Coffee Break	CMB Lobby

PANEL 4: People on the Move

15:45-17:00pm

Chair: Zoe Marks (CAS, UoE)

Travelling models of citizenship: Ghanaian trade agents in China as “agents of translation”	Alena Thiel	Seminar Room 1-2
Territorialising Displacement. A relational approach to space-making and ordering in the aftermath of war and intervention	Andrea Behrends	
The Animators: Explaining the Political Mobilisation of Diasporas in Africa	Will Jones & Alexander Betts	
17-17:30 Break	CMB	Lobby

Public Roundtable: New Political Geographies? Religion and Violence

17:30 – 19:00

Chair: Barbara Bompani (CAS, UoE)

Speakers: A.R. Mustapha (University of Oxford), C.Dowd (University of Sussex), J.Spencer (UoE), C.Valois (UoE)	CMB 6th floor staff room
19:00 – 19:45 Wine Reception	CMB 6th floor staff room

Dinner at Vittoria, 19 George IV Bridge, Edinburgh, EH11EN

Friday 29TH May

08:30- 09:00	Tea & Coffee	CMB Lobby
09:00 – 10:00	Keynote Speech - Rita Abrahamsen Assembling Africa – Studying the World Chair: Jana Hönke	Seminar Room 1 & 2
10:00 – 10:15	Break CMB Lobby	

PANEL 1: Non-state action: new forms of political legitimization I 10:15-11:30am

Chair: Andrew Neal (PIR/UoE)

Beyond perpetual crisis: Exploring the benefits of an inter-disciplinary approach to INGO legitimacy	Oliver Walton	Seminar Room 1 & 2
A Beethamite analysis of NGO Legitimacy- the case of Cafod’s legal validity	Erla Thrandardottir	
NGO legitimization as practice: the politics of voluntarism in Tanzania	Kathy Dodworth	
11:30- 11:45	Coffee Break CMB Lobby	

PANEL 2: Non-state action: new forms of political legitimization II 11:45-13:00pm

Chair: Sarah-Jane Cooper-Knock (CAS, UoE)

The Local and the International as Legitimacy: National NGOs in Eastern Nigeria	Laura Routley	Seminar Room 1 & 2
Claimed space, contested authority: the politics of land reform in Malawi	Davide Chinigo	
“They don’t care about us”: Battling ideas of state, power, and transnational legitimacy among Ghanaian oil-labourers	Monica Skaten	
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch CMB Lobby	

CONCLUDING DISCUSSION: New Political Topographies and Practices of Legitimation 14:00 – 15:00pm