

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

28th May 2015 09:00 – 29th May 2015 16:00
 Chrystal Macmillan Building, University of Edinburgh

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:

Rita Abrahamsen, University of Ottawa, and Andrew Barry, University College London

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION:

Jana Hönke & Barbara Bompani

Political geographies of economic infrastructures

Topography/Topologies and large-scale infrastructures

Jana Hönke & Ivan Cuesta-Fernandez

Concepts of governance and power beyond the state

Finn Stepputat

Transport corridors

Wolfgang Zeller

The Ironic Frontier: Taming the Borderlands to 'safe' the

Virunga National Park, DR Congo

Esther Marijnen & Stephan Hochleithner

New resource relations

Transnational resource governance in Ghana

Jonathan Phillips

Making concessions: Defining *res publicae* in Burkina Faso

Muriel Côte

The power of solar power: How renewable technologies are renewing power dynamics in Africa

Jamie Cross & Declan Murray

Iscor and the making of Ellisras: Extending infrastructure to the borderland in South Africa in the 1970s

Faeza Ballim

Transboundary security

Maritime Governance as Transnational Assemblage:

Mapping States and Surveilling Seas in the Western Gulf of Guinea

Brenda Chalfin

Toward A Maritime Security Community in Western Africa?

Piracy, the Yaoundé Code of Conduct and its Implementation in Nigeria (TBC)

Jan Stockbruegger & Christian Bueger & Edwin Egede

Towards Regional Crimes Control: An Analysis of The West African Police Chiefs Committee, 1997-2014

Famoye Abiodun Daniels

THURSDAY 28TH MAY 2015

9am- 7:30pm

Coffee break, lunch, and evening drinks will be served

Selected speaker affiliations



**Non-state action: new forms of political
legitimation**

**NGO legitimation as practice: crafting political space in ‘most
of the world’**

Kathy Dodworth

**Beyond perpetual crisis: Exploring the benefits of an inter-
disciplinary approach to INGO legitimacy**

Oliver Walton

**A Beethamite analysis of NGO Legitimacy- the case of
CAfod’s legal validity**

Erla Thrandardottir

**The Local and the International as Legitimacy: National
NGOs in Eastern Nigeria**

Laura Routely

**Claimed space, contested authority: the politics of land
reform in Malawi**

Davide Chinigo

**Topographies of authority and survival: Creativity and
Solidarity as Subverting Political Order**

Marta Iniguez de Heredia

**“They don’t care about us”: Battling ideas of state, power,
and transnational legitimacy among Ghanaian oil-labourers**

Monica Skaten

**Public Roundtable: Religion and violence across borders.
New political topographies?**

**Fragmentation, conflict and the political economy of Islamist
violence in Kenya, Mali and Nigeria**

Catriona Dowd

Insights from the Islam Research Network

Abdul Raufu Mustapha

Tba/N.N.

Religion and Politics

Jonathan Spencer

**People on the move and new political
infrastructures**

**Travelling models of citizenship: Ghanaian trade agents in
China as “agents of translation”**

Alena Thiel

**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

FRIDAY 29TH MAY 2015

9am- 3pm

Coffee break and lunch will be served