

**Urban Transformations Workshop**  
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**Cape Town, 31st January 2018**

**Cities in transition: unequal innovation in African cities**

When post-apartheid South Africa faces the challenges imposed by informal settlements, energy transition, living experiences of inequality, legacies of prejudice and hate, food scarcity and poverty, natural hazards, infrastructure and economic change, waste management, governance innovation and sanitation, society finds no ready enemy to blame. Ranging from community-led or state-centred growth, to evidence-based sites of policy innovation, cities seem too commonly ‘emergent’, at times a model to other African cities, and yet too often characterised by short-lived projects that do not live up to their expectations. This workshop invites currently funded ESRC projects to consider contemporary discussions of South African cities and their interaction with other African metropolises using a multi-disciplinary perspective that combines environmental, social, economic, and political research. It offers an opportunity for projects that are linked to a single ESRC research stream both to air early findings and network with other projects in the ESRC Urban Transformations programme. Papers should combine research challenges and outcomes when discussing contemporary urban problems.

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<b>09:00 Introduction to the Workshop</b>	
Michael Keith and Andreza de Souza Santos - <i>University of Oxford, Urban Transformations</i>	
<i>Panel Sessions</i>	
<b>Panel 1, 9:30 – 13:30 Innovation, sustainable development, and city futures</b> <b>Chair: Michael Keith</b>	
Jane Battersby, <i>African Centre for Cities, University of Cape Town</i>  9:30 - 10:00	<b>Harnessing urban food systems for sustainable development and human well-being</b>
15 minutes Q&A	
Vanesa Castán Broto, <i>University of Sheffield</i>  10:15 - 10:45	<b>Dynamics of Transformation in Mozambique’s Urban Energy Landscapes</b>
15 minutes Q&A	
<b>11:00 to 11:15 Coffee Break</b>	
Jon Phillips <i>University of Exeter, UK</i>  11:15 - 11:45	<b>What does an inclusive urban energy transition look like?</b>
15 minutes Q&A	

<p>Erik Swyngedouw, Nate Millington, Kathleen Stokes, Anesu Makina, Mary Lawhon and Henrik Ernstson</p> <p>12:00 - 12:30</p>	<p><b>Turning Livelihood to Rubbish? The Politics of Value and Valuation in South Africa's Urban Waste Sector</b></p>
<p>15 minutes Q&amp;A</p>	
<p>Jennifer Robinson, <i>UCL</i></p> <p>12:45 - 13:15</p>	<p><b>The politics of land value capture: Defining the form of the future city in London, Johannesburg and Shanghai</b></p>
<p>15 minutes Q&amp;A</p>	
<p><b>13:30 – 14:30 Lunch Break</b></p>	
<p><b>Panel 2, 14:30 – 16:00 Urban Inequality</b>  <b>Chair: Jennifer Robinson</b></p>	
<p>David McLennan<sup>1</sup>, Gemma Wright<sup>1</sup>, Chris Lloyd<sup>2</sup>, Michael Noble<sup>1</sup>, Wanga Zembe-Mkabile<sup>1</sup>, Ivan Turok<sup>3</sup>, Saad Bhatti<sup>2</sup>, Benjamin Roberts<sup>3</sup></p> <p><sup>1</sup> <i>Southern African Social Policy Research Insights</i>, <sup>2</sup> <i>University of Liverpool</i>, <sup>3</sup> <i>Human Sciences Research Council</i></p> <p>14:30 - 15:00</p>	<p><b>Changing Socio-Spatial Inequalities: Population change and the lived experience of inequality in urban South Africa</b></p>
<p>15 minutes Q&amp;A</p>	

<p>Paula Meth, Alison Todes, Sarah Charlton, Tatenda Mukwedeya, Jen Houghton, Tom Goodfellow and Divine Asafo (<i>University of Sheffield / University of Witwatersrand</i>)</p> <p>15:15 - 15:45</p>	<p><b>Operationalizing Peripheries Research</b></p>
<p>15 minutes Q&amp;A</p>	
<p><b>16:00 – 16:15 Coffee Break</b></p>	
<p><b>Panel 3, 16:15 – 18:00 Urban risk and safety</b>  <b>Chair: Andreza de Souza Santos</b></p>	
<p>Barbara Bompani <i>Centre for African Studies University of Edinburgh</i>, Sarah-Jane Cooper-Knock <i>Centre for African Studies University of Edinburgh</i>, and Jo Vearey <i>African Centre for Migration &amp; Society University of the Witwatersrand</i></p> <p>16:15 - 16:45</p>	<p><b>‘What words do you not yet have?’: Exploring everyday (in)security in South African cities</b></p>
<p>15 minutes Q&amp;A</p>	
<p>Mark Pelling, Hayley Leck, Ibidun Adelekan, David Dodman, Mtafu Manda (<i>Urban Africa: Risk Knowledge – Urban ARK</i>)</p> <p>17:00 - 17:30</p>	<p><b>Towards risk-sensitive and transformative urban development in sub Saharan Africa</b></p>

15 minutes Q&A

**17:45 – 18:15 Wrapping up & Dinner**

Dinner Venue: Beluga

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