URBAN INFORMALITY AND MIGRANT ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN SOUTHERN AFRICAN CITIES

10–11 February 2014, Cape Town, South Africa
WORKSHOP PROGRAMME
Monday 10th February

8:00 Registration

8:30–9:40 SESSION 1: Urban Informality and Migrant Entrepreneurship – Key Issues
Chair: Abel Chikanda
Introduction and Welcome: Jonathan Crush
Edgar Pieterse, African Centre for Cities, University of Cape Town: “Africa’s Informal Cities”
Jonathan Crush, Balsillie School, Queen’s University and University of Cape Town: “Doing Business with Xenophobia”

9:40–11:00 SESSION 2: Migrant Entrepreneurship in Informal Johannesburg
Chair: Caroline Skinner
Andrew Charman and Leif Petersen, Sustainable Livelihoods Foundation: “Survivalists, Entrepreneurs and Charlatans: The Diverse Roles of Immigrants in the Informal Economy, Ivory Park”

11:00–11:20 Refreshments

11:20–13:00 SESSION 3: Migrant Entrepreneurship in Informal Cape Town (1)
Chair: Pranitha Maharaj
Laurence Piper and Rory Liedeman, University of the Western Cape: “Spaza Shops, Social Networks and Business Success: Somali and South Africans in Delft, Cape Town”
Vanya Gastrow, University of the Witwatersrand: “Somalinomics: Somali Migrant Trade Practices and their Impact on Local Economies in the Western Cape”
Robertson Tengeh, Cape Peninsula University of Technology: “The Perceived Role of Networking or Herding Behaviour on the Migration Intentions and the Entrepreneurial Activity of African Immigrants to South Africa”

13:00–14:00 Lunch
SESSION 4: Migrant Entrepreneurship in Informal Cape Town (2)
Chair: Robertson Tengeh

Vivence Kalitanyi, Cape Peninsula University of Technology: “Migrants and their Entrepreneurial Skills in South Africa: Assets or Liabilities?”

Kathryn Hoeflich, Cape Town Refugee Centre: “Providing Refugees and Asylum Seekers with Micro-Capital for Business Start-Ups: A Case Study from Cape Town”

Madeleine Northcote and Belinda Dodson, University of Western Ontario: “Linking Documentation to Livelihood and the ‘Ingenuity Economy’ Amongst Cape Town’s Refugees”

15:20–15:40 Refreshments

SESSION 5: Migrant Entrepreneurship in Differing Contexts
Chair: Sally Peberdy


Akwa Tafur and Pranitha Maharaj, University of KwaZulu-Natal: “Livelihood Strategies of Cameroonian Immigrants in Durban, South Africa”

Amanda van Eeden, Stellenbosch University: “Informal Traders of Arts and Crafts in South Africa’s Four Main City Centres”

Tuesday 11th February

SESSION 6: Informal Cross-Border Entrepreneurship in Southern Africa
Chair: Jonathan Crush

Sally Peberdy, Gauteng City-Region Observatory: “Monitoring Small Scale Cross Border Trade in Southern Africa: Contributions, Costs and Opportunities”

Godfrey Tawodzera, African Centre for Cities, University of Cape Town: “Migrants in the Informal Sector: The Case of Zimbabweans in South Africa”

Vusilizwe Thebe, National University of Lesotho: “The ‘Malayisha’ System: A Livelihood Channel in Need of Regulatory Framework”

SESSION 7: Informal Entrepreneurship in Harare and Maputo
Chair: Daniel Tevera (TBC)

Innocent Chirisa, University of Zimbabwe: “The Nexus between Urban Informality and Migrant Entrepreneurship in Zimbabwe”
Percy Toriro, University of Zimbabwe, P Toriro Planning: “Assessing the Footprint of Harare’s Informally-Sold Food”

Andrew Brooks, King’s College London, UK: “Informal Entrepreneurship in Maputo’s Clothing Markets”

11:00–11:20 Refreshments

11:20–13:00 SESSION 8: Policy Implications: The Future of Informal Entrepreneurship in Southern Africa

Chair: Paul Okwi

Christian M. Rogerson, University of Johannesburg: “Migrant Entrepreneurs or Business Tourists?”

Terence McNamee, The Brenthurst Foundation (TBC): “A Bleak View from the African Street”

Vanya Gastrow, University of the Witwatersrand: “Trading Rights: The Formal and Informal Regulation of Somali Migrant Traders in Cape Town”

13:00–14:00 Lunch and Departure

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