



URBAN INFORMALITY AND MIGRANT ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN SOUTHERN AFRICAN CITIES

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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”
Caroline Skinner, WIEGO, University of Cape Town: “The South African Informal Sector – What Can We Learn from Official Data?”
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**
Tanya Zack, University of the Witwatersrand: “No Guarantees: Spatial and Economic Features of an Ethnic Entrepreneurial Space in Johannesburg”
Andrew Charman and **Leif Petersen**, Sustainable Livelihoods Foundation: “Survivalists, Entrepreneurs and Charlatans: The Diverse Roles of Immigrants in the Informal Economy, Ivory Park”
Simamkele Bokolo and **Trynos Gumbo**, Africa Institute of South Africa, Pretoria: “Dreamers or Chancers: Interrogating Migrant Micro-Entrepreneurship Resilience in Soweto”
- 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

14:00–15:20 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

15:40–17:00 SESSION 5: **Migrant Entrepreneurship in Differing Contexts**

Chair: **Sally Peberdy**

Chamba Lawrence Petkou, Walter Sisulu University: “Survival Strategies of African Migrants in the Former Transkei: A Case Study of Cameroonians, Ghanaians and Nigerians in Mthatha”

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

8:30–9:40 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”

9:40–11:00 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”

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