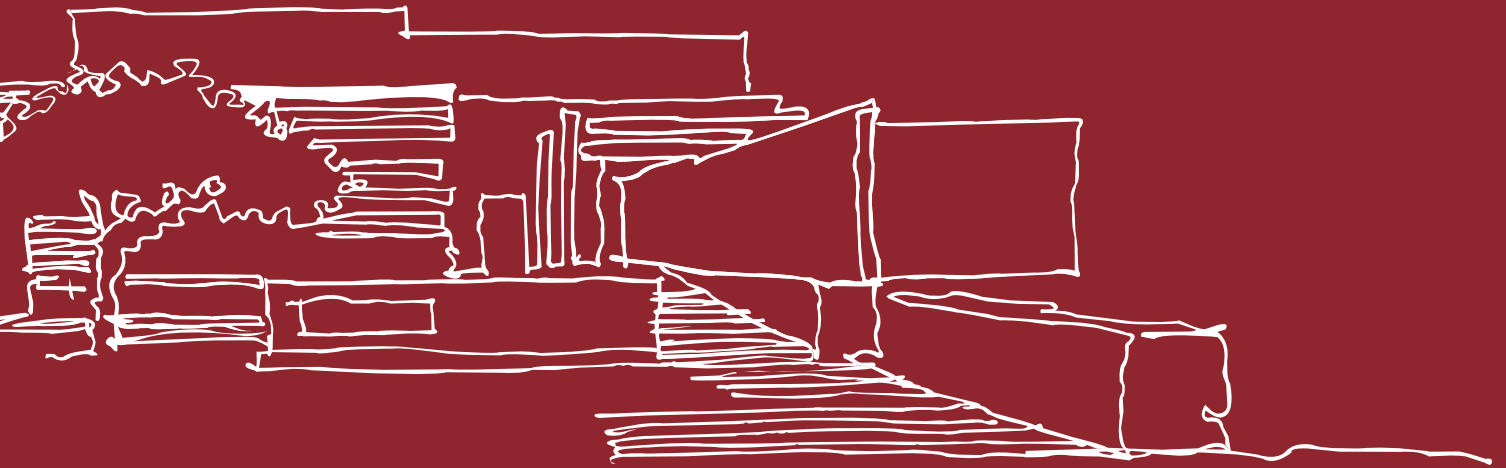


**REFRACTIONS OF THE NATIONAL, THE POPULAR,
AND THE GLOBAL IN AFRICAN CITIES**
31 JULY – 1 AUGUST 2017
PROGRAMME

A CREATIVE SPACE FOR THE MIND



INTRODUCTORY NOTE

The theme of the conference is captured in its title: *Refractions of the National, the Popular, and the Global in African cities*. Each of the three issues may be interrogated as follows:

How is the national and the nation-state manifested in the city, if at all? To what extent is the political and the social character of the state regime expressed in the city and its governance?

To what extent, in what form, and with what effect have popular forces been able for make themselves heard and influential in the city, in recent years? Why or why not? We are here thinking of protest movements, of civic associations and of reform coalitions of progressive city government.

To what extent and how has the recent and current commodity boom meant a globalization of the city? Influx of foreign capital, heating up of the real estate market, emergence or growth of financial and business

services sectors, new business districts, luxury shopping, hotels, and leisure supply, immigration, skyscrapers, gated neighbourhoods, etc? How are proclaimed “world city” ambitions developing on the ground?

The conference programme is designed both to focus discussion on each of the three issues outlined above as well as to allow enough time for discussion from the participants.

This conference is jointly hosted by the Stellenbosch Institute for Advanced Study (STIAS) and the African Centre for Cities (ACC). The conference steering committee comprises Simon Bekker (Stellenbosch University), Edgar Pieterse (ACC, University of Cape Town), Göran Therborn (University of Cambridge), Sylvia Croese (ACC) and Christoff Pauw (STIAS). Committee members plan an academic publication based upon conference proceedings.

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TIME	EVENT	SPEAKER/FACILITATOR
DAY 1: MONDAY 31 JULY 2017		
Introductory session		Chair: Christoff Pauw
08:00 – 08:45	REGISTRATION	STIAS Staff
08:45 – 09:00	Welcome	Hendrik Geyer , Stellenbosch Institute for Advanced Study
09:00 – 09:40	Introductory remarks and discussion on the conference themes	Simon Bekker , Stellenbosch University Edgar Pieterse , African Centre for Cities Göran Therborn , Cambridge University
Session 1	The Global in Urban Africa	Chair: Simon Bekker
09:40 – 10:20	Keynote address: Urban Africa in the 21st Century	Eduardo Moreno , UN Habitat
10:20 – 10:40	Refreshments	
10:40 – 11:50	Global urban policymaking in Africa: a view from Luanda	Sylvia Croese , African Centre for Cities
	Urban Governance and Smart Future Cities in Nigeria: Lagos Flagship Projects as Springboard?	Agunbiade Muyiwa , University of Lagos
11:50 – 13:00	Politics and the Post-Genocide Evolution of Kigali	Fredrick Golooba-Mutebi , Researcher and Analyst
	Urban Governance in Ethiopia’s Developmental State: Policy and Practice	Meseret Kassahun Desta , University of Addis Ababa
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch	

TIME	EVENT	SPEAKER/FACILITATOR
Session 2	The Popular in Urban Africa	Chair: Edgar Pieterse
14:00 – 14:40	Keynote address: tbc	Sophie Oldfield , African Centre for Cities
14:40 – 15:50	The popular and the plotted: precarity and security in the piecemeal urbanisms of Lagos	Lindsay Sawyer , University of Manchester
	Kinshasa, capital city of Democratic Republic of Congo: the role of chiefs in the city today	Philippe Ibaka Sangu , Stellenbosch University
	Maintaining the monarchy in the city of Mbabane, Swaziland	Ntombini Marrengane , African Centre for Cities
15:50 – 16:10	Refreshments	
16:10 – 17:20	Livelihoods, the Body, and City Space	Ngaka Mosiane , Gauteng City Region Observatory
	Lip Service: The Democratic South African State and Voices from Informal Settlements	Liela Groenewald , University of Johannesburg
18:00 – 19:00	Book launch & cocktail reception: <i>Cities of Power</i> by Göran Therborn	Alan Mabin in conversation with Göran Therborn

DAY 2: TUESDAY 1 AUGUST 2017

08:30 – 09:00	Coffee	
Session 3	The National in Urban Africa	Chair: Göran Therborn
09:00 – 09:40	Keynote address: Disordered hierarchies: the nation through the city in the governance of mega cities	Philip Harrison , University of the Witwatersrand
09:40 – 10:50	Reflections on the urban management of the Greater Cairo City Region: challenges & responses	Amr Mohamed Abdelaal , Takween Integrated Community Development
	Local government as the stage for resistance: strategies and tactics of opposing mega projects in Gauteng	Margot Rubin , University of the Witwatersrand
10:50 – 11:20	Refreshments	
11:20 – 12:30	Identifying critical elements and actors for national urban policies in Africa	Sue Parnell , African Centre for Cities
	Yaoundé, capital city of Cameroon: changes in its built environment during three post-colonial regimes (1960-2010)	Jean-Pierre Togolo , Stellenbosch University
12:30 – 14:00	Group Photo and Lunch	
Concluding session		Chair: Sylvia Croese
14:00 – 14:15	Discussion lead-in: Connecting the national, popular and global	Alan Mabin , South Africa
14:15 – 15:00	General discussion	
15:00 – 15:20	Synopsis of conference outcomes	Göran Therborn , Cambridge University
15:20 – 15:40	Refreshments	
15:40 – 17:00	Work session on publication of proceedings	All presenters

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