

## URBAN ANXIETIES IN THE GLOBAL SOUTH

16-17 AUGUST 2017

Hosted by Wits Media Studies and WISER

OPENING EVENT: 15 AUGUST

18.00-20.15 Film screening and director's Q&A with Marco Dutra

### DAY ONE

9.30-10.00: Opening remarks

Nicky Falkof, Cobus van Staden, Sarah Nuttall

10.00-11.30: A view from three cities

Chair: Sarah Nuttall

i. 'Anxious slums'

Claudia Gastrow, University of Johannesburg

ii. 'South Africa's wildlife poaching crisis as urban morality play'

Cobus van Staden, University of the Witwatersrand

iii. 'Suspicion as anxiety? "Learning to live with your witch" in DR Congo'

Joshua Walker, University of the Witwatersrand

11.30-11.45: Coffee

11.45-13.15: Spatial anxieties I

Chair: Nicky Falkof

i. 'Friendship fears and communities of convenience in Africa's urban estuaries'

Loren B Landau, University of the Witwatersrand

ii. 'Race, culture, capital flows and truncated gentrification in Durban'

Patrick Bond, University of the Witwatersrand

iii. 'Urban subalterns in Zimbabwe'

Tinashe Chimedza, Institute for Public Affairs in Zimbabwe, & Tamuka Chirimambowa, University of Johannesburg

13.15-14.15: Lunch

14.15-15.45: Anxious elites

Chair: Candice Jansen

i. 'White anxiety'

Derek Hook, Duquesne University

ii. 'White collar corporate professionals in the Indian capital city Delhi'

Syantika Palit, Jawaharlal Nehru University

iii. 'Expat anxieties in Cape Town, South Africa, and Santiago de Chile'

Nicky Falkof, University of the Witwatersrand

15.45-16.10: Coffee



16.00-17.30: Technology and anxiety

Chair: Cobus van Staden

- i. 'Easing anxiety through the production and circulation of images of the self in a Maputo market'  
Andrea Moreira, University of Lisbon
- ii. "'You are being watched'": Closed circuit television surveillance and urban crime in post-apartheid'  
Admire Mare, University of Johannesburg:
- iii. 'Joburg, sex, love and money: An ethnography of phones and feelings'  
Lebohang Masango, University of the Witwatersrand

Dinner at the Roving Bantu Kitchen, Brixton

## DAY TWO

9.30-11.00: Anxiety and migration

Chair: Srila Roy

- i. 'Domestic Indian migration: Histories, theories and politics'  
Svati Shah, University of Massachusetts at Amherst
- ii. 'Immigrant language anxiety as a social, emotional and linguistic construct'  
Yeşim Sevinç, University of Oslo
- iii. 'Anxiety, trauma and "being seen": Migrant mothers in inner-city Johannesburg'  
Rebecca Walker, University of the Witwatersrand

11.00-11.15: Coffee

11.15-12.45: Insecurity in South Africa

Chair: Grieve Chelwa

- i. 'Relational anxieties: The concerns of precarious labour employed to build a gated community'  
Richard Ballard, Gauteng City-Region Observatory
- ii. 'Shopping and guns'  
Sean Thurtell, University of the Witwatersrand
- iii. 'Macabre and belonging: Reflections Johannesburg'  
Federica Duca, Public Affairs Research Institute (PARI)

12.45-13.45: Lunch

13.45-15.15: Wits Press/WISER book launch: Remains of the Social

Derek Hook, Ross Truscott, Maurits van Bever Donker

15.15-16.45: Spatial anxieties II

Chair: Achille Mbembe

- i. 'Potholes, panic and precarity: Exploring South African urban middle-class anxieties'  
Alexandra Appelbaum, University of the Witwatersrand
- ii. 'Anxiety in the anodyne: Unruly matter in gated communities'  
Renugan Raidoo, Harvard University
- iii. 'Architecture as anxiety: The unfinished business of reconciliation in Pretoria'  
Saneze Tshayana, University of the Witwatersrand

16.45-18.00: Closing drinks

