

# ***Spatial Typologies and the Built Environment: Navigating African Urban Landscapes***

WiSER/UMichigan Mellon Collaboration

May 6-7, 2019 | WiSER

## **MONDAY MAY 6**

9-1030: **Keynote 1: Danny Hoffman (U of Washington, Seattle):** “Seeing Urban Theory in the African City”

Chair: Pamila Gupta (WiSER)

1030-11: *tea/coffee*

11-1230: **Panel 1 Planned Urbanisms: Gating and Golfing**

**Richard Ballard (GRC Wits):** “Trickle out Urbanism: are Gated Communities in Johannesburg good for poor neighbors?”

**Jonathan Cane (WiSER):** “The New South: Post-Mining Landscapes and the Un/built Johannesburg”

**Federica Duca (PARI Wits):** “Is Leisure Innocent? Reflections from Golf Courses”

Chair: Sarah Nuttall (WiSER)

1230-215 *lunch break*

Please note: The WiSER conference room will be in use for a presentation by

**Ravi Sundaram (CSDS Delhi):** “A New-New Crowd? Digital Infrastructure and the Political” from 1-215.

*\*You are most welcome to attend the lecture if you are interested\**

215-315: **Panel 2 Durable Materialities and the Built Environment**

**Alex Wafer (Wits):** “The Materiality of Abandonment: obsolete infrastructures as durable presents and imaginary futures in a former township”

**Pamila Gupta (WiSER):** “Notes for a Visual Essay on the Experience of Art Deco in South Africa”

Chair: Anne Pitcher (UMich)

315-345: *tea/coffee*

345-445: **Panel 3 Global Imaginaries: Music and Film**

**Mpho Matsipa (Wits):** “Mad Horse as Speculative Future”

**Melissa Tandiwe Myambo (CISA, Wits):** “#Afropunk, Global Citizen Festival and Class(ist) Borders: Cultural Time Zones of Musical Migrations”

Chair: Hlonipha Mokoena (WiSER)

## **TUESDAY MAY 7**

9-1030: **Keynote 2: Mona Fawaz (American University of Beirut):** “Navigating the City as a Refugee Food Delivery Driver”

Chair: Martin Murray (UMich)

1030-11: *tea/coffee*

### **11-1: Panel 4 Housing and Land**

**Sarah Charlton (Wits):** “Housing Logics, drivers and consequences on African urban Peripheries: Soweto’s Western Edge”

**Fana Sihlongonyane (Wits):** “The Role of Swazi Land Tenure in the production of Formal, Informal and Peri-Urban Settlements in Eswatini”

**Tim Berke (UMich):** “Refugee Camps and Settlements: Planning for the Long Terms”

**Taru Taru (UMich):** “Contested Memory and Adapting Place in Ghanaian Cities: Old Accra”

Chair: Jonathan Klaaren (WiSER)

1-2: *Lunch break*

### **2-4: Panel 5 Comparative City Spaces**

**Marie Huchzermeyer (Wits):** “Urban Typology and the disruption of everyday life in Nairobi”

**Philip Harrison (Wits), Yan Yang (Wits), Romain Dittgen (Wits), and Gerald Chungu (Wits):** “Rethinking the notion of Chinese Space in Johannesburg” (double session)

**Martin Murray (UMich) and María Arquero de Alarcón (UMich):** “Perforated Detroit: Troubled Histories and Imagined Futures”

Chair: Anne Pitcher (UMich)

4-430: *tea/coffee*

430-5: **Closing/Wrap up Session**