Guidelines

Please find the conference session information below. We have an exciting mix of lectures, paper and panel sessions, including: 2 key note lectures, 25 paper sessions in which over 120 researchers will present their work, as well as four panels that focus on ‘critical conversations in geography.’

In the parallel paper sessions, presenters will each have 15 minutes to present their work allocated to panel sessions running for two hours (these include 4 or 5 papers per session).

Data projectors and computers for presenting will be available in each of the session venues for presenters' use.
**Key Note Plenary Sessions**

_Serton Lecture – Key Note – Thursday June 21 – 9:30-10:30_

**Replacing the Nation: South Africa after Apartheid**

Gillian Hart  
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This lecture is based on a forthcoming book that synthesizes my efforts to grasp the conflictual forces that have unfolded in South Africa over the decade of the 2000s. In the process, I have been compelled to go back to the early 1990s and rethink the transition from apartheid in terms of how ‘the nation’ was produced. What I’ve come to realize is that the transition was not just a matter of ‘elite pacting’, through which white corporate capital and the ANC struck a deal to preserve capitalist property relations and embrace neoliberal economic policies as a quid pro quo for extending citizenship to black South Africans. More fundamentally, the transition from apartheid entailed simultaneous processes of de-nationalization and re-nationalization that continue to play out in relation to one another in increasingly conflictual ways. In developing this argument, I shall emphasize the analytical and political importance of a critical geographical approach.

**Prestige Lecture – Key Note – Friday June 22 – 8:30-9:30**

**The gang of nine and the trajectory of cross-border conservation in Africa**

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Cross-border projects in Africa have historically been integral to broader geopolitical agendas. The current cross-border conservation projects that have successfully been planted in southern Africa since the end of the Cold War and apartheid have been de-linked from those agendas as a strategic move by conservationists and their sponsors. These projects are touted as a post-apartheid phenomenon; harbingers of peace and development; and as a unified approach of African states towards solving their environmental problems. In this lecture I challenge representation of cross-border conservation projects as apolitical by tracing the delineation of the core conservation areas in Africa by imperial states and their proxies at the London Convention through to the adoption of transfrontier conservation projects as an initiative of the African Union. I argue that these projects cannot be insulated from the political and economic interests on Africa’s natures despite attempts by conservation groups and non-governmental organizations to present them as an environmental imperative. I see these projects as a lens through which we can grasp the postcolonial moment in Africa.
Paper Sessions:
Parallel paper sessions 1: June 21 - 11-1

The State of the Nation, the State of our knowledge?
Brij Maharaj – Geography of Corruption – A neglected area of study?
Richard Ballard – Theorising the Middle Class: The making and unmaking of development
Jay Johnson – Is Saying Sorry Enough? The Search for Truth and Reconciliation
David Maralack - Sport Policy and Institutional Fragmentation – The Achilles heel of sport development and transformation in South Africa
Sagie Narsiah – Knowledge, Space, Water

Building better cities? Policy and practice
Danie Du Plessis – Densification of South African Cities: Rhetoric or Reality?
Mukovhe Masutha – Small business incubators in South Africa: Emergence, geography and policy debates
Nico Kotze – Quality of life and housing satisfaction in a changing Chinese Landscape: the Dalian case study
Manfred Spocter – Crime, security and social interaction beyond the walls and gates: Retirement gated developments in Oudtshoorn and Swellendam

Collaborative Knowledges, Sustainability and Resilience
Gina Ziervogel*, Joy Waddell, Anna Taylor, Warren Smit – Governing environmental risk: Barriers and opportunities for collaborative urban flood risk management
Cathy Sutherland*, Di Scott, G. Robbins, V. Sim, J. Baud, M. Hordijk, and K. Pfeffer – Knowledge production for resilient development in fast-growing cities in the south
Ralph Hamann – On the role and capabilities of collaborative intermediary organizations in urban sustainability transitions
Pippin Anderson – Urban ecology in the City of Cape Town: Where to next?
Henrik Ernston*, Mary Lawhon, Jonathan Silver, Suraya Fazel-Ellahi – Towards an Urban Political Ecology through the African City
Alcohol control, poverty and development: Policy


Laura Drivdal* and Mary Lawhon - Regulating shebeens in informal settlements in Cape Town: a plural view on regulatory actors and strategies

Warren Smit - Liquor regulations and zoning schemes: attempts by the state to control shebeens in Cape Town

Clare Herrick - Governing alcohol in the Western Cape: What is said versus what is done

Tourism Geographies I: Tourism planning

Tracey McKay – Leaping into Urban Adventure: The case of Orlando Bungee, Soweto, South Africa

Mveli Nhlapo – Resources in Tourism Destination Planning: An overview of contemporary literature

Lindisizwe Magi – Tourism and Conservation Strategies around Protected Areas of Kwa-Zulu Natal

Rohith Sookrajh – Residents perceptions of sport events: A case study of the Comrades Marathon

JH van der Merwe - GIS for geospatial development planning: A tourism data base and its application in sun-and-sea product resource evaluation

Biogeography: vegetation dynamics

Lynne Quick – Late Quaternary palaeoenvironments of the southern Cape, South Africa: palynological evidence from three coastal wetlands

Solomon Tesfamichael – Mapping the vegetation distribution of Eastern Cape Province using remote sensing techniques

Jennifer Fitchett – Phenological response of Citrus flowering to climate variability and change in Iran, 1960-2010

Onisimo Mutanga – Modeling the susceptibility of pine forests to Sirex noctilio infestations
Managing waste and water: Physical, social and institutional challenges

Virginia Mudau – A comparative analysis of municipal waste disposal facilities in Limpopo municipalities

Pululu Mahasa – The state of medical waste management in the North-eastern Free State

Kevin Winter - Connection failure: urban drainage systems and water quality in the Berg River at Paarl, Western Cape

Victor Munnik - Discursive-material power yields tactical insights in a pollution struggle

Malixole K. Soviti and M. Monamoledi – The vulnerability of the Ntlangaza rural community in Mqanduli, Eastern Cape Province, to water-borne diseases (Walter Sisulu University)

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Parallel Paper Sessions II - June 21 - 2-4

Terrains of struggle: Mobilizing Identities and Borders

Joshua Kirshner – Contesting Boundaries and Forging Solidarity in Khutsong, South Africa

Eddy Mavungu – Ideological clashes behind provincial boundary disputes in post-apartheid South Africa

Gary Arendse - Border community tension: the case of Jamestown, Stellenbosch


Florah Malopa – The effect of Social network services on space: A case study of South African Youth

The Challenge of Urban Governance: Critical Issues

Zarina Patel – Sustainability and Justice in an age of Climate Change: Implications for theorizing urban climate governance in South Africa

Ruth Massey – Governmentality and the Upgrading of Informal Settlements in Cape Town: A long overdue conversation

Ntombini Marrengane – Governance in Urban Swaziland
Gareth Hayson – Urban food security: The critical challenge of governance

Nature and post-colonial politics
Brad Coombes – Co-management as a fraught space for political activism: The case of Te Arawa Lakes, New Zealand
T. Gerhartsreiter and Kevin Mearns* – Stakeholder expectations of the Lubombo Transfrontier Conservation and Resource Area
Medupi Shabangu – The neo-liberalisation of nature: Contextualising the resolution of land claims in the Kruger National Park
Innocent Sinthumule – Unfulfilled promises: An exposition of conservation in Mapungubwe region
Christine Noe – Land deals without landowners: Minerals and Wildlife in Namtumbo, Tanzania

Alcohol control, poverty and development: Lived experiences
Mary Lawhon*, Clare Herrick, and Shari Daya - Researching Sensitive Topics in African Cities: Reflections on Research on Alcohol in Cape Town
Evan Blake - The space and place of drinking in Salt River – contested narratives and imaginaries of the urban through a lens of the locie
Shari Daya and Nicola Wilkins* - The body, the shelter, and the shebeen: Affective geographies of homelessness in South Africa
Gordon Pirie - Liquid spaces: alcohol and mobility in Cape Town

Tourism Geographies II: Tourism resources
Anna de Jager – A proposed framework for guiding efficient tourism map making
Thandi Nzama – Visitor management as a key component of planning for sustainable cultural heritage tourism within the World Heritage Sites
Ernest Azwin Tshibalo – Optimal use of thermal springs: A case study of Sagole in Limpopo Province
Melissa Baker* and Kevin Mearns– Tourism and its environmental impacts: The case of Little Kulala and Kulala Wilderness Camps, Namib Desert
Annette Pienaar – Second home development and its impacts in South African rural areas

**Short- and longer term temporal perspectives on the physical environment**

Ian Meiklejohn – The active layer environment in Western Dronning Maud Land, Antarctica

Christel Hansen – Near-surface Temperature fluctuations observed on a blockfield in Dronning Maud Land, Antarctica

Faye Hirschfield – Winter hydrology in a northern Canadian watershed: misconceptions and realities regarding the impacts of ice cover on river discharge

Mulalo Rabumbulu and Peter Holmes - The geomorphology of the Florisbad spring site and surrounds

Peter Eze – Mineralogy of the Miocene to Quaternary Pedocomplexes from Langebaanweg Quarry

**Assessing Environmental Impacts: Theory, tools, practice**

Kori Edmore – An evaluation of environmental sustainability of grazing lands using the Ecological Foot Print system: A case of Chriumanzu District, Zimbabwe

John Odindi – Remote sensing land-cover change in the City of Port Elizabeth during South Africa’s democratic transition

Bheki Magagula – Challenges of the South African National Defence Force to implement an Environmental Management System within their military sites

Richard Hill - The argumentative theory of reasoning and its implications for deliberative decision-making

Vusi Mashinini – Building critical conversations in environmental and sustainable development in Lesotho: Whither EIA?
Parallel Paper Session III – June 22 – 10-12

**Historical Geographies**

Abueng Matlapeng – Through the eyes of Bommastandi of Alexandra Township: The Urban Land Question

Clare Kelso – Representations of the Namaqua in 19th Century Colonial Documentary Sources


Margo Huxley – ’Twelve-to-the-acre’: Raymond Unwin and the question of density

Mark Boekstein – South African Antarctic Philately: History, Geography and Armchair Travelers

**Townships and Cities in transition**

MbaMbalehlle Masinga – Desegregation, re-segregation and the return to black townships: A case study of Chesterville Township

Tobeka Mehlomakhulu – Relocation: To be or not to be a black diamond?

Philippa Irvine – Post-apartheid Racial Integration in Grahamstown: A Time-geographical perspective

Ronnie Donaldson – The South African area-based urban renewal programme: experiences from Cape Town

Lodene Willemse – Community neighbourhood park (CNP) use in Cape Town’s townships

**Geography and Environmental Education in Practice**

Clinton van der Merwe – Negotiating textbook evaluations: The case of Geography Grade 10 CAPS

Madzinge Nembudani – The Impact of government policies on demography and the education system with special reference to primary schools in Vhembe District, Limpopo

Rudi Pretorius and Penelope Liknaitzky - Interrogating the teaching and learning of climate change in the secondary school Geography curriculum

Gavin Heath – The North-South Debate in climate change – An analysis of workshop-ing climate change adaptation and mitigation
Hennie Smit – Military environmental literacy in the South African Army

**Negotiating and Living with Environmental Challenges**


Job Molepo – Climate change, renewable energy and home economics

Andrea Lombard – Space, place and ownership: Wind power landscapes on the West Coast of South Africa

Ebenezer Megbowon – A review of bio-economic modeling applications in environmental science

Jamie-Lee van Zyl, Department of Geography and environmental Studies, University of the Western Cape, Towards a community-based flood management scheme for Cape Town

**Adapting to climate Change**

Peter Johnston – Embedding Seasonal Climate forecasts in Agricultural Advisories

Joseph Daron – Embracing uncertainty in climate change adaptation decisions

Sunday Adeniyi – An evaluation of farmers’ perceptions on climate change and adaptation strategies in the savanna agro-ecological zone of Osun State, Nigeria

Michael Dyssel – Peripatetic nomadism and climate variability in the Great Karoo

Nadine Menthner – Adaptation to climate change: An investigation into Woolworths’ water management measures
Parallel Paper Session IV – June 22 – 1-3

Contesting Identities: In the city; in the academy

Bradley Rink – Pedestrian city: Walking as insurgent urbanism

Gustav Visser – Challenging the gay ghetto: Time to move on?

Andrew Tucker – Exploring place-specific factors that affect the ability of Men who have Sex with Men to reduce their likelihood of engaging in unsafe sex in peri-urban Cape Town

Johannes Tsheola – State Capitalism and Former Bantustan Universities in Regional Development: Tales from University of Limpopo, Turffloop Campus

Jennifer Houghton and Orli Bass – Routes through the academy: Critical reflections on the experiences of young geographers in South Africa

Urban and rural livelihoods and markets

Jane Battersby-Lennard – Is local still lekker? Viability of the Philippi Horticultural Area

Caryn Abrahams – Supermarkets and urban value chains: rethinking the developmental mandate

Harrison Kasumba – A critical review of research approaches on urban agriculture

Delia Ah Goo – The trade in medicinal plants: Implications for urban livelihoods

Tabukeli Musigi Ruhiiga – Space, markets and rural production in Sub-Saharan Africa: A conceptual model

The Reconstruction of Indigenous Knowledge and Community Governance

Tibusungu Vayayana (a.k.a. Ming-Huey Wang) - Post-Disaster Reconstruction of Community-Based River Natural Ecological Park: a Case Study of Tanayiku of COU Peoples

Sasala Taiban - Disaster, Relocation and Vulnerability: the Case Study of Kucapungane in Taiwan

Chien-Ming Lu, Su-Chen Hsu and Yeong-Tyi Day - Agricultural Technique under Indigenous Gathering Culture- Examples of Rebuilding Village Farm Garden of the Sa'owac Village of Amis Tribe at Taiwan

Along (Y.L.) Chen - Disaster, Collective Migrant and Return to the old Settlement: Cases of Dashe (Tavalan) and Haocha (Kucapungane) Tribes in Taiwan
Evelyn Peters – ‘To strengthen the ties of the Métis people’: Métis Local 11 in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada, 1969-1987

Geographical thinking in Education: Equipping for Social Relevance

Melanie Nicolau – Introduction – Framing the Debate
Peter Beets and Peter Ranby – Geography in a Changing Curriculum
Kathima Najjaar – Assessment for performativity of knowledge construction: The case of Geography
Lorraine Innes – Making map skills relevant in and beyond the Geography classroom

Discussants: Joan Fairhurst, Michael Meadows (IGU/UCT), Cecil Seethal (SSAG/Fort Hare)

Tourism Geographies III: Innovation in tourism industry & research

Jayne Rogerson and Christian Rogerson – Spatial change in South Africa’s hotel industry 1920-2010
Wayne Pandy – Timeshare Accommodation in South Africa: Evolution, organization and geography
Irma Booysens – Innovation in tourism: A new focus for research and policy development in South Africa.
Gareth Butler – Moving towards the future: Engaging the new mobilities paradigm in contemporary African tourism research

Changing landscapes: methods, processes, patterns

Munyaradzi Manjoro – Application of mineral magnetic data from a flood plain sediment core to the reconstruction of catchment soil erosion and sediment source dynamics: a case from the Eastern Cape, South Africa
Lindique Lehman – A study of the sedimentation of the Welbedacht Dam
Michael Meadows – Fifty years of land use change in the Swartland, Western Cape, South Africa: characteristics, causes and consequences
Jacques Bezuidenhout – An investigation of the geographical factors that resulted in high levels of natural background radioactivity on the West Coast Peninsula of South Africa
Climate change, climate variability: processes and impacts

Hector Chikoore – Synoptic evolution of severe winter cut-off lows over South Africa

Tibangayuka Kabanda – Climatology and indigenous management of drought in the Vhembe District of Limpopo Province, South Africa

Patrick Sithole – Climate Change and Malaria Prevalence in the Limpopo Province of South Africa

Shandukani Nenwiini – Trends and Variability Assessment in Rainfall of Vhembe District South Africa

Christina Fatti – Enhancing understanding of disaster management through a mixed methods approach: The case of floods in Ekurhuleni

POSTER SESSIONS:

Posters up throughout conference; Meeting the Authors - tea/coffee break of June 21 and 22

Peter Holmes – A record of Late Glacial-Holocene environmental change from two adjacent bio-physical regimes in the Southern Cape, South Africa

Lindokuhle Khumalo – Agrofuels, European agricultural firms, and land conflicts in Africa

Lobina Palamuleni – Impacts of land cover change on seasonal flow variations: A case study of the Upper Shire River catchment, Malawi (North West University)

Jana Olivier*, B Yibas – Characteristics of South African thermal springs: Benefits and risks

Riley Dillon – Gender, migration and remittances in Southern Africa