

Workshop: The Micropolitics of Mining Capitalism

A WORKinMINING Event
University of Liège, Belgium
11-13 September 2019

Workshop Program

Wednesday, 11 September 2019

Venue: [Salle des Professeurs](#), in the building "A1 - Bâtiment central - 20-Août", central Liège

- 13:00 – 13:10 Welcome and Introduction: Kristien Geenen & Emma Lochery
- 13:10 – 15:00 Presentation of WORKinMINING book project: Benjamin Rubbers, Emma Lochery, Kristien Geenen, Thomas McNamara, Francesca Pugliese, and James Musonda.
- 15:00 – 15:20 *coffee break*

Panel 1 **Labour and Mechanisation: Workplans, models and realities**

Chair: Francesca Pugliese

- 15:20 – 16:00 Sizwe Phakathi, "The mineworkers' tactic of making a plan: Advancing or undermining mining capitalism?"
- 16:00 – 16:40 Paul Stewart & Nancy Coulson, "System dysfunctions: The duplication and rupture of the safety system on South African mines and the constraints to worker self-regulation regarding the right to refuse dangerous work"
- 16:40 – 16:50 *short break*
- 16:50 – 17:30 Andrew Bowman & Sonwabile Mnwana, "Escape to the enclaves? The social and political consequences of mechanisation in South Africa's mining industry"
- 17:30 – 18:00 discussion

Thursday, 12 September 2019

Venue: [Salle des Professeurs](#), in the building "A1 - Bâtiment central - 20-Août

09:00 – 09:10 Welcome and overview of the day

Panel 2: Local Political Orders: Community relations and environmentalism

Chair: John Lungu

09:10 – 09:50 Pierre-Yves Le Meur and Claire Levacher, “The compensation arenas in South New Caledonia. Minescape management, governmentality and politics”

09:50 – 10:30 Amber Huff & Yvonne Orengo, “The micro-politics of ‘green’ extraction in southern Madagascar”

10:30 – 10:50 *coffee break*

10:50 – 11:30 Kieran Gilfoy, “Toxic endurance and social becoming: environmentalism in the shadows of Andean extraction”

11:30 – 12:10 discussion

12:10 – 13:20 *lunch*

Panel 3 Place-Making amidst Mining Capitalism

Chair: Kristien Geenen

13:20 – 14:00 Alla Bolotova, “Living with mining: sense of place in extractive communities in the Russian Arctic”

14:00 – 14:40 Rita Kesselring, “Bricks, Caretakers and Cooperation: house- and home-making in Solwezi town, Northwestern Zambia”

14:40 – 15:00 *coffee break*

15:00 – 15:40 Filipe Calvao, “Ritual capital: Geological labor in diamond mining”

15:40 – 16:15 discussion

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Panel 4 The Politics of Mining: The local, the national, and the state

Chair: Owen Sichone

09:10 – 09:50 Asebe Regassa Debelo, “The political economy of gold mining in Ethiopia: exclusion, discrimination of local resistance against MIDROC Laga-Dambi gold mine, Southern Ethiopia”

09:50 – 10:30 Tomas Frederikson, “Extractive subjectivities: power, dispossession and corporate social responsibility at the extractive frontier”

10:30 – 10:50 *coffee break*

10:50 – 11:30 Alexander Caramento, “Navigating mine supply and service provision in neoliberal Zambia: tracing processes of indigenous capital formation among former ZCCM employees”

11:30 – 12:10 discussion

12:10 – 13:10 *lunch*

Panel 5 Who Gets to Dig? Capitalist imaginaries, frontiers, and alliances

Chair: Emma Lochery

13:10 – 13:50 Sara Geenen & Ben Radley, “State-TNC Hostility to Economic Upgrading in the DR Congo’s Artisanal Gold Sector”

13:50 – 14:30 Paul Gilbert, “Assembling new frontiers for mining capitalism: resource nationalism, energy futures & the BRICS in Bangladesh”

14:30 – 14:50 *coffee break*

14:50 – 15:30 Jana Hönke & Eric Cezne, “The micropolitics of South-South relations: negotiating 'cooperation' and making space around Vale S.A. in Mozambique”

15:30 – 16:00 question & answer session for panel 5

16:00 – 17:00 concluding roundtable discussion led by John Lungu and Owen Sichone