

WORKSHOP ON SOCIAL PROTECTION IN AFRICA UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN, 29-30 MAY 2014

Leslie Commerce Building, Lecture Theatre LC2B, UCT Upper Campus

Thursday 29th May

9:30: Welcome

9:45 am: Leila Patel (University of Johannesburg): “Developmental Welfare Reconsidered: Ideas, Achievements, challenges and prospects of the White Paper for Social Welfare”

11 am: coffee

11:15 am – 1 pm: History of welfare policy in South Africa (chair: Jeremy Seekings)

- Marijke du Toit (UKZN): “The state, ubuntu and the civilised black poor: the racialised provision of child maintenance grants in South Africa, 1934-1939”
- Liezl Gevers (UKZN): ““We cannot carry our own poverty”: The development and evolution of the old age and social pension scheme for Africans in the Union of South Africa, 1937-1947”

1 pm: Lunch (UCT Club)

2 pm – 4:15 pm: Street-level bureaucrats, the administration of welfare programmes and community politics in South Africa (chair: Singumbe Muyebe)

- Gabby Kelly (UCT): “Doctors as bureaucrats: Performances and decision-making in the South African disability grant assessment process”
- Natasha Vally (Wits): “Biometrics and waiting: An ethnographic account of the biometric registration and payment of state grants in South Africa”
- Bernard Dubbeld (Stellenbosch): “How social security becomes social insecurity: unsettled households, crisis talk and the value of grants in a KwaZulu-Natal village

4:15 pm: tea

4:30 pm – 6 pm: Welfare, rights and redistribution in South Africa (chair: Ed Grebe)

- Vivienne Bozalek (UWC) / Tessa Hochfeld (UJ): “An analysis of the South African Child Support Grant from a Social Justice Perspective”
- Ulandi du Plessis (Rhodes): “The reproduction of inequality in social expenditure: the ‘social division of welfare’ and state expenditure on health in a democratic South Africa”

Friday 30th May

9:15 am: Sarah Brooks (Ohio State University): “Social Protection for the Poorest: The Adoption of Antipoverty Cash Transfer Programs in the Global South”

10:45 am: coffee

11 am – 1 pm: Policy-making in East Africa (chair: Evance Kalula)

- John Bosco Mubiru (Development Research and Training (DRT) Kampala): “Why Social Protection programmes have attracted domestic political support in Uganda: Evidence from Social Assistance Grant for Empowerment (SAGE) Pilot programme”
- Eduard Grebe (UCT): “Technocrats and agenda-setting on cash transfers in Uganda: agents of donors or alignment of purpose?”
- Paul Bukuluki (Makerere University, Uganda): “The negotiation between ‘automated’ and ‘community-based’ targeting mechanisms in delivery of cash transfer programs: a case of the Social Assistance Grants for Empowerment (SAGE) scheme in Uganda”
- Marianne Ulriksen (University of Johannesburg): “The politics of social protection in Tanzania”

1 pm: lunch (UCT Club)

2 pm – 4:30 pm: Policy-making in Southern Africa (chair: Gabby Kelly)

- Abigail Kabandula & Jeremy Seekings (UCT): “The limits of donor influence and scaling up pilot cash transfer programmes in Zambia, 2003-2013”
- Daniel Kumitz (Friedrich Ebert Stiftung-Zambia): Recent developments in social protection policy in Zambia
- Isaac Chinyoka & Jeremy Seekings (UCT): “Did the participation of the MDC in government in Zimbabwe from 2009 to 2013 make any difference to welfare policies?”
- Sam Hamer (UCT): “Welfare policies and the 2014 elections in Malawi”
- Mia Granvik (UCT): “Welfare policy-making in Lesotho and Swaziland”

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