SOUTHERN AFRICA BEYOND THE WEST
Political, economic and cultural relationships
with the BRICS countries and the global South

7—11 August 2015
Livingstone, Zambia
DRAFT CONFERENCE TIMETABLE
Day 1, Friday 7 August 2015

10.00 – 14.00  **Arrivals and registration**

14.00 – 15.00  **Welcome**

Introductory remarks  Manenga Ndulo (SAIPAR),
David Simon (JSAS),
Alastair Fraser (RoAPE)

Announcements  Jessica Achberger (SAIPAR)
Lyn Schumaker (JSAS)

**Stream A: Situating the BRICS in Space and Time**

15.00 – 16.45:  **Early Societies and Trading Networks**

*Panel 1: The Archaeological Evidence for Southern African Trade and Contact (funded by the British Institute in Eastern Africa [BIEA])*

Trade, Globalisation and the Archaic State in Southern Africa  Innocent Pikirayi (University of Pretoria)

Iron Age archaeology and political economy of interior southern Africa  Ed Wilmsen (Wits/Edinburgh/Texas)

Seventh- to fifteenth-century East African ports in the Indian Ocean trading system  Edward Pollard (BIA)

Routes of Ivory: Mapping Trade in the African Iron Age  Ashley Coutu (University of York and University of Cape Town)

Copper and exchange networks in southern central Africa in 2nd millennium AD: Contribution of the material culture spatial analysis  Nicolas Nikis (Université Libre de Bruxelles) and Alexandre Livingstone Smith (Wits)

Chair  Joost Fontein (BIEA)

16.45 – 17.00  **Tea/coffee**

17.00 – 17.45  **Opening keynote address: Pádraig Carmody (Trinity College, Dublin)**


18.00 – 19.00  **Reception for conference participants**

19.00  **Dinner**
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**Panel 2: Natures of Violence: Spaces of Misrule in Contemporary BRICS Literature**

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**Discussant**

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## Stream D: Cultures of Knowledge & Development

**Panel 1: The BRICS’ Impact on the Development of Knowledge Systems in Southern Africa**

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**Panel 3: Transnational connections between and within Namibia, Angola and the Democratic Republic of Congo: liberation struggles and conflict before and after independence**

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Marja Hinfelaar

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Miles Larmer

## Tea/coffee

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<td><em>‘Decoding Labour Issues between Chinese Employers and Batswana Employees: The Case of a Chinese Shop in Gaborone’</em></td>
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09.00 – 09.45  **Stream A continued: Situating the BRICS in Space and Time**

**Cities & Trading Networks Today**

**Keynote speaker: Debby Potts (King’s College London)**
*Urban Experiences “beyond the West”: Comparing Cities in Southern Africa with Cities in the BRICS Countries*

Chair: tbc

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09.45 – 10.15  **Tea/coffee**

10.15 – 12.00  **Panel 2: Shaping Urban Southern Africa: The Influence of the BRICS Countries**

**Turn to the East: Moving Global Goods in TAZARA’s Dry Port**

Jamie Monson (Michigan State University)

**Brazilian cities as development actors in Mozambique: Emerging perspectives on the role of decentralised south-south cooperation in Africa**

Fritz Nganje (University of Johannesburg)

**Chinese entrepreneurial footprints in Johannesburg: Shifting between spaces of circulation and places of attachment**

Romain Dittgen (South African Institute of International Affairs, Wits)

**Competing geo-economic hegemones? Chinese versus South African influences on the growth of Zambian cities**

Gilbert Siame & Enock Sakala (University of Zambia)

**BRICS in Mozambique: Is New Economic Dynamism Delivering Urban Development?**

Andrew Brooks (King’s College, London)

Chair

**Debby Potts**

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12.00 – 13.15  **Lunch**
Day 3, Sunday 9 August 2015 – afternoon session

13.15 – 14.00 **Stream E: Conflicts over Land & Resources in the Context of BRICS Investment in the Region**

**Keynote speaker: Carol Thompson (University of Arizona)**

*The Demise of Neoliberalism: Giving Rise to Philanthrocapitalism*

Chair: Maxim Bolt

14.00 – 15.45 **Panel 1: Lessons from African and BRICS Experience: Biodiversity and BioPiracy**

**Crop Biodiversity as a Strategy for Addressing Food Insecurity**

Hilton Mbozi (Commutech)

**Biopiracy and its Effects on Biodiverse Food Production**

Tinashe Sithole (Commutech)

**Neoliberal Scheme or Opportunity for Sustainable Development? - The case of Chinese agricultural investments in Zambia**

Hangwei Li (University of Kyoto)

**Land deals, and how not all states react the same: Zambia and the Chinese request**

Marie Widengard (Sweden)

**South-South Cooperation: The Role of Brazilian Investments in Mozambique’s Agricultural Transformation**

Wheeler R. Winstead (Howard University)

Chair: Carol Thompson (University of Arizona)

15.45 – 16.00 **Tea/coffee**

16.00 – 17:30 **Panel 2: Lessons from the BRICS Experience: Rural Transformations in Zambia and South Africa**

**Chiefs and the politics of land in contemporary southern Africa**

Lungisile Ntsebeza (University of Cape Town)

**The conversion of freehold land to leasehold land in Zambia**

Horman Chitonge (University of Cape Town)

**Villager resistance and FDI in mining: the Kalumbila case study**

Darlene Miller & Dimuna Phiri (University of Cape Town and the Zambia Land Alliance)

**The Political Praxis of the Brazilian Landless Movement: What Lessons for the Landless Peoples Movement of South Africa?**

Razack Karriem (University of the Western Cape)

Chair: Darlene Miller *institution

19.00 **Conference Dinner**

The Golden Leaf Restaurant, Mosi-oa-Tunya Rd, Livingstone; [http://ngolidelodge.com](http://ngolidelodge.com)
Day 4, Monday 10 August

09.00 – 09.45  **Stream F: Political Economy of Southern Africa and the BRICS Countries**

**Keynote speaker:** Ching Kwan Lee (UCLA)  
*The Power and Peril of Chinese Investment in Africa*  
Chair: tbc

09.45 – 10.15  **Tea/coffee**

10.15 – 12.00  **Panel 1: Alternative Approaches to Economic Policy and Practice in Southern Africa: BRICS from Above, Below or in Between?**

*Chinese investment and entrepreneurship in Zambia: accumulation by dispossession or dependent development?*  
Carolyn Bassett (University of New Brunswick) & Allyson Fradella (Carlton University)

Chair

12.00 – 13.15  **Lunch**

13.15 – 15.00  **Panel 2: Development Paradigms in Southern Africa: BRICS from Above, Below or in Between?**

*Zambia-India Relations in the Era of Economic Liberalization and Globalization*  
Bizeck Jube Phiri (University of Zambia)

*Africa-China Relations in the 21st Century: An Impact Assessment of Chinese Development Assistance to Africa - The Case of Botswana*  
Monageng Mogalakwe (University of Botswana)

*Durable Inequalities under Transformative Social Policy Reforms: A Comparative Study of South Africa and Brazil*  
Madalitso Phiri (International Politics, UNISA)

*A Hidden Counter-Movement? Precarity, Politics, and Social Protection Before and Beyond the Neoliberal Era*  
Ben Scully (Wits) & Kevan Harris (UCLA)

*Perhaps Decolonial Epistemology is the Answer to Africa’s Development Paradox*  
Finex Ndhlovu (University of New England, Armidale, Aus.)

Chair

15.00 – 15.15  **Tea/coffee**

15.15 – 16.00  **Keynote speaker: Patrick Bond (Development Studies, University of KwaZulu-Natal)**  
*The BRICS and their Critics in Geopolitical Context*  
Chair: Manenga Ndulo (tbc)

16.00  **Zambezi River Cruise & Dinner (tbc)**  
African Queen Sunset Cruise
Day 5, Tuesday 11 August

09.00 – 11.00 Roundtable and Audience Discussion:
Disciplines, Perspectives and Theories from the South: Setting the African Studies Agenda

Key text:
Jean Comaroff and John L. Comaroff (Harvard)

Theory from the South
Trevor Ngwane (*institution)
Caesar Cheelo (SAIPAR)
Wheeler Winstead (National Resource Center for African Studies, Howard University)
Blessings Chisinga (*institution)
Muna Ndulo (*institution)
Patience Mususa (*institution)
*Others to be confirmed

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David Simon (*institution)

11.00 – 11.30 Closing Remarks

11.30 Conference ends

Writing Workshop

11.30 Emerging Southern African Scholars Writing Workshop
This workshop will support emerging scholars from the Southern African region to develop their writing skills and enable them to refine and prepare original papers that can be considered for publication in international peer-reviewed journals such as the Journal of Southern African Studies, Review of African Political Economy, and South African Geographical Journal. The workshop (5-11 August) brings together journal editors and African scholars to work in intensive sessions designed to enable scholars in the humanities and social sciences to enhance their academic writing skills, further the intellectual interaction between editors and African researchers and give specific, in-depth and practical advice on preparing a paper for publication. The ASAUK is supporting the Workshop.

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