

**Provisional programme PhD- and Postdoc-seminar**

**REDEFINING CITIZENSHIP AND ACCESS TO THE PUBLIC SPHERE:  
Recent African Developments in Historical and Comparative Perspective**

Leiden/Amsterdam, 7-9 October 2004

Organized by:

- ASC (African Studies Centre – Leiden)
- ASSR (Amsterdam School for Social science Research, Univ. of Amsterdam)
- CNWS (Graduate School for Asian, African and Latin American Studies, Univ. of Leiden)
- RMV (National Museum of Ethnology – Leiden)

Organizers: *Rogier Bedaux* (RMV/CNWS), *Mirjam de Bruijn* (ASC), *Rijk van Dijk* (ASC), *Jan Jansen* (CNWS), *Peter Geschiere* (ASSR), *Birgit Meyer* (ASSR), *Peter Pels* (CNWS), *Robert Ross* (CNWS), *Annette Schmidt* (RMV/CNWS)

**Thursday 7 October 2004:**

Venue: National Museum of Ethnology, Steenstraat 1, Leiden (tel. 071-5168800)

09.30: *coffee*

10.00: Opening statement & chair: Leo de Haan (director African Studies Centre, Leiden)/Peter Pels (University of Leiden)

10.15: Paul Nugent (Centre for African Studies, Edinburgh): "*National citizenship, local contexts: African border spaces in a comparative context*"

10.45: Achille Mbembe (WISER, Johannesburg): "*Citizenship as Entitlement in Contemporary South Africa*".

11.15: *break*

11.30: Deborah Posel (WISER, Johannesburg): "*The Question of Biological Citizenship*"

12.00: Discussant: Livio Sansone (Federal University of Bahia, Brazil)

12.15: *discussion*

12.45: *lunch*

14.00: Two parallel sessions of PhD and postdoc presentations (see below)

17.00: *reception/drinks*

**Friday 8 October 2004:**

Venue: Amsterdam School for Social science Research,  
Kloveniersburgwal 48, Amsterdam (tel. 020-525.2262/2258), VOC-room

09.15: *coffee*

Chair: Peter Geschiere, University of Amsterdam

09.30: William Beinart (Centre for African Studies, Oxford): “*States and national identities: a southern African perspective*”

10.00: Francis Nyamnjoh (CODESRIA, Dakar): “*Maids, Mobility and Citizenship in Botswana*”

10.30: *break*

11.00: Deborah James (London School of Economics): “*Property and Citizenship in South Africa's Land Reform Programme*”

11.30: Discussant: Filip de Boeck (Anthropology/African Studies, Leuven)

11.45: *discussion*

12.15: *lunch*

13.15: Two parallel sessions of PhD and postdoc presentations (see below)

16.00: *business meeting: African Studies in Europe*

**Saturday 9 October 2004:**

Venue: Amsterdam School for Social science Research,  
Kloveniersburgwal 48, Amsterdam (tel. 020-525.2262/2258), VOC-room

09.30: *coffee*

Chair: Deborah Posel (WISER)

09.45: Jonathan Hyslop (WISER, Johannesburg): "*Virodene: Citizenship and the Politics of Bogus AIDS Cures in South Africa*"

10.15: Rijk van Dijk (African Studies Centre): "*Localisation, Ghanaian Pentecostalism, and Citizenship in Botswana*"

10.45: *break*

11.15: Dmitri van den Bersselaar (The University of Liverpool): "*Imagining Home: Migration and the IGBO Village in Colonial Nigeria*"

11.45: Discussant: Patrick Chabal (King's College, London)

12.15: discussion

13.45: *lunch*

14.00: Two parallel sessions of Phd and postdoc presentations (see below)

17.00: closing statement and drinks

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> of October, 1400 – 17.00**  
**PhD/Postdoc Presentations**

**GROUP I**

Chair : Mirjam de Bruijn, African Studies Centre/Leiden  
Discussants : Peter Geschiere, University of Amsterdam  
Paul Nugent, University of Edinburgh

Knut Graw – Catholic University of Leuven:  
*“Ritual Recourse as Alternative Citizenship? Reflections on Globality, Locality and the Path of Travel in Senegambian Divinatory Praxis”*

Yoon Jung Park, University of the Witwatersrand:  
*“Citizenship and Identity Dilemmas for South African-Born Chinese in the New South Africa”*

Godwin Siundu, University of the Witwatersrand:  
*“The Homeliness and Unhomeliness of the Nation: Imagining Indian Belonging in East Africa”*

**GROUP II**

Chair : Jan Jansen, University of Leiden  
Discussants: Achille Mbembe, WISER - Johannesburg  
Livio Sansone, University of Bahia

Ogueri Innocent Aguwuom, Catholic University of Leuven  
*“Beyond Believing Identities: Democratization of Worship and Consumption of Resources of Religion in Nigerian Pentecostalism”*

Francio Guadeloupe, University of Amsterdam  
*“Healing of the Transnation”: Rastafari rhetorics on Saint Martin and Sint Maarten*

Marleen de Witte, University of Amsterdam  
*“The Born-Again and the Traditionalist Citizen of Ghana. The State of the Spirit in a New Public Sphere”*

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> of October, 13.15 – 16.00**

PhD/Postdoc Presentations

GROUP I, room Sph/001

Chair : Peter Pels, University of Leiden  
Discussants: William Beinart, University of Oxford  
Francis Nyamnjoh, CODESRIA – Dakar

Godfrey Chesang, University of the Witwatersrand  
*“Invisible Colour in the Rainbow: The Politics of Refugee Protection in Post 1994 South Africa”*

Saskia Van Hoyweghen, Vrije Universiteit Brussel  
*“Migration and the Nation-State. The Case of Displaced Rwandans in Tanzania”*

Janine Ubink, University of Leiden  
*“Land Administration in Ghana and the Struggle for Communal Land”*

GROUP II, room OIH/D.204

Chair : Achille Mbembe, WISER – University of the Witwatersrand  
Discussants: Filip de Boeck, Catholic University of Leuven  
Tom Odhiambo WISER – University of the Witwatersrand

Jens Andersson, University of Amsterdam  
*“Migrants, traders and transporters; On the sociogenesis of informal markets in Mzimba, Malawi”*

Helene Maria Kyed, Roskilde University Centre  
*“Formalisation of ‘Traditional’ Authority: decentralization, state formation and changing forms of authority in Mozambique”*

Barbara Waldis, Netherlands Institute of Advanced Studies  
*“Citizenship Education and the Notion of Citizenship in Mauritius; Anthropological Perspectives in a Multicultural Society”*

Ibrahim Mouiche, University of Leiden  
*“Chefferies traditionnelles, autochtonie et accès à la sphere publique au Cameroun”*  
(will be presented in English)

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> of October, 14.00 – 17.00**

PhD/Postdoc Presentations

GROUP I, room OIH/B.017

Chair : Robert Ross, University of Leiden

Discussants: Rijk van Dijk, African Studies Centre, Leiden

Dmitri van den Bersselaar, The University of Liverpool

Jude Fokwang, University of Toronto

*“Alternative Trajectories: Youth Access to Citizenship in Cameroon”*

Federico Freschi, University of the Witwatersrand

*“Public Building/Nation Building: Constructs of nationhood and identity in contemporary South African architectural ornament”*

Robert Muponde, WISER – University of the Witwatersrand

*“Narrative of Change or Change of Narrative: Community and Yearning in Mugabe and Tsvangirai’s Speeches”*

Katrien Pype, Catholic University of Leuven

*“Youth and their socio-cultural performances in Kinshasa”*

GROUP II, room OIH/A.003

Chair : Birgit Meyer, University of Amsterdam

Discussants: Patrick Chabal, King’s College of London

Jonathan Hyslop, WISER - University of the Witwatersrand

Stefano Bellucci, University of Pavia

*“Civil Society and Citizenship in Africa: An Empirical Study of the NGO Sector in Mozambique”*

Anouk de Koning/Eileen Moyer, University of Amsterdam

*“Neoliberal Dreams and Disenchantments”*

(two interconnected presentations)

Benjamin Rubbers, Free University of Brussels

*“The ‘Children of the Country’ are ‘Strangers’. The political Integration of European Entrepreneurs in Katanga (DRC)”*