

Gaping Holes: Towards multi-species histories and ethnographies of mining in southern Africa

When: 1-3 June 2022

Where: Faculty of Social Sciences, Wassenaarseweg 52 Leiden

Preliminary programme

Wednesday 1 June

Room 1A22 (first floor)

Chair: Prof. Jan-Bart Gewald

16h00-16h15 Opening Remarks and Welcome, Prof. Dr. Marleen Dekker (Director ASCL/LeidenASA)

16h15-17h00 Keynote lecture, Prof.dr. Sandra Swart (Stellenbosch University)

17h00-17h45 Q&A

17h45-18h45 Drinks, Bamboo Lounge (third floor)

Thursday 2 June

Room OB13 (ground floor)

Chair: Dr. Duncan Money

8h50 Doors open

9h00-9h30 Dr. Ettore Morelli: *Into The Black Hole: The Fierce Snake Of Tomotomo, Or, Life And Metamorphosis On The Southern Highveld*

9h30-9h45 Q&A

9h45-10h15 Dr. Jan Jansen: *Teaming Up With Termites – Towards a Multispecies History of Earth Technologies in Tropical Africa*

10h15-10h30 Q&A

10h30-11h00 Coffee/tea break

Chair: Dr. Marja Hinfelaar

11h00-11h30 Dr. Bárbara Direito: *“A livestock country cannot be improvised”: Cattle improvement, migrant labour and the environment in Southern Mozambique, 1910s-1940s*

11h30-11h45 Q&A

11h45-12h15 Dr. Gerrit Dusseldorp: *Mining and Archaeology, an uneasy relationship*
12h15-12h30 Q&A
12h30-14h00 Lunch (FSW restaurant)

Room SB45 (basement)

Chair: Dr. Gerrit Dusseldorp

14h00-14h30 Dr. Iva Peša: *A history of the Copperbelt through plants*
14h30-14h45 Q&A
14h45-15h15 Mr. Jabulani Shaba: *Plant materiality and Precious Metals: A multispecies history of artisanal gold mining in Mazowe, Zimbabwe*
15h15-15h30 Q&A
15h30-16h00 Coffe/tea break

Chair: Dr. Sabine Luning

16h00-16h30 Dr. Innocent Dande: *Dogs, horses, and diamonds: towards a multi-species history of artisanal diamond mining in Chiadzwa, Zimbabwe*
16h30-16h45 Q&A
16h45-17h15 Dr. Patience Mususa: *Resistance and capitulation: snakes, trees, and humans at a mining frontier in Zambia*
17h15-17h30 Q&A
17h30-19h00 Drinks, Bamboo Lounge (third floor) + book launch Patience Mususa

Dinner for speakers.

Friday 3 June 2022

Room SA49 (basement)

Chair: Dr. Iva Pesa

8h50 Doors open
9h00-9h30 Dr. Jack Boulton: *Tinkering with Uranium in Swakopmund, Namibia*
9h30-9h45 Q&A
9h45-10h15 Prof. Dr. Rijk van Dijk: *Marriage as a Mine: some reflections on actants and digging deeper. Examples from Botswana*
10h15-10h30 Q&A

10h30-11h00 Coffee/tea break

Chair: Prof. Sandra Swart

11h00-11h45 Dr. Jennifer Chansa: *From flourishing Miners to Goat Herders: The impact of Mining Pollution on the subsistence of residents of Kankoyo, Mufulira*

11h45-12h00 Q&A

12h00-12h30 Carina Truyts: *Kimberlite and Kamfers Dam: A More-than-human urban story*

12h30-12h45 Q&A

12h45-14h00 Lunch (FSW restaurant)

Chair: Dr. Harry Wels

14h00-14h30 Dr. Duncan Money: *Mining and Migration in Southern Africa: Where Do Lions Fit in?*

14h30-14h45 Q&A

14h45-15h15 Prof. Dr. Jan-Bart Gewald: *Quaggas and Diamonds: The Possible Relationship Between Diamond Mining and Species Extinction*

15h15-15h30 Q&A

15h30-16h00 Coffee/tea break

Chair: Dr. Innocent Dande

16h00-16h45 Bernard Moore & Luregn Lenggenhager: *Men, Mammals & Minerals near Tantalite Valley, Namibia: A Century of Colonialism, "Conservation" & Conspicuous Consumption*

16h45-17h00 Q&A

17h00-17h30 Prof.dr. Robert Ross: *"Not an Act of God, but of the WAD": the Beervlei disaster of May 1963*

17h30-17h45 Q&A

17h45-18h15 Prof.dr. Thomas Widlok: *Closing Remarks*