

Cosmopolitan Karoo Research Forum (CKRF)

The Cosmopolitan Karoo Research Forum normally takes place every Thursday from 3-5 pm at the Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology. The forum is open to all interested staff, postdocs, and postgraduate students, as well as to the broader public.

The CKRF is a space of discussion in which reflecting on research projects and themes as they unfold within the broader SARChI programme, as well as to engage with relevant readings and theories. The CKRF host a range of speakers from research institutions and organisations in South Africa as well as from other parts of the world to discuss topics related to the broad themes of the SARChI Chair.

2018 PROGRAMME		
SEMESTER TWO		
Nov 30	Review & social	Review workshop and social
Nov 26-27	<i>Colloquium</i>	<i>Karoo Futures workshop: Envisioning land reform in South Africa's drylands</i>
Nov 22	Presentation	Ebenaezer Appies (Stellenbosch), on renewable energy
<i>Nov 19-21</i>	<i>Workshop</i>	<i>SU/Leipzig workshop on Knowledge Societies in Africa</i>
Nov 15	Screening	Jarita Holbrook on her movie, <i>Karoo Radio Telescope</i> (2016)
Nov 13	<i>Workshop</i>	<i>Workshop with municipality stakeholders on Sutherland survey</i>
Nov 8	Presentation	Discussion of draft SARChI Sutherland Survey Report
Nov 1	Presentation	Presentations by Josh Musson, Adara Nicolls, Hermy Steenkamp on their Honours research projects
<i>Nov 1</i>		<i>Last day for submitting Ms for March graduation</i>
Oct 25	Report-backs	On AZEF, the Karoo Special Issue, and current fieldwork
Oct 18	Presentation	Presentations by Honours students on work in progress
<i>Oct 16-18</i>	<i>AZEF</i>	ARID ZONE ECOLOGY FORUM in Robertson
Oct 12	Screening	Dan Yon (Toronto), on his movie <i>Mining Memory: Legacies of St Helena in the Northern Cape</i>
Oct 11	Presentation	Sarah Buchner, commissioning scientist, SKA
<i>Oct 10</i>		<i>Last day for submitting PhDs for March graduation</i>
Oct 4	No forum	
<i>Sept 28</i>	<i>SKA workshop</i>	
Sept 27	Report back	General report-back on conferences, field work and papers
Sept 20	Presentation	Nigel Amschwand on his book, 1847.
SEPT 3 -14 RECESS		
Sept 6	Presentation	Led by Monene Mogashoa, on her research on the meanings of land [DC and CW at the IAS Conference]
<i>Sept 3</i>		<i>Last day for submitting M theses for Dec graduation</i>
Aug 30	Writing workshop	On writing an abstract
Aug 23	Reading group	On labour and/or related themes
Aug 16	Reading group	On 'Human-nature Interactions through a multispecies lens' (Aisher & Damodaran, <i>Conservation & Society</i> 2016)
Aug 9	HOLIDAY	
<i>Aug 3</i>		<i>Dept Postgraduate Conference</i>
Aug 2	Dialogue	Discussion among astronomers and social scientists on what we do and how, with Roy Maartens (SARChI SKA), Vanessa McBride (IAU Office of Astronomy for Development), Cheryl Walker and Davide Chinigò
July 26	Research team	Catch-up and semester review (3-4 p.m.)
22 JUNE – 23 JULY RECESS		
SEMESTER ONE		

June 22	Review workshop	Report-backs and semester review, followed by social
June 14	Student presentations	Presentations on new (2018) research proposals and draft SASA conference papers
June 7	Presentation	Emma Archer (CSIR) on climate change and the Karoo
May 31	Writing workshop	Student writing workshop
May 24	Presentation	Marianne Grzondziel (Freiburg) on farm worker issues in the Central Karoo
May 17	Presentation	Olaf Zenker (Bern) on land restitution
May 10	Department	Departmental MA proposal presentations (also on 9 th)
May 8	PLAAS Seminar	Cherryl Walker on current research, PLAAS, UWC
May 7	UCT Seminar	Davide Chinigò on current research, UCT Sociology Department
May 3	Presentation	Simon Hall (UCT) on living heritage in the Karoo
April 26	Presentation	Ilse Eigelaar-Meets on migration in Northern Cape Province
April 19	Presentation	Led by Monene Mogashoa (PhD student) on land, memory and identity
April 12	Reading group	Led by Renelle Terblanche (PhD student) on social capital
March 22	Presentations and report back	Presentation of draft papers by Cherryl Walker and Davide Chinigò on the astronomy and land-use change in the Karoo, and report-back from fieldwork
March 15	Reading Group	Led by Tumi Malope (PhD student) on the minerals-energy complex and precarious work in relation to renewable energy
March 14	Workshop	HSRC community engagement workshop in Carnarvon
March 8	Reading Group	Led by Charmaine Manyani (PhD student) on game farming and land use changes
March 7-8	Conference	History of Astronomy Conference
March 1	Presentation	Jose de Prada-Samper (Barcelona) on Heritage and Karoo Cosmos
Feb 22-23	JSAS workshop	Writers workshop: Karoo futures part-special issue (forthcoming)
Feb 12-18	Field trip	Beginning of the year fieldtrip to the Eastern Karoo
Feb 8	Reading group	Led by Davide Chinigò (post-doc) on issues of scale
2017 PROGRAMME		
SEMESTER TWO		
Dec 1	Team workshop	Review workshop & social
Nov 22-23	Conference	Postgraduate research conference, co-hosted with PLAAS (UWC)
Nov 16	Presentation	Students reviewed their presentations for the upcoming conference.
Nov 2, 9	<i>No forum: socio-economic survey in Sutherland scheduled in this time</i>	
Oct 26	Team presentations	Presentations by SARChI PhD students on work in progress
Oct 19	Team Presentation	Presentations by SARChI Honours students on work in progress
Oct 12	Presentation	Sharron Marco-Thyse (CRLS), on farm workers in the Central Karoo and the work of the Centre For Rural Legal Studies
Oct 5	Presentation	Khumisho Moguerane (UJ), on Northern Cape history
Sept 28	Presentation	Wendy Annecke (SANParks), on social-ecological research and protected areas
Sept 27	Public lecture	Bernie Fanaroff (SKA), on 'Science, the SKA and Big Data: Can Africa lead?', co-hosted with STIAS
Sept 21	Team presentation	Presentations by postgrad students on work in progress
Sept 14	Team presentation	Presentations by SARChI MA students on work in progress
SEPT 2 – 10 RECESS		
Aug 31	Writing workshop	Research team workshop: On writing a conceptual framework
Aug 24	Reading group	Research team reading group
Aug 17	Presentation	James Chibueze (SKA), on the SKA & AVN and astronomy for development
Aug 10	Presentation	Caroline Poole (research team): Vanwyksvlei survey findings; Cherryl Walker, Davide Chinigò : paper presented to MEARIM

Aug 4	<i>Departmental Postgraduate Conference (Ds & MAs to present work in progress; open to all)</i>	
Aug 3	Presentation	Leana Olivier (FARR) on the work of the Foundation for Alcohol Related Research (FARR) in the Karoo
July 27	Presentation	David Davidson (SU) & students, on engineering, radio astronomy & the SKA
July 20	Presentation	Hedley Twidle (UCT), on 'The Pitfalls of Geological Consciousness: The Politics of Deep Time in South Africa.'
July 17	<i>Classes start; Hons research proposals due</i>	
JUNE 23 – JULY 16 RECESS		
SEMESTER ONE		
June 21	Team workshop	Semester review; followed by social
June 15	Presentation	Johann Kirsten (SU) on agriculture and land reform in the N Cape
June 8	Presentation	Timm Hoffman (UCT), with Francois van der Merwe (LHSK Trust), on conservation challenges & the work of the Leslie Hill Succulent Karoo Trust
June 1	Presentation	Bram Buscher (WU) on his current research programme
May 25	Team workshop	Writing workshop
May 18	Report-backs	Reflections on fieldwork
May 11	Reading group	Articles on sustainable development and assemblage theory
May 4	Planning meeting	Review of programme for 2 nd quarter
May 3, 4	<i>MA proposals</i>	<i>Presentation of draft proposals to the Department</i>
April 20	<i>Honours projects</i>	<i>Presentation of research ideas to the Department</i>
April 6	Presentation	Anton Binneman (SKA), on the SKA and community engagement
March 30	Reading group	Articles on political ecology and the capitalocene
March 23	Presentation	Pam Christie (UCT) on the history of education in Carnarvon
March 16	Project proposals	Discussion of individual research questions (new projects)
Feb 23	Report-backs	Reflections on the inception field trip; semester planning
2016 Programme		
SEMESTER TWO		
Nov 31	Team workshop	Review of year, followed by social event
Nov 22	Team workshop	Writing workshop
Nov 17	Team workshop	Reflections on the Colloquium
Nov 7/8		Karoo Futures? Trajectories of Change
Oct 27	Report-backs	Reports from conferences and the field
Oct 20	Report-backs	Reports from conferences and the field
Oct 13	Presentation	Sharmila Goedhart (SKA), on astronomy and the SKA
Sept 29	Presentation	Bram Buscher (Wageningen), on crisis conservation
Sept 28	Presentation	Stasja Koot (Wageningen), on Khoisan identity
Sept 15	Presentation	Clement Cupido (ARC), on smallholder pastoralism
Sept 1	Presentation	John Parkington (UCT), on Khoisan cosmologies
Aug 25	Presentation	David Fig (Wits and UCT), on fracking
Aug 18	Presentation	Oonsie Biggs (SU) on social-ecological systems and resilience
Aug 11	Presentation	Ben Cousins (PLAAS, UWC), on land & agrarian reform
Aug 4	Presentation	Lesley Green (UCT), on contested ecologies
July 28	Honours elective	Readings on theoretical perspectives
July 21	Honours elective	Readings on the history of land in South Africa
SEMESTER ONE		
June 9	Team workshop	Review of activities in the first semester, followed by social event
June 2	Report-backs	Reflections on field trips
May 26	Presentation	Nigel Penn (UCT) on the history of the Nieuweveld
May 19	Presentation	Michael Gastrow (HSRC) on SKA, science communication & media
May 12	Presentation	Sara Berry (Johns Hopkins) on research practice
May 6	Reading group	Articles by Latour, Thomas Cousins (SU) to provide lead-in.
April 20	Presentation	Doreen Atkinson (UoFS), on Karoo development issues.
April 14	Presentation	Nicoli Natrass (UCT) and Beatrice Conradie (UCT): 'Predator control & contested ecologies in the Karoo'
April 7	Presentation	Steven Robins (SU) on the history of the Williston Basters
March 31	Project proposals	Discussion of individual research problems/questions

March 17	Reading Group	Articles on political ecology
March 10	Presentation	Marja Spierenburg (VU) & Shirley Brooks (UWC): 'Game farming, conservation and land rights in South/southern Africa'
March 3	Presentation	Dan Yon (York University, Toronto): 'The Island, the Ocean and the Desert: Memory and the St Helena presence in the Northern Cape'
Feb 25	Reading Group	Articles on critical cosmopolitanism
Feb 18	Presentation	Lorenzo Raynard (SKA), on the SKA