

## 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.

<b>2020 PROGRAMME</b>		
<i>April 9</i>	<i>No Forum</i>	<i>[Easter long weekend 10-13]</i>
<i>April 6</i>	<i>Inception Event</i>	<i>Field trip to Planetarium &amp; Iziko Museum, Cape Town</i>
<i>April 2</i>	<i>Writing workshop tbc</i>	<i>Academic writing, formatting requirements; self-editing; professional communication</i>
<i>April 2</i>	<i>Department</i>	<i>Honours students: presentation of project ideas</i>
<i>March 31</i>	<i>FASS graduation</i>	
<i>March 29</i>	<i>University</i>	<i>Final date for registrations</i>
<i>March 25-9</i>	<i>Conference</i>	<i>US Environmental History conference, Ottawa, CW</i>
<b>RECESS: 21 – 29 March</b>		
<i>March 19</i>	<i>Forum discussion</i>	<i>Follow-up discussion of Shunted</i>
<i>March 19</i>	<i>Joint Dept seminar</i>	<i>Screening of Eric Miller &amp; Laurine Platzky's Shunted (documentary) (13:00 – 14:30)</i>
<i>March 12</i>	<i>Discussion</i>	<i>On CW's draft 5-year review report</i>
<i>March 5</i>	<i>Discussion</i>	<i>On the Climate Justice Charter</i>
<i>Feb 27</i>	<i>Reading group</i>	<i>On sustainable development (Holden et al) &amp; a 'just transition'</i>
<i>Feb 20</i>	<i>Presentation</i>	<i>Bool Smuts &amp; David Daitz (Landmark Foundation) on shepherding without borders project</i>
<i>Feb 13</i>	<i>Presentation</i>	<i>Thelma Oppelt (HSRC), on Carnarvon, heritage, tourism and the SKA</i>
<i>Feb 6</i>	<i>Research team</i>	<i>Welcome, report-backs, planning</i>
<i>Feb 4</i>	<i>Department</i>	<i>Postgraduate welcome</i>
<b>2019 PROGRAMME</b>		
<b>SEMESTER TWO</b>		
<i>Dec 12</i>	<i>HONS DEADLINE</i>	<i>FINAL DATE FOR RESEARCH PROJECT REPORTS</i>
<i>Nov 29</i>	<i>Review &amp; social</i>	<i>Review workshop and evening social</i>
<i>Nov 21 tbc</i>	<i>Tbc JSAS issue launch</i>	<i>Tbc dialogue with Office of Astronomy for Development</i>
<i>Nov 14-15</i>	<i>Postgrad conference</i>	<i>Karoo Futures: with T Hoffman &amp; students (UCT)</i>
<i>Nov 7</i>	<i>Research group tbc</i>	<i>Preliminary report on Loeriesfontein survey</i>
<i>Nov 1</i>	<i>M DEADLINE</i>	<i>M THESES FOR MARCH GRAD</i>
<i>Oct 31</i>	<i>Research Group tbc</i>	<i>Hons presentations</i>
<i>Oct 25</i>	<i>Launch</i>	<i>JSAS Astronomy &amp; development special issue launch, Cambridge</i>
<i>Oct 24</i>	<i>Tbc</i>	
<i>Oct 17</i>	<i>Tbc</i>	
<i>Oct 16-18</i>	<i>Conference</i>	<i>PLAAS farm worker conference</i>
<i>Oct 10</i>	<i>Presentation</i>	<i>Adrian Nel (UKZN) on the Political ecological enquiry into the uMfolozi Biodiversity economy node</i>
<i>Oct 9</i>	<i>D DEADLINE</i>	<i>D DISS FOR MARCH GRAD</i>
<i>Oct 8 -10</i>	<i>Conference</i>	<i>AZEF, Kimberley</i>
<i>Oct 3</i>	<i>Presentation</i>	<i>Sonwabile Mnwana (Fort Hare) on 'Custom', 'property' and distributive claims on South Africa's rural mining frontier</i>
<i>Sept 26-28</i>	<i>Conference</i>	<i>ASnA, NMU</i>
<i>Sept 26</i>	<i>Presentation</i>	<i>Fieldwork report backs</i>

Sept 19		Tawanda Chingozha (OAD) on Sustainable Local Socio-Economic Development Through Astronomy
<b>SEPT 7-15 RECESS</b>		
Sept 5	Presentation	Rob Morrell (UCT), on Southern Theory
Sept 2	<i>M DEADLINE</i>	<i>M THESES FOR DEC GRADUATION</i>
Aug 29	Presentation	Timm Hoffman (UCT), on land degradation in Riemvasmaak
Aug 22	Dept seminar, 1 -2:30	Vish Satgar (with Indexing Transformation), also CST symposium
Aug 15	Presentation	Wendy Annecke (former SANParks) on social science research and SANParks
Aug 8	Screening	<i>You have struck a Rock</i> (in honour of Women's Day)
Aug 2	<i>Department</i>	<i>Dept Postgraduate Conference</i>
Aug 1	Research Group	Report-backs, planning
July 30	<i>D DEADLINE</i>	<i>D DISS FOR DEC GRADUATION</i>
July 29 – Aug 1	<i>Survey, Loeriesfontein</i>	<i>Fieldwork</i>
July 22 - 26	<i>Survey, Loeriesfontein</i>	<i>Training of enumerators</i>
<b>21 JUNE – 22 JULY RECESS</b>		
<b>SEMESTER ONE</b>		
July 15- 17	<i>SASA Conference</i>	<i>Conference, UNISA (Pretoria)</i>
June 20	Research Group	Presentations of SASA conference papers
June 13	Research Group	Working session on coding transcripts.
June 11-14	<i>ECAS, Edinburgh</i>	<i>[CW, MiM]</i>
June 6	Research Group	Debrief on field work
May 30	Presentation	Emile Smidt, on conservation labour and the cost of militarised responses to rhino poaching
May 23	Presentation	Andries du Toit (PLAAS), on agrarian change and biopolitics in post-apartheid South Africa
May 9	<i>Department</i>	<i>MA proposal presentations</i>
May 16	Writing Workshop	On thematic analysis
May 7	<i>Department</i>	<i>MA proposal presentations</i>
May 2	Presentation	Hein Gerwel (SU), on cannabis and pro-poor agricultural growth in Eastern Cape Province
April 25	<i>Department</i>	<i>Honours proposal presentations</i>
April 18	<i>No Forum</i>	<i>[Easter long weekend 19-22]</i>
April 11	<i>Women's Land Summit</i>	
April 11	Reading Group	On environmental justice (led by Michela Marcatelli)
April 4	Presentation	Desta Mebratu (SU, STIAS), on Transformative Infrastructure for Wellbeing Economy in Africa
March 29	<i>University</i>	<i>Final date for registrations</i>
March 28	Field trip	!Khwa ttu <i>San Culture and Education Centre</i> & West Coast Fossil Park
<b>21 – 31 MARCH RECESS</b>		
March 14	Writing workshop	Research team
March 7	Presentation	Steven Robins, on 'Day zero' and the politics of water in Cape Town
March 5	<i>Woordfees</i>	<i>Cherryl Walker, panel discussion on Women, land, nature</i>
Feb 28	Reading group	On social reproduction
Feb 21	Presentation	Bram Buscher (WU) on Saving nature in the era of post-truth politics & platform capitalism
Feb 14	Presentation	Michela Marcatelli (SU) on the land-water nexus
Feb 7	Research team	Welcome, report-backs, planning
Feb 4-5	<i>PLAAS workshop</i>	<i>"Resolving the land question"</i>
Feb 5	<i>Department</i>	<i>Postgraduate welcome</i>
<b>2018 PROGRAMME</b>		
<b>SEMESTER TWO</b>		
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
Nov 19-21	<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	Workshop	Workshop with municipality stakeholders on Sutherland survey
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
Nov 1		Last day for submitting Ms for March graduation
Oct 25	Report-backs	On AZEF, the Karoo Special Issue, and current fieldwork
Oct 18	Presentation	Presentations by Honours students on work in progress
Oct 16-18	AZEF	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
Oct 10		Last day for submitting PhDs for March graduation
Oct 4	No forum	
Sept 28	SKA workshop	
Sept 27	Report back	General report-back on conferences, field work and papers
Sept 20	Presentation	Nigel Amschwand on his book, 1847.
<b>SEPT 3 - 14 RECESS</b>		
Sept 6	Presentation	Led by Monene Mogashoa, on her research on the meanings of land [DC and CW at the IAS Conference]
Sept 3		Last day for submitting M theses for Dec graduation
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 &amp; Society</i> 2016)
Aug 9	HOLIDAY	
Aug 3		Dept Postgraduate Conference
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), Cherryl Walker and Davide Chinigò
July 26	Research team	Catch-up and semester review (3-4 p.m.)
<b>22 JUNE – 23 JULY RECESS</b>		
<b>SEMESTER ONE</b>		
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	<b>Emma Archer</b> (CSIR) on climate change and the Karoo
May 31	Writing workshop	Student writing workshop
May 24	Presentation	<b>Marianne Grzondziel</b> (Freiburg) on farm worker issues in the Central Karoo
May 17	Presentation	<b>Olaf Zenker</b> (Bern) on land restitution
May 10	Department	Departmental MA proposal presentations (also on 9 <sup>th</sup> )
May 8	PLAAS Seminar	<b>Cherryl Walker</b> on current research, PLAAS, UWC
May 7	UCT Seminar	<b>Davide Chinigò</b> on current research, UCT Sociology Department
May 3	Presentation	<b>Simon Hall</b> (UCT) on living heritage in the Karoo
April 26	Presentation	<b>Ilse Eigelaar-Meets</b> on migration in Northern Cape Province
April 19	Presentation	Led by <b>Monene Mogashoa</b> (PhD student) on land, memory and identity
April 12	Reading group	Led by <b>Renelle Terblanche</b> (PhD student) on social capital
March 22	Presentations and report back	Presentation of draft papers by <b>Cherryl Walker</b> and <b>Davide Chinigò</b> on the astronomy and land-use change in the Karoo, and report-back from fieldwork
March 15	Reading Group	Led by <b>Tumi Malope</b> (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 <b>Charmaine Manyani</b> (PhD student) on game farming and land use changes
March 7-8	Conference	History of Astronomy Conference

March 1	Presentation	<b>Jose de Prada-Samper</b> (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 <b>Davide Chinigò</b> (post-doc) on issues of scale
<b>2017 PROGRAMME</b>		
<b>SEMESTER TWO</b>		
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	<b>Sharron Marco-Thyse</b> (CRLS), on farm workers in the Central Karoo and the work of the Centre For Rural Legal Studies
Oct 5	Presentation	<b>Khumisho Moguerane</b> (UJ), on Northern Cape history
Sept 28	Presentation	<b>Wendy Annecke</b> (SANParks), on social-ecological research and protected areas
Sept 27	Public lecture	<b>Bernie Fanaroff</b> (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
<b>SEPT 2 – 10 RECESS</b>		
Aug 31	Writing workshop	Research team workshop: On writing a conceptual framework
Aug 24	Reading group	Research team reading group
Aug 17	Presentation	<b>James Chibueze</b> (SKA), on the SKA & AVN and astronomy for development
Aug 10	Presentation	<b>Caroline Poole</b> (research team): Vanwyksvlei survey findings; <b>Cherryl Walker, Davide Chinigò</b> : paper presented to MEARIM
Aug 4	<i>Departmental Postgraduate Conference (Ds &amp; MAs to present work in progress; open to all)</i>	
Aug 3	Presentation	<b>Leana Olivier</b> (FARR) on the work of the Foundation for Alcohol Related Research (FARR) in the Karoo
July 27	Presentation	<b>David Davidson</b> (SU) & students, on engineering, radio astronomy & the SKA
July 20	Presentation	<b>Hedley Twidle</b> (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>	
<b>JUNE 23 – JULY 16 RECESS</b>		
<b>SEMESTER ONE</b>		
June 21	Team workshop	Semester review; followed by social
June 15	Presentation	<b>Johann Kirsten</b> (SU) on agriculture and land reform in the N Cape
June 8	Presentation	<b>Timm Hoffman</b> (UCT), with <b>Francois van der Merwe</b> (LHSK Trust), on conservation challenges & the work of the Leslie Hill Succulent Karoo Trust
June 1	Presentation	<b>Bram Buscher</b> (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 <sup>nd</sup> 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	<b>Anton Binneman</b> (SKA), on the SKA and community engagement
March 30	Reading group	Articles on political ecology and the capitalocene
March 23	Presentation	<b>Pam Christie</b> (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
<b>2016 Programme</b>		
<b>SEMESTER TWO</b>		
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		<b>Karoo Futures? Trajectories of Change</b>
Oct 27	Report-backs	Reports from conferences and the field
Oct 20	Report-backs	Reports from conferences and the field
Oct 13	Presentation	<b>Sharmila Goedhart</b> (SKA), on astronomy and the SKA
Sept 29	Presentation	<b>Bram Buscher</b> (Wageningen), on crisis conservation
Sept 28	Presentation	<b>Stasja Koot</b> (Wageningen), on Khoisan identity
Sept 15	Presentation	<b>Clement Cupido</b> (ARC), on smallholder pastoralism
Sept 1	Presentation	<b>John Parkington</b> (UCT), on Khoisan cosmologies
Aug 25	Presentation	<b>David Fig</b> (Wits and UCT), on fracking
Aug 18	Presentation	<b>Oonsie Biggs</b> (SU) on social-ecological systems and resilience
Aug 11	Presentation	<b>Ben Cousins</b> (PLAAS, UWC), on land & agrarian reform
Aug 4	Presentation	<b>Lesley Green</b> (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
<b>SEMESTER ONE</b>		
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	<b>Nigel Penn</b> (UCT) on the history of the Nieuweveld
May 19	Presentation	<b>Michael Gastrow</b> (HSRC) on SKA, science communication & media
May 12	Presentation	<b>Sara Berry</b> (Johns Hopkins) on research practice
May 6	Reading group	Articles by Latour, <b>Thomas Cousins</b> (SU) to provide lead-in.
April 20	Presentation	<b>Doreen Atkinson</b> (UoFS), on Karoo development issues.
April 14	Presentation	<b>Nicoli Natrass</b> (UCT) and <b>Beatrice Conradie</b> (UCT): 'Predator control & contested ecologies in the Karoo'
April 7	Presentation	<b>Steven Robins</b> (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	<b>Marja Spierenburg</b> (VU) & <b>Shirley Brooks</b> (UWC): 'Game farming, conservation and land rights in South/southern Africa'
March 3	Presentation	<b>Dan Yon</b> (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	<b>Lorenzo Raynard</b> (SKA), on the SKA