



INTERVENTIONS IN CRITICAL KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTION IN SOUTH AFRICA

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## 2021 SEMINAR SERIES

### Michela Marcatelli

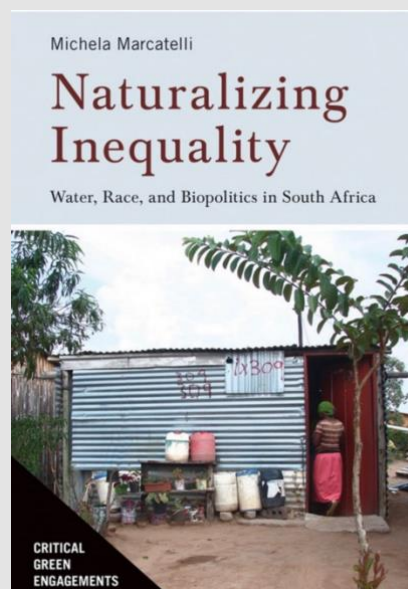
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Book Launch

***Naturalizing Inequality: Water, Race and Biopolitics in South Africa***

**Chair: Cheryl Walker**

**Discussants: Steven Robins, Bram Büscher**



#### Abstract:

More than twenty-five years after the end of apartheid, water access remains a striking reminder of racial inequality in South Africa. [This book](#) compellingly argues that in the post-apartheid period inequality has not only been continuously reproduced but also legitimized.

Michela Marcatelli unravels this inequality paradox through an ethnography of water in a rural region of the country. The Waterberg Plateau is a space where agriculture, conservation, and extraction coexist and intersect. Marcatelli examines the connections between neoliberalism, race, and the environment by showing that property relations around water and land are still recognized and protected by the post-apartheid state to sustain green growth.



**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November, 13:00- 14:30 (SAST)**