

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.

2024 PROGRAMME	
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11 July	William Beinart presenting on “environmental entrepreneurship and its socio-economic implications in the Karoo.”
15 July	JB Gewald presenting “Boom & Bust: The Energy, Water and Food Nexus in Namaqualand.”
18 July	Odette Geldenhuys presenting on “law and socio-environmental struggles in the South African countryside.”
25 July	Katrina Lehmann-Grube on “examining the social implications of land-use transformations within South Africa’s Renewable Energy Independent Power Producers Procurement Programme (REIPPPP).” Rob Smith on his PhD project on Green Hydrogen and the financialization of the Just Energy Transition Partnership (JETP)
1 August	Wilmien Wicomb presenting on “law and community governance systems in relation to community rights to land, fishing and extractives.”
8 August	Doreen Atkinson & Gijsbert Hoogendoorn presenting “Tourism as a post-productivist economic growth machine: Insights from the Great Karoo region.”
15 August	Britta Rennkamp presenting “Justice in Transition: Power, coalition and institutional change in South Africa’s energy, innovation and climate policy.”
22 August	Emma Archer (topic to be confirmed).

29 August	Thomas Cousins on his 2023 book <i>The Work of Repair: Capacity after Colonialism in the Timber Plantations of South Africa</i> .
5 September	Sonwabile Mwana and Andrew Bowman presenting “Live like it’s one farm”: wool, commercialisation, and differentiation in South Africa’s communal rangelands.”
12 September	Irus Braverman on her 2023 book <i>Settling Nature: The Conservation Regime in Palestine-Israel</i> .