

Mobile Africa: Stanford Forum
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Friday, 26 October

3:00 – 4:00pm Keynote
Prof. Francis Nyamnjoh, Department of Anthropology, University of
Cape Town: “Friction and Reality of Mobility in Africa”

4:00 - 4:15pm Coffee

4:15 - 5:45pm Concurrent Panels: African Elites & Mobility and State Formation

Panel 1: African Elites

Discussant: Mazibuko Jara

Coordinator: John Moran

Dominique Connan, European University Institute, Florence, HEC Department
Université Paris 1-Panthéon Sorbonne, Dept. of Political Science

“The Decolonization of Kenyan Clubs and the Cultural Making of an African Elite:
Importing Narrations of Respectability in Contemporary Africa”

Lisa Pogialli, Stanford University, Anthropology

“Innovation Meets Replication: the Making of Nairobi’s ‘Techie’ Elite”

Jasmine Swynigen, University of Chicago, International Relations

“Investments vs. Insulin: The Struggle between Women’s Poverty Reduction and
Diabetes in sub-Saharan Africa”

Dr. Farai Magunha, Former Research Fellow, School of Geography, University of
Leeds

“Understanding Remittances as a Form of Social Protection: An Analysis of
Kinships and Transnationalism amongst the Zimbabwean Diaspora”

Panel 2: Mobility and State Formation

Discussant: Dr. Michael Eze

Coordinator: Alex Niell

David Skinner, Santa Clara University, History

“States, Markets and Islam in the Gambia River Basin and in the Northern Rivers
of the Upper Guinea Coast”

Jess Auerbach, Stanford University, Anthropology

“Consuming Angola: the Emerging Middle Class and Inter-Lusophone
Transnationalism in the Country of the Future”

Samuel Daly, Columbia University, History
“Igbo Labor Migration to Fernando Po, 1940-1966”

Amanda Robinson, Stanford University, Political Science
“Nationalism and Inter-Ethnic Trust: Evidence from an African Border Region”

6:00pm Dinner and Live Music

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Saturday, 27 October

7:45 – 8:15am Breakfast

8:15 - 9:45am Concurrent Panels: Media and Mobility & Lifestyle and Mobility

Panel 3: Media and Mobility

Discussant: Prof. Liisa Malkki

Coordinator: Melina Platas

Kathryn Takabvirwa, Stanford University, Anthropology

“Buying More Than Time: Policing and Bribe Money in South Africa and Zimbabwe”

Bruce Lusignan, Stanford University, Emeritus

“The Effect of Local Communications and Education in Guiding the Expansion of African Agriculture”

Jennifer Blaylock, UC Berkeley, Film and Media

“Arriving at Democracy: Mobile Cinema and the Remote”

Lindsay Bayham, UC Berkeley, Sociology

Title: Forthcoming

Panel 4: Lifestyle and Mobility

Discussant: Prof. Joel Samoff

Coordinator: Kathryn Takabvirwa

Gavin Macarthur, formerly Manchester University, Social Anthropology

“Imagination, Performance and Social Mobility in Zanzibar”

Lorien Hunter, University of Southern California, Critical Studies

“The Other Side of Diaspora”

Tali Cassidy, University of Cape Town, Public Health

“Mobile Phones: Building Half a Bridge?”

Rachel Bonds, Stanford University, African Studies
"Outward Migration and Diaspora Populations: Transforming the Brain Drain into a Brain Gain"

9:45 – 10:00am Coffee

10:00 – 11:00am Faculty Round Table

Faculty Round Table Participants

Prof. Boubacar Boris Diop: Université Gaston Berger
Prof. James Ferguson: Stanford University
Prof. Francis Nyamnjoh: University of Cape Town
Prof. Charles Piot: Duke University

Moderators: Jess Auerbach and Melina Platas

11:15 – 12:45pm Concurrent Panels: Minerals and Magic & South-South Engagement

Panel 5: Minerals and Magic

Discussant: Prof. Sean Hanretta
Coordinator: Vivian Lu

Johannes Knierzinger, University of Leipzig, African Studies
"African Mining for European Industries: The Case of Bauxite in Guinea"

Mark Gardiner, Stanford University, Anthropology
"From Safari to the Hilton: Nation Building and Nuclear Regulation in Africa"

Damien Droney, Stanford, Anthropology
"Miracle Tree: The Transnational Career of Moringa Oleifera"

Bruno Reinhardt, UC Berkeley, Anthropology
"Mobile Ecclesiologies: The Man of God and the Anointing in a Ghanaian Bible School"

Panel 6: South-South Engagement

Discussant: Prof. Richard Roberts
Coordinator: Nisrin Elamin

Vivian Lu, Stanford University, Anthropology
"African Merchant Mobilities along Importation Networks of the Global South: Lagos-Dubai-Guangzhou Connections"

Leticia Cesarino, UC Berkeley, Anthropology
"People, Technologies, and Knowledge across the Southern Atlantic: Brazil-Africa Cooperation"

John Moran, Stanford University, Anthropology

“They Come Here to Support Botswana Somehow’: (De)Theorizing Chinese-Batswana Interactions in Gaborone”

Cheryl Mei-ting Schmitz, UC Berkeley, Anthropology

“Criminalization of an Encounter: Chinese Entrepreneurs Meet the Angolan State”

1:00 – 2:00pm Lunch & Second Keynote: Prof. Boubacar Boris Diop, Departments of Literature & Philosophy, Université Gaston Berger • Senegalese novelist
“Arab Spring: a View from Sub-Saharan Africa”

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