

HUMA Seminar and Book Lunch Series, 2012

After a very engaging set of interdisciplinary seminar series and book lunches inaugurated last year, HUMA will be continuing these, both informed by our two central research themes, **On Being Human** and **Circuits of Consumption**. Our hope is to generate a cumulative and inclusive conversation around these two loosely and expansively formulated themes.

The themes include a wide range of topics under their rubric: theoretical, ethical and substantive (see our website for more information). We have invited and welcomed seminar presentations and books that traverse the themes in diverse and novel ways, and with varying degrees of specificity or generality.

All seminar presentations are based on original research and/or analysis – be it theoretical or empirical. The range of presenters will offer work in progress, as well as more polished works.

We have settled on Thursday lunchtime (from 13h00 to 14h30) as our regular seminar slot.

As for the Book Lunches, these will continue with much steam this year. As a humanities institute, our hope is to create a space to engage seriously and enthusiastically with new/recent books produced by colleagues at UCT and beyond. We also see this as an opportunity for intellectual community across departmental boundaries, and with colleagues whose work is unfamiliar. The book lunch gives an opportunity for authors to have their books rigorously discussed with constructive commentary.

The Book Lunch series will take place monthly on Mondays (from 13h00 to 14h30).

All Seminars and Book Lunches are open to all staff, students and interested others. We hope you'll join us as often as you can, whether or not the seminar or book in question falls directly within your field.

Lunch is served from 12h30 onwards.

We look forward to seeing you at the HUMA Seminars and Book Lunches hosted in the **HUMA Seminar Room, 4th floor, Oppenheimer Institute Building, Upper Campus.**

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HUMA Seminar Series Programme (first semester)

First quarter: Thursdays, 13h00 – 14h30

- 16 February: “Coproducing race: genealogy and the genomic archive in South Africa”
Katharina Schramm
(Social Anthropology, MLU, Halle-Wittenberg)
- 23 February: “The culture of boxing in Accra, West Africa based on the 1950’s newspapers Drum and Sunday Mirror”
Jan Dunzendorfer
(Institute of Asian and African Studies, Humboldt University Berlin)
- 1 March: “The Afterlives of 2Pac: Alienation and the Popular Hero in Post-Cold War Africa”
Jeremy Prestholdt *(History, University of California, San Diego)*
- 8 March: “What is human about human rights?: Gender and the right to be human”
Sandra Fredman *(Law, Oxford)*
- 15 March: “Alternative trading as fetish: the fantasy of unalienated exchange at Milnerton Market, Cape Town”
Kathryn Watt and Bernard Dubbeld
(Sociology & Social Anthropology, Stellenbosch)
- 22 March: “Max Weber and the Pentecostals: Tracing the Historical Intersections between the Study of Pentecostalism and Weberian Sociology”
Trad Godsey *(Religious Studies, UJ)*
- 29 March: “Ethnography and the Study of Popular Culture: A perspective from the southern tip of Africa”
Heike Becker *(Anthropology, UWC)*

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Second quarter: Thursdays, 13h00-14h30

- 19 April: “Public sector anti-corruption and the ‘independent’ agency option for South Africa”
Vinothan Naidoo (*Political Studies, UCT*)
- 26 April: “Visuality and the making of humanity” (provisional)
Rael Sally (*Fine Arts, UCT*)
- 3 May: “Transnational commercial surrogacy in India”
Amrita Pande (*Sociology, UCT*)
- 10 May: “‘Development is...people who speak English’
Combining postcolonial and multimethods for youth empowerment: experiences, challenges, and possibilities.”
Shose Kessi (*Psychology, UCT*)
- 17 May: “Spheres of Intimacy: Personal Relationships and Life in Three Generation Coloured Families”
Elena Moore (*Sociology, UCT*)
- 24 May: “Slow Violence and the Environmentalism of the Poor”
Rob Nixon (*Literature, University of Wisconsin*)
- 31 May: “Revolutions and its other in the North Africa and the greater region: a view from the South” (provisional)
Shamil Jeppie (*HUMA, UCT*)

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HUMA Book Lunch Programme, First Semester

Mondays (monthly), 13h00 – 14h30

- 20 Feb: “The Humanist Imperative in South Africa”
John de Gruchy, UCT (*SUN Press, 2011*)
in conversation with John Higgins and Jaco Barnard
- 26 March: “The University in Development. Case studies of use-oriented research”
David Cooper, UCT (*HSRC Press, 2012*)
in conversation with Glenda Kruss and Ben Cousins
- 16 April: “Eish, but is it English? Celebrating the South African Variety”
Rajand Mesthrie, UCT and **Jeanne Hromnik**
(*Random House Struik, 2011*)
Discussants - TBA
- 7 May: “AIDS, Intimacy and Care in Rural Kwazulu-Natal:
A Kinship of Bones”
Patricia Henderson, UCT (*University of Amsterdam Press, 2012*)
in conversation with Fiona Ross and Helen Schneider
- 21 May: “The Second Sexism: Discrimination against men and boys”
David Benatar, UCT (*Blackwell, 2012*)
in conversation with the audience

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