Workshop: The Micropolitics of Mining Capitalism
A WORKinMINING Event
University of Liège, Belgium
11-13 September 2019

Workshop Program

Wednesday, 11 September 2019


(Meet a WORKinMINING team member in lobby of Ibis Hotel at 12:40 be guided to the venue)

13:00 – 13:10 Welcome and Introduction: Kristien Geenen & Emma Lochery

13:10 – 15:00 Presentation of WORKinMINING book project: Benjamin Rubbers, Emma Lochery, Kristien Geenen, Thomas McNamara, Francesca Pugliese, and James Musonda.

15:00 – 15:20 coffee break

Panel 1 Labour and Mechanisation: Workplans, models and realities

Chair: James Musonda

15:20 – 16:00 Sizwe Phakathi, “The mineworkers’ tactic of making a plan: Advancing or undermining mining capitalism?”

16:00 – 16:40 Paul Stewart & Nancy Coulson, “System dysfunctions: The duplication and rupture of the safety system on South African mines and the constraints to worker self-regulation regarding the right to refuse dangerous work”

16:40 – 16:50 short break

16:50– 17:30 Andrew Bowman & Sonwabile Mnwana, “Escape to the enclaves? The social and political consequences of mechanisation in South Africa’s mining industry”

17:30 – 18:00 discussion

19:30 dinner at Come en Casa (https://www.comoencasa.be/)
Rue Hors-Château 76, 4000 Liège
Thursday, 12 September 2019

Venue:  
**Salle des Professeurs**, in the building "A1 - Bâtiment central - 20-Août
(Meet a WORKinMINING team member at 8:40 in lobby of Ibis Hotel to be guided to venue)

09:00 – 09:10  Welcome and overview of the day

**Panel 2: Local Political Orders: Community relations and environmentalism**

Chair: John Lungu


09:50 – 10:30  Amber Huff & Yvonne Orengo, “The micro-politics of ‘green’ extraction in southern Madagascar”

10:30 – 10:50  coffee break

10:50 – 11:30  Kieran Gilfoy, “Toxic endurance and social becoming: environmentalism in the shadows of Andean extraction”

11:30 – 12:10  discussion

12:10 – 13:20  lunch

**Panel 3  Place-Making amidst Mining Capitalism**

Chair: Kristien Geenen

13:20 – 14:00  Alla Bolotova, “Living with mining: sense of place in extractive communities in the Russian Arctic”

14:00 – 14:40  Rita Kesselring, “Bricks, Caretakers and Cooperation: house- and home-making in Solwezi town, Northwestern Zambia”

14:40 – 15:00  coffee break

15:00 – 15:40  Filipe Calvao, “Ritual capital: Geological labor in diamond mining”

15:40 – 16:15  discussion

19:00  dinner at Labo 4  
Quai Edouard Van Beneden 22, 4020 Liège, Belgium
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**Panel 4  The Politics of Mining: The local, the national, and the state**

Chair: Owen Sichone

09:10 – 09:50  Asebe Regassa Debelo, “The political economy of gold mining in Ethiopia: exclusion, discrimination of local resistance against MIDROC Laga-Dambi gold mine, Southern Ethiopia”

09:50 – 10:30  Tomas Frederikson, “Extractive subjectivities: power, dispossession and corporate social responsibility at the extractive frontier”

10:30 – 10:50  coffee break

10:50 – 11:30  Alexander Caramento, “Navigating mine supply and service provision in neoliberal Zambia: tracing processes of indigenous capital formation among former ZCCM employees”

11:30 – 12:10  discussion

12:10 – 13:10  lunch

**Panel 5  Who Gets to Dig? Capitalist imaginaries, frontiers, and alliances**

Chair: Emma Lochery


13:50 – 14:30  Paul Gilbert, “Assembling new frontiers for mining capitalism: resource nationalism, energy futures & the BRICS in Bangladesh”

14:30 – 14:50  coffee break

14:50 – 15:30  Jana Hönke & Eric Cezne, “The micropolitics of South-South relations: negotiating ‘cooperation’ and making space around Vale S.A. in Mozambique”

15:30 – 16:00  question & answer session for panel 5

16:00 – 17:00  concluding roundtable discussion led by John Lungu and Owen Sichone