Day 1: Wednesday 6 June 2018
Seminar Room, Humanities Graduate Centre, SW Engineering, East Campus

08h30-08h40  Opening
Prof Nnamdi Elleh (Head of the School of Architecture and Planning, Wits)

08h40-09h00  Introduction: Locating the debate between state and city studies
Prof Claire Bénit-Gbaffou (PSUG, CUBES, Wits)

Theme 1:
State society encounters in the city – what do we learn about the state and its practices in the city, through these encounters?

09h00-10h45  Theme 1, Session 1 – The challenge of effecting policy change: from outside, inside and in-between

  –  Mamokete Matjomane (GCRO & PSUG, CUBES, Wits)
    Losing battles and winning the war? Street traders’ influence on policy making in India
  –  Dr Monika Dowbor (CEBRAP, University of Sao Paulo)
    Professionals, activists and urban policy change in Sao Paulo, Brazil
  –  Prof Xolela Mangcu (Department of Sociology, UCT)

Discussant: Prof Noor Nieftagodien (South African Research Chair in Local Histories and Present Realities, Wits)
Chair: Nqobile Malaza (PSUG, CUBES, Wits)
10h45-11h15  Tea break

11h15- 12h30  Theme 1, Session 2 - The politics of intermediation: Mediators, the poor and policy change

- Boitumelo Matlala (PSUG, CUBES, Wits)
  The politics of NGO mediation in urban governance, straddling representation and strategic interventions
- Prof Monique Marks and Dr Kira Erwin (Urban Futures Centre, DUT)
  Political capital and moral conservatism in state-society partnership encounters in the city of Durban

  Discussant: Prof Sophie Oldfield (ACC, UCT)
  Chair: Jeanne Bouyat (PSUG, CUBES, Wits & CERI, Sciences Po)

12h30- 13h30  Light lunch

13h30-15h15  Theme 1, Session 3 - Twilight institutions: expanding or undermining the state in urban governance

- Rodolphe Demeestère (University Sorbonne Paris I & PSUG, CUBES, Wits)
  Regulating the township economy: Socio-political genesis of the spaza shop sector’s bureaucratization in contemporary South African townships
- Prof Laurent Fourchard (CERI, Sciences Po)
  The “Union”, the state and the government of transport in Nigerian cities
- Ntombini Marrengane (ACC, UCT)
  The governance of urban land development: straddling municipal and traditional authorities in Mbabane, Swaziland

  Discussant: Dr Kira Erwin (Urban Futures Centre, DUT)
  Chair: Boitumelo Matlala (PSUG, CUBES, Wits)

15h15-15h30  Tea break

  Theme 2:
  State officials’ practices in the city - straddling agency and structure

15h30-17h30  Theme 2, Session 1: Unpacking officials’ practices in the city of the South

- Dr Richard Ballard (GCRO, Wits & UJ)
  Intentionality and social change: rethinking ‘direction setting’ by authority figures
- Dr Solomon Benjamin (IIHS Bangalore)
  Land bureaucracy as a political space: Some insights from Indian cities
– Ryan Brunette (PARI)
  Drawing the Line between Politics and Administration: Agency and Structure in the
  Shaping of the City Managerships of Two Metropolitan Municipalities
– Kate Tissington (PSUG, CUBES, Wits)
  The responses of City of Johannesburg officials to litigation around inner city
  housing: A view of the Blue Moonlight case ten years on

Discussant: Prof Monique Marks (Urban Futures Centre, DUT)
Chair: Darlington Mushongera (PSUG, CUBES & GCRO, Wits)

Cocktail Launch of Special Issue

You are invited to the cocktail launch of the Special Issue of The Journal of Development Studies on
Prof Claire Bénit-Gbaffou and Prof Sarah Charlton.

Date: Wednesday 6 June
Time: 18h30-19h30
Venue: Seminar Room, Humanities Graduate Centre, SW Engineering, East Campus

The coordinators and a number of contributors to the special issue will be present: Prof Claire Bénit-Gbaffou (PSUG, CUBES, Wits); Dr Sian Butcher (Department of Geography, Wits); Prof Sarah Charlton (CUBES, Wits); Dr Margot Rubin (SA&CP, Wits).

Discussants: Dr Solomon Benjamin (IIHS Bangalore) and Prof Karl von Holdt (SWOP, Wits)

Inside the Special Issue:

- Claire Bénit-Gbaffou - Beyond the Policy-Implementation Gap: How the City of Johannesburg Manufactured the Ungovernability of Street Trading
- Sarah Charlton - Confounded but Complacent: Accounting for How the State sees Responses to its Housing Intervention in Johannesburg
- Chloe Buire - Intimate Encounters with the State in Post-War Luanda, Angola.
- Margot Rubin - At the Borderlands of Informal Practices of the State: Negotiability, Porosity and Exceptionality
- Ananya Roy - The Potency of the State: Logics of Informality and Subalternity
Day 2: Thursday 7 June 2018
Seminar Room, Humanities Graduate Centre, SW Engineering, East Campus

09h00-11h00  Theme 2, Session 2: “Activists in City Hall”, a Southern view

- **Melinda Barnard** (CISA, Wits)
  Maverick in the making: Walking the tightrope between entrepreneurship and civil service. Introducing solar technology in Kochi airport, India
- **Prof Claire Bénit-Gbaou** (PSUG, CUBES, Wits)
  Working behind the scene: City officials, community engagement and urban change in post-apartheid Johannesburg
- **Prof Phil Harrison** (SA&CP, Wits)
  “Welcome to Alcatraz”: A reflection on three years in a City bureaucracy
- **Dr Margot Rubin** (SA&CP, Wits)
  Driving inclusionary development: Bureaucratic activism in the City of Johannesburg

_Discussant: Dr Monika Dowbor (CEBRAP, University of Sao Paulo)_

*Chair: Kate Tissington (PSUG, CUBES, Wits)*

11h00-11h15  Tea break

11h15-13h00  Theme 3: The politics of policy instruments for city making

11h15-13h00  Theme 3, Session 1: Policy instruments as embodiment of state rationalities

- **Jeanne Bouyat** (CERI, Sciences Po & PSUG, CUBES, Wits)
  Why are identification systems developed in South African schools? Multiple rationalities: between redressing the past, neoliberalism and institutional xenophobia. A view from Johannesburg low-income schools
- **Graeme Gotz** (GCRO, Wits & UJ)
  Managing bad buildings in inner city Johannesburg: government practice and the agency of systems
- **Nqobile Malaza** (PSUG, CUBES, Wits)
  The normalisation of empowerment in the City of Johannesburg: An exploration the instruments of procurement in the local state

_Discussant: Prof Laurent Fourchard (CERI, Sciences Po-Paris)_

*Chair: Rodolphe Demeestère (University Sorbonne Paris I & PSUG, CUBES, Wits)*

13h00-14h00  Light lunch
14h00-15h45  Theme 3, Session 2: Knowing and not knowing as modes of urban government

- Dr Thomas Aguilera (Sciences Po-Rennes, ARèNES)
  Discontinuous Metropolis. Exploring the governability of cities through the analysis of policy instruments towards informal housing in Europe
- Prof Sarah Charlton (CUBES, Wits)
  Seeing and unseeing: suburban poverty, privilege and politics on Johannesburg’s Corridors of Freedom. A story of housing inclusions, exclusions and omissions
- Prof Mary Galvin (Centre for Social Change, UJ)
  Deceptive lenses: the politics of misrepresentation of local realities in eThekwini’s water and sanitation services

Discussant: Prof Ivor Chipkin (PARI)
Chair: Mamokete Matjomane (PSUG, CUBES & GCRO, Wits)

15h45-16h00  Tea break

16h00-17h45  Theme 3, Session 3 - Data, knowledge and the work of confusion: impeding the capacity to govern?

- Saskia Greyling (ACC, UCT)
  Techno-political entanglements in housing delivery: Unravelling the form and function of the integrated housing database in Cape Town
- Darlington Mushongera (PSUG, CUBES & GCRO, Wits)
  ‘City intelligence?’ or ‘City ignorance?’ Water data and strategic planning of service delivery in the City of Johannesburg
- Dr Laila Smith (CLEAR-AA, Wits)
  Why is it so difficult to learn from practice to guide municipal strategic intervention? The place of evaluation in the City of Johannesburg

Discussant: Dr Thomas Aguilera (Sciences Po-Rennes, ARèNES)
Chair: Tlholohe Mokgere (PSUG, CUBES, Wits)

19h00  Dinner for speakers and discussants
Day 3: Friday 8 June 2018
Basement A4, John Moffat Building, East Campus

Roundtable discussion:
The politics of studying the local state

09h00-09h15 Introduction - Nqobile Malaza (PSUG, CUBES, Wits)

09h15-10h30 Roundtable 1: Embedded or engaged research? Confronting the messiness of researching the local state

– Graeme Gotz (GCRO, Wits & UJ)
– Dr Sogen Moodley (Urban Futures Centre, DUT)
– Dr Margot Rubin (SA&CP, Wits)
– Dr Melanie Samson (Department of Geography, Wits)

Facilitator: Boitumelo Matlala (PSUG, CUBES, Wits)

10h30-10h45 Tea break

10h45-12h00 Roundtable 2 – Building a research collective on the local state

– Prof Claire Bénit-Gbaffou (CUBES, Wits)
– Prof Ivor Chipkin (PARI)
– Prof Phil Harrison (SA&CP, Wits)
– Prof Solomon Benjamin (IIHS Bangalore)

Facilitator: Kate Tissington (PSUG, CUBES, Wits)

Closure and vote of thanks - Claire Bénit-Gbaffou

12h00-13h00 Light lunch


Registration for attendance: https://goo.gl/forms/YkvdipluGwxsGGk8Y2 (before 1 June 2018)