

URBANISING LANDSCAPES AND TRADITIONS OF CHANGE IN AFRICA AND BEYOND

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Aarhus IHOPE Hub Workshop

Extreme climate risks are recognised as the most severe threat to fast-growing cities across the globe, and especially in Africa. As most world governments commit to reduce carbon emission at COP24 (2018), the role of science and research appears polarised between the scepticism of fossil fuel-dependent economies and the zealous but discordant efforts of climate change mitigating actions. In fast-urbanising economies, this missing link between data science and policy planning often translates into development initiatives that are designed to deliver sustainable responses to climate change global trends but fail to account for the social, economic and ecological impacts of localised climate extremes and anomalies. In an attempt to foster an interdisciplinary discourse, the Aarhus Hub of IHOPE will host a workshop to consider social and environmental implications of fast urbanising phenomena and increasing climate change sensitivity in Africa and beyond. Participants will offer perspectives and case studies on:

- Urban services and systems for producing and sustaining water and food security in the face of demographic growth and climate change sensitivity;
- Urban spaces and strategies for developing and maintaining resilient-built environments and landscape infrastructures;
- Urban cultures and what 'city' and urban living mean in different socio-cultural contexts.

ALL WELCOME

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09:00–09:15	<i>Welcome and introduction</i> , Felix and Federica
09:15–09:45	Urbanising the Palmyrene Desert in Antiquity: looking for climate change as a factor, Rubina Raja, UrbNet, AU
09:45–10:15	Environmental change impacts in sub-Saharan Africa: beyond the social ramifications, Innocent Pikirayi, University of Pretoria and AUFF visiting professor, UrbNet
10:30–11:00	Beyond drought: developing artistic ethnographic methods toward exploring water scarcity, Joshua Cohen & Martin Høbye, Archaeology and Heritage Studies, AU
11:00–11:30	Eastern Africa's future mega-ports: Heritage, sustainability and maritime ecology challenges viewed in long-term perspective, Paul Lane, Archaeology, University of Cambridge
11:30–12:00	Tema Port: How public and private Danish capacity development initiatives reflect Danish stakeholder interests in Ghana, Annette Skovsted Hansen, Global Studies, AU
	<i>Break</i>
13:00–13:30	Afrofuturism, Peter Mortensen, English, AU
13:30–14:00	Plotting, Fencing and Developing Land in Northern Uganda, Lotte Meinert, Anthropology, AU
14:15–14:45	Indigenous African home-garden technique as a sustainable and climate-smart agriculture alternative, Søren M. Kristiansen, Geoscience, AU
14:45–15:15	Atmospheres in the urban Anthropocene, Polina Chebotareva, School of Architecture, Aarhus
15:30–17:00	Roundtable discussion

