Is there a New Development?

The promise and politics of provincializing experts, models, & knowledge

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A Graduate Student Organized Symposium
Friday, April 5, 2013

8.30 am Registration tables open

9.00 - 9.15 Welcome and opening remarks

9.15 - 10.15 Session 1: Local scientific practices in historical perspective

After African Science: Irony in a Ghanian Laboratory. Damien Droney, PhD candidate, Stanford University
Learning to See: Training in Ultrasound Imaging in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. Jenna Grant, PhD candidate, University of Iowa
Cobalt Blues: Radiotherapy Technopolitics in Uganda. Marissa Mika, PhD candidate, University of Pennsylvania

Chair: Abena Dove Osseo-Asare, Assistant Professor of History, UC Berkeley

10.15 - 11.15 Session 2: Rights, property and co-production

Provincializing Science: Genomic Sovereignty and the Mapping & Marketing of Populations. Ruha Benjamin, Assistant Professor, Harvard Kennedy School/Boston University
Performances of knowledge and state/tribe water resource conflicts in New Zealand. Hekia Bodwitch, PhD candidate, UC Berkeley
Bioprospecting in Panama. Alberto Morales, PhD student, UC Irvine

Chair: David Winickoff, Associate Professor of Environmental Science Policy and Management, UC Berkeley

11.15 - 11.30 Coffee break

11.30 - 12.30 Session 3: Universals of international development I: procedures & logics

The Green Turn of Development Assistance: the Global Environmental Facility as a case study. Nicole Gayard, PhD student, and Maria Conceiçao da Costa, Professor, State University of Campinas - UNICAMP, Brazil
O Brasil Gigante: Reproducing the Brazilian Miracle in Sub Saharan Africa. Ryan Nehring, Associate Researcher, and Wendy Wolford, Professor, Cornell University

Chair: Louise Fortmann, Professor of Environmental Science Policy and Management, UC Berkeley

12.30 - 1.15 Lunch: Catered

1.15 - 2.15 Session 4: Universals international development II: the local & “success”

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Mining Dreams, Corporate Gifts, and Embattled Expertise: Who will envisage the ‘greening’ of Peru? Stefanie Graeter, PhD candidate, UC Davis

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2.45 - 3.00 Coffee break

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Sustainability in the Age of the Logic Frame: The Double Binds of Humanitarian Mental Health Guidelines. Ilil Benjamin, PhD student, Cornell University

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9.00 - 10.00  Networking over coffee & pastries

10.00 - 11.00 Session 5: South-South Cooperation

A Pact with a Green Devil: Jatropha biofuel production as rural development in Senegal. Andrew Howe, PhD student, University of Oregon
Research Scientists as Front-liners in South-South Cooperation: the Brazil-Africa case. Leticia Cesarino, PhD candidate, UC Berkeley
Training the New Cadre to 'Reach the Unreached': Calculation and Translation from an Economic Periphery of Modern Science. Logan Williams, PhD candidate, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

11.00 - 12.00 Session 6: Counting Development

Counting Development: Taking Numbers at Interface Value. Tjitske Holtrop, PhD candidate, University of Amsterdam
Informality as Rationality – Comment on a Table. William F. Stafford, Jr., PhD student, UC Berkeley
From Science to Management: Environmental Assessment and Post-Apartheid Knowledge-Making. Mark Gardiner, PhD student, Stanford University

12.00 - 1.00  Lunch: Catered

1.00 - 2.00  Session 7: The Politics of Urban Policy Circulation

Open Discussion: This panel will discuss the conceptual, empirical and methodological challenges of studying urban politics from a territorial/relational perspective. Led by Kevin Ward, Professor, University of Manchester and Sergio Montero, PhD candidate, UC Berkeley, and multiple additional participants.

2.00 - 2.15  Coffee break

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1.15 - 2.15  Session 8: National Development and Expertise

Building a Saudi knowledge economy? Science and technology, multinationals and domestic development in Saudi Arabia. Timm Lau, Professor, King Fahd University of Petroleum and Minerals
Applying STS in Industrial Settings: Examples and Challenges. Rodrigo Ribeiro, Senior Lecturer, Federal University of Minas Gerais - UFMG, Brazil
Developing Economic Theory: Heterodox Economists and Inflation in Argentina. Nicholas D'Avella, Post-Doctoral Fellow, UC Berkeley

3.15 - 3.45  Closing Address

Cori Hayden, Professor of Anthropology and Director of CSTMS, UC Berkeley

3.45 - 4.00  Closing Remarks

Freyja Knapp, PhD candidate, UC Berkeley & Javiera Barandiaran, PhD candidate, UC Berkeley

Please join us at the Free House brew pub for an after-symposium drink!
(No-Host Bar)

2700 Bancroft Way, at the intersection of College Avenue
About our Keynote Speaker:

The keynote lecture will be given by Professor Richard Rottenburg, Chair of Anthropology at the Institute for Anthropology and Philosophy at Martin-Luther University and a Max Planck Fellow at the Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, where he heads the Law, Organization, Science, and Technology Research Group.

Professor Rottenburg has written and edited books on the Sudan, economic anthropology, the transcultural production of objectivity, and theorizing postneoliberal governance. He is the author of “Far-Fetched Facts: A Parable of Development Aid” (2009, English translation), and is co-editor of “Rethinking Biomedicine and Governance in Africa. Contributions from Anthropology” (2012), and “Identity politics and the new genetics – re/creating categories of difference and belonging” (2012).

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