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The Cultural Politics of Dirt in Africa,
1880 – present

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PROGRAM


Venue: The MacMillan Center for International and Area Studies, Luce Hall, 34 Hillhouse Ave, Yale University

Registration is free but places are limited. For information about registration, participation, and the pre-circulation of papers, please contact the organizer Steph Newell (stephanie.newell@yale.edu) before 1 October.

THURSDAY 3 November

08:30-09:15 – Breakfast & Registration, Luce Hall Common Room (2nd floor)

Presentations, Luce Hall, Room 203:

09:15-09:30 – Welcome and Introductory Remarks – Steph Newell

09:30-11:00 – Panel I: Surplus/Disposable People and Spaces. Chair/discussion: Steph Newell
i. Rosemary Jolly, The Pennsylvania State University, ‘Communities of Effluence: Arguing against the Terminology of African Humanism’
ii. Jennifer Wenzel, Columbia University, “‘We Have Been Thrown Away’: Surplus People Projects in South Africa’

iii. Discussion of papers

Tea/coffee Break

11:30-13:00 - Panel II: Histories of Race.
Chair/discussant: Rosemary Jolly


v. Véronique Bragard, Université de Louvain, ‘Dirt and Colonial Boundaries in Sammi Baloji’s Photomontages’

vi. Discussion of papers

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14:00-15:30 - Panel III: Economies of Waste and Excess.
Chair/discussant: Gabeba Baderoon

vii. Patrick Oloko, University of Lagos, ‘Human Wastes or Wasting Humans? Garbage and its Other in Print Media Reports and Poetry’

viii. Moulay Driss El Maarouf, University of Bayreuth & Mohammed V University, ‘Joutia in Morocco: Between Trash and Treasure’

ix. Discussion of papers

Tea/coffee Break

16:00-17:30 - Panel IV: Urban Spaces of Waste.
Chair/discussant: Patrick Oloko

x. Connie Smith, University College London, ‘Dirty Matters: Mud, Remains and Decay in Nairobi, Kenya’


xii. Discussion of papers

18:30 – Dinner – venue tbc

FRIDAY 4 November

09:00-09:30 – Breakfast, venue tbc

Presentation venue tbc

09:30-11:00 – Panel V: Dirt in the Colonial Era.
Chair/discussant: Louise Green

xiii. **Terri Ochiagha**, University of Birmingham, ‘E.H. Duckworth’s “Clean Up Lagos Campaign”: Civic Duty or Dirt under the Carpet?’

xiv. **Steph Newell**, Yale University, ‘Screening Dirt: West African Film Audiences and the “Problem” of Colonial Spectatorship in the 1930s and 1940s’

xv. Discussion of papers

Tea/coffee Break

11:30-13:00 - **Panel VI: Mediating Waste.**
Chair/discussant: Jennifer Wagner-Lawlor

xvi. **Job Mwaura**, University of the Witwatersrand, ‘The Interlink between Politics, Dirt and the Media: The Kenyan Context’

xvii. **Megan Jones**, Stellenbosch University, ‘Waste, Prejudice and Possibility in the South African Township’

xviii. Discussion of papers

LUNCH

14:00-15:30 - **Panel VII: Ecology and Environment.**
Chair/discussant: Jennifer Wenzel


xx. **Louise Green**, Stellenbosch University, ‘Africa’s Biggest Emitter: Reading Dirt and Development in South Africa’

xxi. Discussion of papers

Tea/coffee Break

16:00-17:30 - **Panel VIII: Nonhuman & Posthuman Ecologies.**
Chair/discussant: Rita Barnard

xxii. **Sarah L. Lincoln**, Portland State University, ‘Notes from Underground: Fugitive Ecology and the Ethics of Place’

xxiii. **Eckard Smuts**, Stellenbosch University, ‘”The Hairy Gargoyle of the South”: Baboons and the Making of the Human in South Africa’

xxiv. Discussion of papers

17:30–18:15 – Discussion of publication

18:30: Taxis from front of Luce Hall to take participants to dinner – venue tbc
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