

PROGRAM

9:00 – 9:30 : Introduction

Genealogy and importation of the social cohesion concept in South Africa

9:30 – 10:00 : Professor Steven Friedman – University of Johannesburg (Humanities Faculty)

Title: The Origins and Perils of Cohesion.

10:00 – 10:40 : Discussion and debate (discussant tba)

10:40 – 11:10 : TEA BREAK

11:10 – 11:40 : Dr Caryn Abrahams – University of Witwaterstrand (School of Governance)

Title: Social Cohesion: Claims on History, Claims on Space

11:40 – 12:20 : Discussion and debate (discussant Prof. Leslie Bank - HSRC)

12:20 – 13:30 : LUNCH

Social cohesion grasped from the ground level

13:30 – 14:00 : Dr Tara Polzer - Research Director and COO of Social Surveys Africa

Title: Insights from new Protest Studies and Discrepancies with Municipal and NGO approaches to 'Social Cohesion'

14:00 – 14:30 : Them bani Mkhize – University of Witwaterstrand (Gauteng City-Region Observatory)

Title: Social Cohesion in Urban Regeneration? Lessons from Ekhaya Residential City Improvement District, Hillbrow, Johannesburg

14:30 – 15:30 : Discussion and debate (discussant tba)

15:30 – 16:00 : TEA BREAK

The difficult position of the social scientist

16:00 – 16:30 : Dr Chloé Buire – Sciences Po Bordeaux (laboratory Les Afriques dans le Monde)

Title: Digital Story Telling Workshops on the Cape Flats: between research method, tool of empowerment, and new social geometries

16:30 – 17:10 : Discussion and debate (discussant tba)

17:10 – 17:30 : Concluding remarks