



Max-Planck-Institut für ethnologische Forschung Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology

**Urban Precarity
27-29 March 2019***

**Convenors:
Christian Laheij and Brian Campbell**

Programme

Tuesday, March 26th

18:00 *Informal get-together at restaurant "Nexus"*

Wednesday, March 27th

09:30 *Registration*

Welcome Note and Presentations by the Hosts of the Workshop

10:00 **Günther Schlee**
Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle/Saale, Germany
Welcome

10:15 **Christian Laheij and Brian Campbell**
Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle/Saale, Germany
Urban Precarity: key questions

10:45 *Coffee break*

Session I: Cities Policed – Legal Precarity, Migration, and the Reshaping of Urbanity

Chair: Christoph Brumann, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle/Saale, Germany

11:00 **Nolan Kline**
Rollins College, Winter Park FL, U.S.A.
Policing and Precarity: urban immigration enforcement in the US south

Sanaa Alimia

Centre for Modern Oriental Studies (ZMO), Berlin, Germany
Belonging and Exclusion: Afghans in urban Pakistan

John Comaroff

Harvard University, Cambridge MA, U.S.A.
Discussing papers of session I

11:30 *Plenary discussion*

12:30 *Lunch at the Institute*

13:30 *Small-group discussions*

Session II: Frayed Edges – Contemplating Life at the City's Frontiers

Chair: James Carrier, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle/Saale, Germany

14:30 **Julie Soleil Archambault**

Concordia University, Montreal, Canada

From Aspirational Compromise to Suburban Bliss: reimagining the city in a Mozambican suburb

Marwa Ghazali

University of Kansas, Lawrence KS, U.S.A.

City of the Living-Dead: urban precarity, health, and emergent moralities in a Cairo cemetery squatter community

Anne Allison

Duke University, Durham NC, U.S.A.

Discussing papers of session II

15:00 *Plenary discussion*

16:00 *Coffee break*

Keynote Lecture and Discussion

Chair: Günther Schlee, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle/Saale, Germany

16:30 **Ida Susser**

Hunter College and CUNY Graduate Center, New York NY, U.S.A.

Social Transformation in the Age of Precarity: Occupy, the Gilets Jaunes and other contentious performances

18:30 *Dinner at restaurant "Objekt 5"*

19:30 *Wrap-up and discussion*

Thursday, March 28th

Session III: Work in Progress – Intersecting Mobilities and the Building of the Future

Chair: Marian Burchardt, Leipzig University, Leipzig, Germany

09:30

Rebecca Bowers

London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), London, U.K.

Exploring Urban Mobility for Female Construction Workers in Bengaluru

Katrien Pype

Leuven University, Leuven, Belgium

On Solvability: urban predicaments, digital creativity, and the imagination of “vivre mieux” (living a better life) in Kinshasa

Ursula Rao

Leipzig University, Leipzig, Germany

Discussing papers of session III

10:00

Plenary discussion

11:00

Coffee break

Session IV: Public Policy – Making, Unmaking, and Remaking Urban Precarity

Chair: Tabea Scharrer, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle/Saale, Germany

11:30

Martijn Oosterbaan

Utrecht University, Utrecht, the Netherlands

Cynicism and Hope at the Ruins of Urban Security in Rio de Janeiro

Rachael Scicluna

University of Malta / Ministry for the Family, Secretariat for Social Accommodation, Malta

Queering Policymaking: the urban, experiential and gender in Malta

Ulf Hannerz

Stockholm University, Stockholm, Sweden

Discussing papers of session IV

12:00

Plenary discussion

13:00

Lunch at the Institute

14:00

Small-group discussions

Session V: Marked Presence – Spatialised Patterns of Representation, Integration, and Exclusion

Chair: Asta Vonderau, Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg, Halle/Saale, Germany

15:00 **Mikaela Rogozen-Soltar**
University of Nevada, Reno NV, U.S.A.
Spatialized Islam in Spain’s “Muslim City”: mapping inclusion and exclusion

Robin Balliger
San Francisco Art Institute, San Francisco CA, U.S.A.
Painting Over Precarity: community public art and the optics of dispossession, gentrification, and governance in West Oakland, CA

Nina Glick Schiller
Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle/Saale, Germany
Discussing papers of session V

15:30 *Plenary discussion*

Study visit to Halle-Neustadt: Urban Precarity in the Post-Future City

17:00 **NN**
Geschichtswerkstatt Halle-Neustadt, Halle/Saale, Germany

17:30 **Zahir Musa Abdal-Kareem**
Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle/Saale, Germany

18:00 **Johanna Ludwig**
Quartiermanagement Halle-Neustadt, Halle/Saale, Germany

19:00 *Dinner at restaurant “TBA”*

20:00 *Wrap-up and discussion*

Friday, March 29th

- 09:30 **Günther Schlee**
Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle/Saale, Germany
Synopsis: common themes and threads
- 10:00 **Ida Susser**
Hunter College and CUNY Graduate Center, New York NY, U.S.A.
Synopsis: framing the conversation
- 10:30 *Coffee break*
- 11:00 *General discussion*
- 12:30 *Lunch at the Institute*
- 13:30 *Final discussion and publication plans*
- 15:00 *End of the workshop*