

Institute of Africa Studies's Professional Institute *Doing Fieldwork in Africa*

June 6-7, 2015, Dunton Tower 2017

AGENDA (29 May 2015)

Sat June 6th Day 1 9- 5

9:00 Coffee and registration

9:30 Introductions

10:00 **Tim Shaw, University of Massachusetts-Boston**

Africa beyond 2015: more or less agency?

Africa in the 21st century has been growing economically which opens up innovative policy possibilities for sustainable governance. But it also faces a daunting range of 'emerging' issues such as global warming, the water-energy-food nexus, regional conflicts, alienated youthful populations, migrations/remittances, drugs & guns, range of fundamentalisms, narcostates, capital flight etc. Post-2015, will there be more 'developmental' or 'fragile' states on the continent?

There will be a 45 minute talk and a directed discussion until noon.

12:00 Lunch – 1 hour

1-2:15 Break-Out Sessions:

- a) Why Understanding Culture Matters (Nduka Otiono as lead facilitator)
- b) Ethics and the researcher/project worker (Blair Rutherford as lead facilitator)

2:15-3:30: Break-Out Sessions:

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3:30-3:45 Coffee break

3:45 – 5pm Report Back and Discussion

Sun June 7th 9:30 - 5

9:30 Coffee and Informal Discussion of Day 1

10:00 **Jane Parpart, University of Massachusetts-Boston**

Imagined Peace, Gender Relations and Post-Conflict Transformation: anti-colonial and post-Cold War conflicts

African security issues need to be understood as gendered and complicated terrains. Gendered experiences and understandings of conflicts and their impact on narratives of an imagined peace also influence post-conflict transformations. There are both hegemonic and alternative narratives and practices. These alternative gender practices often inspired dreams of a more gender equal post-conflict world, hopes fueled by official narratives promising just that. Yet, these promises have rarely been fulfilled.

There will be a 45 minute talk and then break-out sessions on security issues and navigating spaces for productive research and engagement

12:00 Lunch

1-2:15 Break-Out Sessions:

a) Security issues and emotions for researchers (Jane Parpart as lead facilitator)
b) Why Understanding Culture & Gender Matters (Sarah Kinyanjui as lead facilitator)

2:15-3:30: Break-Out Sessions:

a) Natural resource governance (Tim Shaw as lead facilitator)
b) Why Understanding Culture & Gender Matters (Sarah Kinyanjui as lead facilitator)

3:30-3:45 Coffee break

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