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## **SYMPOSIUM**

### **MINING, COMMUNITY AND CLOSURE IN AFRICA (21-23 Aug 2024)**

**Venue: Chancellors room, Centenary Complex,**

**UFS, Bloemfontein**

<b>Day 1:</b> <b>Wednesday, 21 Aug 2024 (Chairperson: Sethulego Matebesi)</b>		
08:15 – 08:45	<b>Registration</b>	
08:45 – 09:00	<b>Welcome</b>	
09:00 – 9:45	Keynote 1: Koomson Frederick (Gold Coast University, Ghana)	Making communities resilient to mine closure: An assessment of AngloGold Ashanti Iduapriem Limited's Livelihood Intervention Projects
09:45 – 10:30	Keynote 2: Kristof Van Assche and Monica Gruezmacher (University of Alberta, Canada)	Memories and legacies in resource communities: implications for post-closure governance

10:30 – 11:00	<b>Tea / Coffee</b>	
11:00 – 11:25	Mark Oranje (University of Pretoria), Elsona Van Huyssteen, Engela Petzer, Vickesh Bholai (CSIR)	Telling some tales of future tales and attempts at future storytelling in South African mining towns
11:25 – 11:50	Abraham Matamanda, Kudzai Chatiza, Shamiso Mafaku and Wendy Tsoriyo (University of the Free State)	Spatial Governance strategies for the normalisation of mining towns in Zimbabwe
11:50 – 12:15	Wendy Tsoriyo, A Abraham Matamanda, Kudzai Chatiza,	An ubuntu approach to foster community resilience: Insights from former mining communities in Zimbabwe

	Shamiso Mafaku (University of the Free State)	
12:15 – 12:45	<b>Discussion</b>	
12:45 – 13:30	<b>Lunch</b>	
13:30 – 13:55	Onolo Janje	The constitutional rights of residents and ensure continuity and permanency in mining towns during mine expansions
13:55 – 14:20	Lindani Mhlanga (University of the Free State)	Disaggregating Indigenous community land rights: What happens when a mine closes
14:20 – 15:45	Fortunate Ngomane (UNISA) and Lucius Botes (NWU)	The Gold Chain Gang: Socio-economic and political implications of illegal gold mining in Barberton, South Africa
15:45 – 15:15	<b>Discussion</b>	
15:15 – 15:30	<b>Tea / Coffee</b>	

15:30 – 15:55	Rinae Makhadi (University of the Free State)	The occurrence of potentially harmful elements in gold mine tailings and their possible impacts on the environment and public health with reference to the Welkom goldfields in South Africa - A review
15:55 – 16:20	Antonie Pool (University of the Free State)	Do mining jobs create other local jobs?
16:20 – 16:45	Mark Oranje (University of Pretoria), Elsona Van Huyssteen, Engela Petzer, Vickesh Bholai (CSIR)	Introspective reflections on building capability and strengthening partnerships in ‘mining town ecosystems’ in South Africa
16:45 – 17:15	<b>Discussion</b>	
17:30 – 18:30	Book launch	<p>Book 1: Van Assche, K., Gruesmacher, M., <b>Marais, L.</b>, Perez Sindin-Lopez, Z., 2024. <i>Resource Communities: Past Legacies and Future Pathways</i>. London: Routledge.</p> <p>Book 2: Matebesi, S., <b>Marais, L.</b> and Nel, V. (Eds), 2024. <i>Local Responses to Mine Closure in South Africa: Dependencies and Social Disruption</i>. London: Routledge.</p>

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Day 2</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Thursday, 22 Aug 2024 (Chairperson: Elsona van Huysteen)</b></p>		
08:30 – 09:15	Keynote 3: Xaquín S. PérezSindín (University of Copenhagen)	Energetic transition and environmental restoration of mines in Europe: risks and opportunities

09:15 – 10:15	Keynote 4: Michael Solomon (University of the Free State, UCT)	Transition and closure for the Bafokeng
10:15 – 10:45	<b>Tea / Coffee</b>	
10:45 – 12:00	<b>Discussant 1: Ingrid Watson (Wits)</b> <b>Discussant 2: Mark Oranje</b> <b>Discussion and questions</b>	
12:00 – 12:45	<b>Lunch</b>	
12:45 – 13:10	Sabina Fafaro and Ingrid Watson (Wits)	Mine closure, for whom? A landscape perspective
13:10 – 13:35	Kgosi Nkgoang	Households financial fragility in a coal mining town with mine decline: eMalahleni as a case study
13:35 – 14:00	Kentse Sesele (University of the Free State)	Mine decline and governance
14:00 – 14:25	Margaret Kuzambiza-Kiingi (University of the Free State)	Mine decline in the West Rand: Changing rules
14:25 – 14:45	<b>Discussion</b>	
14:45 – 15:00	<b>Tea / Coffee</b>	
15:00 – 15:25	Lucius Botes and Derick Blaauw (NWU)	Decades of mining sector decline: a socio-economic profile analysis of the West Rand, South Africa
15:25 – 15:50	Karen Puren, R Goldberg and Paulanie Maree (NWU)	Golden dreams revived: The role of place branding in regenerating the far West Rand in South Africa.
14:50 – 16:15	David Shelohlo	The contribution of mining towards sustainable socio-economic development in the Matjhabeng Local Municipality

16:15 – 16:40	Shamiso Mafaku, Abraham Matamanda and Kuzai Chitiza (University of the Free State)	Post-mining economies and urban liveability: ethnographic insights from a postmining town in Zimbabwe
16:40 – 17:05	Charles Poleni Mukumba (University of the Free State)	The mineralisation of urbanisation in Zambia: urban growth and urban land use patterns
17:05 – 17:35	Discussion	
18:30	Symposium dinner (tbc)	
Day 3 Friday, 23 Aug 2024 (Jagersfontein): Chairperson: Abraham Matamanda		
08:30 – 08:55	Lochner Marais (University of the Free State)	Jagersfontein: an industrial disaster 150 years in the making
08:55 – 09:40	Keynote 6: John Owen (Virtually including questions) (University of the Free State)	Jagersfontein: understanding disaster scenes
09:40 – 10:05	Phia van der Watt (University of the Free State)	Jagersfontein: The trauma of the disaster
10:05 – 10:30	Tea / Coffee	
10:30 – 10:55	Lenosa Mahapang and Anita Venter (University of the Free State)	Jagersfontein: Using arts to address disaster trauma
10:55 – 10:20	Cornelie Crous (University of the Free State)	Transparency reporting on tailings dams: the case of the six largest listed mining companies
10:20 – 11:00	Discussion	
11:00 – 12:30	Monica Monitz (Cambridge University Press, virtually)	New journal introduction: Research Directions: Mine Closure and Transitions

12:30	<b>Lunch and departure</b>
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- **Presenters should prepare presentations of no longer than 22minutes**
  - **Keynote presenters have the full-time available for presentation allocated in the programme Important notes on registration and payment**
1. Please register on the registration form and send Nomvula Makhuba (see attached)
  2. Payment: UFS staff members/students use either a journal transfer to 1-003-O0051 or KARRI
  3. Other participants, please use KARRI (see attached documents and guidelines on the registration document.
  4. Fees: In-person – R1400; online – R700.
  5. There is place for 40 participants in Bloemfontein. Presenters do have preferential access to in-person attendance. 6.  
You can distribute to other interested parties
  7. No cash payments will be accepted.