



9th Annual Researching Africa Day Workshop Programme
Saturday, 26 April 2008, St. Antony's College, Oxford

'Negotiating Research Practice in African Contexts'

9.00 – 9.30 am: Registration in Foyer of Nissan Lecture Theatre

9.30 – 11.15 am: Panel I – Gaining access and acceptance

Chair: Dr. Chris Low

Sindiso Mnisi (Oxford)

A Case for Participant Observation in South African Legal Research: Challenges and Narrative of an Insider-Outsider

Sylvain Cubizolles (Reunion University)

Designing an investigation across the different communities in South Africa, a sociological survey in Stellenbosch.

Tina Dugbazah (Birmingham)

Insider or Outsider: Conducting Cross-Cultural Research in Ghana

Julie Archambault (SOAS)

Being cool or being good: researching mobile phones in Mozambique

11.15 – 11.30 am: Coffee Break in The Buttery

11.30 am – 1.15 pm: Panel II – Critical reflection on research methods and the production of knowledge

Chair: Dr. Sloan Mahone

Elizabeth Hull (LSE)

Negotiating Access and the Meanings of Research: Ethnographic Fieldwork in Medical Settings

Lior Miller (LSE)

The cultural politics of indigenism: implications for research and development practice in Samburu, Kenya

Jacqueline Papo (Oxford)

Developing a questionnaire on condom access and use in rural Kenya – balancing relevance and sensitivity with validity and acceptability

Jamie Furniss (Oxford)

Purity and Pollution between Researcher and Researched: Barriers to ethnography among a community of Egyptian garbage collectors

1.15 - 2.15 pm: Buy-your-own Lunch in the St Antony's Canteen.

2.15 – 4.00 pm: Panel III - Gendered dynamics in African research contexts

Chair: Dr. Patricia Daley

Naseem Badiey (Oxford)

The advantages of being a woman when interviewing guerrilla commanders

Emilie Venables (Edinburgh)

“If you give me some sexing, I might talk to you”: Researching Senegalese beach-boys and the limits of participation.

Amelia Duffy-Tumas (SOAS)

Microfinance and membership: tracing ethnographic practice in rural Senegal

Diane Chilangwa Farmer (LSE)

Researching the lives of professional and managerial black African women

4.00 – 4.15 pm: Tea Break in The Buttery

4.15 – 6.00 pm: Panel IV – Negotiating dangerous research sites

Chair: Dr. Jocelyn Alexander

Sithembile Chiware (Sussex)

HIV/AIDS prevention programmes and behavioural change in a crisis state; a case of Harare residents in Zimbabwe

Reuben Loffman (Keele)

Violence, victimhood and volition: Researching conflict in Katanga, DR Congo

Lidewyde Berckmoes (Leiden)

Challenges for research in crisis situations: The Case of Postwar Burundi

Philani Moyo (Leeds)

Weapons of the vulnerable researcher in politically unstable and insecure field sites: Negotiating political access, acceptance and practice in Zimbabwe.

6.00 – 6.15 pm: Closing Address by Professor Terence Ranger

6.15 – 7.15 pm: Wine Reception in The Buttery