

**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS**

# 'New modes of livelihoods for Namibia's urban future'

**Workshop with Prof James Ferguson**

**THE JOBLESS CITY** What implications will (un)employment have in the thinking of the future urban areas in Namibia? **NEW URBAN CLASSES** What if migration from rural to urban areas does not yield 'a job' but different kinds of distribution of labour? **NEW PERSPECTIVES ON 'THE LAND QUESTION'** Are 'land claims' about land or about the country's uneven distribution of wealth? **FUTURE URBAN LIVELIHOODS** Will the future of urban areas be shaped by industrialisation or by distribution of value?

**Who can attend** The workshop is open to postgraduate students, public servants, civil society representatives, academics, and others with a demonstrated interest in the topic.

**How to apply** Submit the online form and an abridged CV (maximum two pages) to the organisers. The organisers will aim to ensure broad diversity of up to 30 participants. The deadline is on 31 July 2019. The form is available here: <https://forms.gle/tjB5LZrMXemsVmmi7>

**What can be expected** Departing from Prof Ferguson's input on the topic, participants will engage with innovative and intellectually-challenging ideas on new modes of livelihoods, the politics of distribution of national resources and their implication in socio-spatial issues; as well as discussing future scenarios for Namibia's political economy and urban development. Sessions will be interactive, which will give participants a platform to present their ideas and craft together alternative pathways in the field of land, livelihoods and housing. The programme will include input sessions from local stakeholders, as well as optional field visits and public lectures.

**Requirements** Participants are required to read the material supplied, attend all sessions, and actively participate in the debate. In order to earn the certificate of attendance, participants will need to submit their final presentation in an essay format no later than two weeks after the end of the workshop. These essays will form part of a publication documenting the proceedings of the event. The workshop is free of charge; in addition, those coming from outside of Windhoek may apply for support to join.

**Outcome** The workshop outputs will be documented in a publication including the contributions of participants, organisers, and lecturer(s). Participants will also receive a certificate of attendance after having completed the requirements.

> The workshop takes place within **a series of seminars** under the same theme. See separate programme.

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**About Prof Ferguson** James Ferguson is the Susan S. and William H. Hindle Professor in the School of Humanities and Sciences, and Professor in the Department of Anthropology, Stanford University. His major publications include *The Anti-politics Machine: "Development", Depoliticization, and Bureaucratic Power in Lesotho* (Cambridge UP, 1990); *Expectations of Modernity: Myths and Meanings of Urban Life on the Zambian Copperbelt* (U. California Press, 1999); *Global Shadows: Africa in the Neoliberal World Order* (Duke UP, 2006); and *Give a Man a Fish: Reflections on the New Politics of Distribution* (Duke UP, 2015). <https://profiles.stanford.edu/james-ferguson>

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