

Urban Forum 2019
**'Livelihood needs
for Namibia's urban future'**
Seminar series with John Mendelsohn

Seminar 1

**'Traditional' and 'modern' forms of capital and security:
value production and circulation**

Friday, August 30th, 9-13h

Seminar Room, Department of Architecture and Spatial Planning (DASP)

Directions: <http://ilmi.nust.na/?q=node/35>

Today, many forms of value exist in 'traditional' form (e.g. social, land, education, livestock, land, etc.) in a context increasingly privileging 'modern' ones. This furthermore takes place in a context where the urban and rural interconnections change, income-based economies overtake food-based ones, and where 'the economy' seems to display distinct prospects different from those 'ideals'

PROGRAMME

9.00h Key questions on 'traditional' and 'modern' forms of capital and security
John Mendelsohn

9.45h Discussion

10h30 BREAK

11h00 Exhibition of Master in Architecture students works and discussion.

> This is the first in a series of three seminars dealing with questions of livelihoods for Namibia's urban future. The following seminar will be on "Land as capital and foundation: opportunities and limitations of empowerment of the poor" (Monday, September 16th, 14-16.30h); and the next one on "The question of 'the informal': engaging with the 'formal' economic and labour outlook in Namibia" (Friday, October 4th, 9-13h). Venue to be announced in due course.

About John Mendelsohn Born in Kenya in 1953, John Mendelsohn found wings before he found his feet. From a childhood passion for birds, ornithology soon became his career after finishing his PhD on the biology of Blackshouldered Kites at the University of Natal. He started RAISON in 1996. Today matters concerned with environmental processes, the socio-economics of rural livelihoods, land rights and uses, and river systems form the basis of his academic passions. <http://www.raison.com.na/>

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