

**Seminar 2**

**Land as capital and foundation:  
opportunities and limitations of empowerment of the poor**

Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 14-16.30h

Point of departure: NUST Hotel School lobby

(Beethoven St, between Wagner and Brahms Streets; Windhoek West)

Land ownership has been long debated as the answer to the plight of the poor, while questions arise on the assumptions behind this. This seminar will engage in this debate based on experiences in Namibia.

**PROGRAMME**

14.00h Meeting at NUST Hotel School

14.15h Key points on land as capital and foundation  
*John Mendelsohn*

14.30h Departure to development by Dibasen Homeless Committee of Katutura

14.45h Meeting with Committee leaders and partners supporting the Committee

15.00h Walk through the neighbourhood

15.30h Discussion

16.15h Drive back to NUST Hotel School

16.30h Arrival at NUST Hotel School

*> This is the second in a series of three seminars dealing with questions of livelihoods for Namibia's urban future. The following seminar will be on "The question of 'the informal': engaging with the 'formal' economic and labour outlook in Namibia" (Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 9-13h); it will take place at Oshetu Market.*

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**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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