

**Seminar 3**

**The question of 'the informal':  
engaging with the 'formal' economic and labour outlook in Namibia**

Monday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 14-16.30h

Point of departure: NUST Hotel School lobby

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

Namibia displays 'dual economy' characteristics, where 'the rich' and 'the poor' economic realities seem to both link and disconnect at different occasions. At the same time, 'the informal' economy is increasingly playing a more important role nationally, which furthermore seems to be increasingly recognised. This seminar will explore the question of how 'the informal' serves as an interface between the two economic realities.

**PROGRAMME**

- 14.00h Meeting at NUST Hotel School
- 14.15h Departure to Oshetu Market ('Single Quarters')
- 14.30h Key points on the question of 'the informal'  
*John Mendelsohn*
- 15.00h Discussion
- 15.30h Walk around neighbourhood
- 16.15h Drive back to NUST Hotel School
- 16.30h Arrival at NUST Hotel School

> *This is the last in a series of three seminars dealing with questions of livelihoods for Namibia's urban future.*

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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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