

June 16-18, 2022

# Utopias and Dystopias of Global Development: Labor, Migration and the Anthropocene

Biannual meeting of the Working Group on Geographical Development Theories —  
Arbeitskreis Geographische Entwicklungstheorien (GAE)

## PROGRAM

### Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> June 2022

13:00 – 14:00

Registration

14:00 – 14:30

#### Opening and Welcome

**Nadine Reis** (The College of Mexico)

**Patrick Sakdapolrak** (Univ. of Vienna)

14:30 – 15:30

#### Keynote

**Detlef Müller-Mahn & Johannes Theodor Aalder**

(Univ. of Bonn):

*Africa under construction: labour – infrastructuring  
– future-making*

15:30 – 16:00

Coffee Break

16:00 – 17:00

#### Session 1: Ethical and theoretical reflections on development

**Veronika Cummings** (Univ. of Mainz):

*Geo-Ethics as a perspective in times of post-globalisation*

**Miriam Wenner** (Univ. of Göttingen):

*No place for values? Morality as an analytical category in geographical development research*

**Mariano Féliz** (National Univ. of La Plata):

*Dependency, unequal exchange and ground rent: Theoretical reflexions from Argentina's experience*

17:00 – 17:45

“What’s up?”

from 18:30

Dinner at Gangl

### Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> June 2022

08:30 – 09:00

Arrival coffee

09:00 – 09:15

#### Welcome day #2

**Harald Sterly** (Univ. of Vienna)

09:15 – 10:15

#### Keynote

**Lisa Schipper** (Univ. of Oxford)

10:15 – 10:45

Coffee Break

10:45 – 12:45

#### Workshops

##### 1. Dependency theory and super-exploitation

(Nadine Reis, Oliver Pye, Johannes Jäger & Mariano Féliz)

##### 2. Global development, vulnerabilities and migration

(Patrick Sakdapolrak & Raffaella Pagogna)

##### 3. Social-ecological transformation, planetary boundaries and the Anthropocene

(Harald Sterly, Marion Borderon & Johanna Kramm)

12:45 – 14:00

Lunch break

14:00 – 14:30

Report from the Workshops

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14:30 – 15:30

#### Session 2: Perspectives on migration and development

**Raffaella Pagogna** (Univ. of Vienna):  
*Migration infrastructures and decision making in Thai labour migration to the Republic of Korea*

**Chiara Scheven & Christian Ungruhe** (Univ. of Passau):  
*Crisis or empowerment? Northern Ghanaian women's translocal migration dynamics*

**Lemlem Fitwi Weldemariam** (University of Vienna):  
*Understanding food security-migration nexus: the case of Tigray, Northern Ethiopia*

15:30 – 16:00

Coffee Break

16:00 – 16:40

#### Session 3: (Im)mobility and development

**Daniela Atanasova** (University of Vienna):  
*Between Eastern Province and Lusaka: Social and spatial im/mobilities of women in Zambia since 1953*

**Jana Donat** (University of Vienna):  
*Aspirations and Trajectories within the Context of the National Relocation Program from the Uruguayan Government*

16:40 – 16:55

Short break

16:55 – 17:35

#### Session 4: Mobilities in the Anthropocene: Environment and (im)mobility

**Marion Borderon** (Univ. of Vienna):  
*Intersecting environmental and social determinants of migration. Drought, poverty, gender and its role for im(mobility) in a deprived rural region in Ethiopia*

**Sebastian Transiskus** (Univ. of Augsburg):  
*Losing Home to the Unknown: Environmental Degradation, Internal Migration, and Immobility at Lake Urmia (Iran)*

from 18:30

Dinner at "Il Sestante"

### Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> June 2022

08:30 – 09:00

Arrival coffee

09:00 – 09:05

**Welcome day #3**  
**Patrick Sakdapolrak** (Univ. of Vienna)

09:05 – 10:05

#### Session 5: Development temporalities and future making

**Johannes Dittmann** (Univ. of Bonn):  
*Back to a pre-colonial future: Retrotopian visions of African conservation and realigning political authority*

**Sebastian Purwins** (Univ. of Augsburg):  
*Clashing temporalities: the case of bauxite extraction at Atewa Forest, Ghana*

**René Vesper** (Univ. of Bonn):  
*Hegemonic Future Grabbing in rural Tanzania*

10:05 – 10:35

Coffee break

10:35 – 12:05

**Round table "Teaching Development Geography"**  
**Detlef Müller-Mahn** (Univ. of Bonn)

12:05 – 13:00

Closing, farewell

#### CONVENERS:

Nadine Reis (Mexico City), Johanna Kramm (Frankfurt), Patrick Sakdapolrak (Vienna), Raffaella Pagogna (Vienna), Marion Borderon (Vienna), Harald Sterly (Vienna)

#### HOST:

Research Group Population, Environment, and Development, Department of Geography and Regional Research, University of Vienna

#### LOCAL ORGANISATION:

Harald Sterly (Vienna), Raffaella Pagogna (Vienna), Patrick Sakdapolrak (Vienna)