

# **Sharing/Dividing Futures**

## **WG B Multiple Futures through Time Workshop**

### **12-13 December 2013**

Multiple visions of the future co-exist in all Sub-project groups – these are often both contradictory and entangled. Visions of the future of nations may bear little resemblance to ideas about the future of more local communities. Ambitious universalist schemes for ‘the future of Africa’ are often rejected by African communities.

But these oppositions and contradictions elide the ways in which people share and exchange visions of the future, as well as drawing on past visions to renegotiate and adapt them to the present.

This workshop aims to look behind the curtains of universalist claims and sweeping assumptions, to highlight the diversity of ideas of the future.

Possible questions:

1. What are the mechanisms/processes that lead to the ‘dividing’ of seemingly universal as well as to the ‘sharing’ of seemingly different futures?
2. How do different visions of the future co-exist and interact with each other?
3. How are universalist visions opposed or rejected, or selected and appropriated?

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## Schedule

Time	Panel	Suggested speakers
12 DECEMBER		
16h	<i>Welcome</i>	Achim von Oppen
16.15h	<i>Manifestos</i>	Katharina Fink, Henriette Gunkel, Nadine Siegert, Christine Whyte
17.00h	<i>Discussion</i>	
18h	<i>Close for the evening</i>	
13 DECEMBER		
9.30h	<i>Welcome.</i>	Christine Whyte
9.45h	<i>The Urban Lens: Mombasa For Example.</i>	Helmuth Berking
10.05h	<i>Discussion</i>	
10.30h	<i>Citizenship in the making. Somalis in Kenya and the question of belonging</i>	Tabea Scharrer
10.50h	<i>Discussion</i>	
11.15h	<i>Multiple futures of liberation and reconstruction</i>	Loreen Maseno
11.45h	<i>Discussion</i>	
12h	<i>Lunch</i>	
13h	<i>Discussion – ‘African Modes of Self-Writing’ Achille Mbembe</i>	Everyone
14h	<i>Break</i>	
14.15h	<i>Roundtable discussion on Sharing/Dividing Futures</i>	Everyone
14.45h	<i>Close</i>	