



YASN Workshop 'Africa Rising': Electoral Politics and Development

Monday 9 December 2013, 12:30-4:30pm

University of Leeds, Martin Banham Theatre (Michael Sadler Building)

A recent narrative emerging from the world press and donors has been that of 'Africa's rising': a period in which positive growth rates and the increasing frequency of elections indicate significant progress for the continent. This YASN workshop will explore these claims, discussing recent elections and those on the immediate horizon, but also considering the longer historical relationship between electoral politics and development.

Programme 12:30 -4:30pm

12:30 Registration and welcome (and travelling post-graduate student train fare claims)*

12:40- 2:30pm Panel 1.

Democratization, elections and society: South Africa; Sierra Leone; Ghana

Alexander Beresford, University of Leeds: The politics of regenerative nationalism in South Africa.

Allison Drew, University of York '*South Africa is a democratic country but we as mineworkers are excluded from this democracy*': *Rethinking citizenship in Africa*

David Harris, University of Bradford: *Swings and Roundabouts: the Vagaries of Democratic Consolidation and 'Electoral Rituals' in Sierra Leone*

Julia Ruppel, University of Bradford: *Observing Ghana's current political settlement through its 2012 election*

2:30-3pm Coffee and Tea (and travelling post-graduate student train fare claims)*

3pm-4:30pm Panel 2. Political participation and inclusion: Issues and controversies

Gwyneth Sutherlin, University of Bradford. *Packaging Participation: how mobile ICTs script the narrative, a Ugandan case study*

Sahr Yillia, University of York: *From Exclusion to Inclusive Developments for People with Disabilities using assistive technology.*

Stylianos Moshonas, University of Bristol. *Democratisation, electoral pressures and liberalisation: the 2003-2006 transition in the DRC revisited.*

4:30 Retire to student bar for further discussions (optional and drinks not included!)

* *Student train fare claims, please see email for further details. With receipts only.*