

PhD Workshop: Urban Food Systems and Governance in Africa

African Centre for Cities, University of Cape Town
9 -13 July 2018
Cape Town, South Africa



This one week intensive workshop focuses on the complex dynamics of urban food systems and the governance of these systems in the African context. The workshop aims to critically engage the broader theoretical debates that frame these realities, as well as the everyday practices and politics of the urban food system with a strong focus on urban planning and governance. Participants can expect inputs on the role of informality in urban food systems, supermarketisation, urban food security, food systems planning and the socio-spatial dynamics of food systems. The one day field excursion will illustrate how key themes and concepts of the workshop manifest in the specific urban context of Cape Town.

The workshop is specifically aimed at capacity building and allows for interaction and feedback for participants' current doctoral research. It also includes sessions dedicated to supporting the reach of participants' work through inputs on publishing and influencing policy.

The Consuming Urban Poverty Project:

consumingurbanpoverty.wordpress.com

This workshop is organised by the Consuming Urban Poverty Project, which is based in the African Centre for Cities (ACC) at the University of Cape Town. CUP is an ESRC/DFID funded research project now near the end of its three year programme. It has explored the issue of food security in three African cities to understand how the relationship between governance, poverty and the spatial characteristics of urban areas can be viewed through the lens of urban food systems and the dynamics of urban food poverty.



Who Should Apply:

The workshop is aimed primarily at students registered for doctoral work in the areas of urban food security, urban poverty and urban governance, and undertaking fieldwork on the African continent. Academics involved in supervising such doctoral work or undertaking research in this area will also be considered.

Costs:

The workshop is **free** for all successful applicants.

Successful doctoral and academic staff applicants from the African continent will receive funding for return travel to Cape Town, visas, accommodation in Cape Town for the duration of the workshop, local transportation and supper costs.

Successful doctoral applicants from outside the African continent as well as any other successful applicants are required to fund their own flights, accommodation and any additional costs.

Organising Committee:

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How to apply:

Applications are now open.

In order to apply please send the following documents **before 30 March 2018**, to **rparkross@gmail.com**.

- 1 page CV
- 1 page motivation outlining current work and how this course could support the on-going doctoral process
- Proof of registration at an academic institution

Responses to applications can be expected **by 30 April 2018**.

This workshop is limited to 20 places only and places will be awarded on merit. Preference will be given to applicants from the African continent who are currently enrolled for doctoral work.

For more information, please contact:

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