



# Global Infrastructures and the Environment: Rethinking Legitimation, Socio-spatial Dynamics, and Resistance

## Workshop

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21-22 June 2023

Centre for Global Cooperation Research (GCR21)

Address: Schifferstraße 44, Duisburg

## Program

### Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> June 2023

#### 09:30-10:00 WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

Welcome by Sigrid Quack, Director GCR21

Opening Remarks by Dumebi Obute

#### 10:00-12:00 SESSION 1: THE COLONIALITY OF INFRASTRUCTURES

Chair: Lauren Eastwood

##### **Tatiana Konrad**

Unnatural Bodies: Colonialism, Disability, and the Environment

*Discussant: Lauren Eastwood*

##### **Diego Amaral**

The 21st Century Begins in Palestine: Notes on the Architecture of the Occupation

*Discussant: Eric Cezne & Yifan Yang*

##### **Dumebi Obute**

Infrastructures of Terror: Petrocapitalism and the Postcolonial State

*Discussant: Jammie Titilayo*

12:00-13:30 *Lunch*

#### 13:30-15:30 SESSION 2: ENERGY AND GROWTH INFRASTRUCTURES

Chair: Eric Cezne

##### **Lauren Eastwood**

'Critical infrastructure' and Critical resistance: The Shifting Legal Terrain of Anti-fossil Fuel Infrastructure Activism

*Discussant: Sophia Obi*

##### **Adryane Gorayeb**

Is it possible to apply a Social License to Operate (SLO) in the green hydrogen production industry in Brazil?

*Discussant: Lucas Ferrante*

##### **Malcolm Campbell-Verduyn & Matthias Kranke**

Growth Infrastructures

*Discussant: Bosman Batubara*

15:30-16:00 *Coffee Break*

**16:00-18:00**    **SESSION 3: AFRICA'S GLOBAL INFRASTRUCTURES**  
Chair: Dumebi Obute

**Eric Cezne & Yifan Yang**

Africa's Global Infrastructures: South-South Transformations in Practice  
*Discussant: Diego Amaral*

**Gratien Atindogbe**

Major Structuring Projects in Cameroon: Issues of Communication in Negotiations  
*Discussant: Tatiana Konrad*

**Jammie Titilayo**

The Eko Atlantic City as a Global City Infrastructure: The Urban Lagos and Issues of Infrastructure and Spatial Sustainability  
*Discussant: Dumebi Obute*

**19:00**    **Dinner for Workshop Participants at Palazzo**  
Address: Königstraße 39, Duisburg

**End of Day 1**

**Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2023**

**10:00-12:00**    **SESSION 4: INFRASTRUCTURES IN SENSITIVE ECOLOGIES**  
Chair: Eric Cezne

**Lucas Ferrante**

Contemporary Changes in the Amazon: Impacts on Indigenous Peoples, New Epidemiological Dynamics and Climate Effects on Biodiversity  
*Discussant: Adryane Gorayeb*

**Sophia Obi**

Literary Perspectives on Socio-ecological Inequities in the Niger Delta, Nigeria  
*Discussant: Gratien Atindogbe*

**Bosman Batubara**

Speculative Rent: Extra-economic Means and Infrastructure Developments in Indonesia's New Capital City  
*Discussant: Malcolm Campbell-Verduyn & Matthias Kranke*

**12:00-13:30**    *Lunch*

**13:30-15:30**    **SESSION 5: DISCUSSION ON JOINT RESEARCH OUTPUT**  
Chair: Dumebi Obute

**Discussion Points**

- Who is interested?
- Type of output (journal special issue, book volume)?
- Which outlet (suitable journals or book series)?
- Organizational matters?

**Research Questions**

- How can infrastructures be understood as key symbolic sites for legitimation and delegitimation processes in our societies?
- What can the role of infrastructural arrangements be in creating more socio-ecologically sustainable alternatives?
- What strategies are open to environmental organizations and civil society in confronting infrastructures that are often backed by powerful multinational corporations in cahoots with the political establishment?
- Why are certain infrastructural projects established against the backdrop of displacement and forced migration of vulnerable or indigenous minorities?
- Any identifiable North-South distinctions and similarities?

- Other ideas?

**15:30-15:45 CONCLUDING REMARKS**  
By Eric Cezne

**16:00 End of Workshop**

**17:00 Farewell drinks and dinner at Bolero (optional, own expense)**  
Address: Philosophenweg 31-33, Duisburg

## Structure of presentation sessions

Role	Duration
1. Presentation	12-15 min
2. Feedback (by discussant)	10 min
3. Reaction to comments (by presenter)	5 min
4. Open Q & A (w/ all session presenters together)	30 min

## Guidelines to discussants

Each participant is assigned to read and prepare comments on the draft of another colleague. This involves providing feedback that helps authors improve their papers and constructively think through the “big picture” of their work. You may use the questions below to guide your reading and feedback:

- Is the ongoing (academic) conversation and/or knowledge gap identified?
- Is the research question clear and relevant?
- Does the author answer that question convincingly?
- Are the key ideas, concepts, and/or theories being used appropriately?
- Does the author make convincing and well-supported claims?

You could also ask more general questions that prompt the author to reflect more broadly on her/his work:

- What attracted you to this topic in the first place?
- What is the most interesting thing you have found so far?
- What is the hardest thing for you to write about?
- Who will be interested in reading this, and why?



## List of Participants

- Amaral, Diego  
*Federal University of Sergipe, Brazil*
- Atindogbe, Gratien  
*University of Buea, Cameroon*
- Batubara, Bosman  
*Utrecht University, the Netherlands*
- Campbell-Verduyn, Malcolm  
*University of Groningen, the Netherlands*
- Cezne, Eric  
*GCR21, Germany/ Utrecht University, the Netherlands*
- Eastwood, Lauren  
*GCR21, Germany/ SUNY Plattsburgh, the United States*
- Ferrante, Lucas  
*Federal University of Amazonas, Brazil*
- Gorayeb, Adryane  
*Federal University of Ceará, Brazil*
- Konrad, Tatiana  
*University of Vienna, Austria*
- Kranke, Matthias  
*GCR21/ University of Kassel, Germany*
- Obi, Sophia  
*Independent Scholar and Activist, Nigeria*
- Obute, Dumebi  
*GCR21/ University of Rostock, Germany*
- Titilayo, Jammie  
*Technical University of Darmstadt, Germany*
- Yang, Yifan  
*University of Bayreuth, Germany*