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Materializations of the Political

University of Warsaw

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23-24 March 2018

Friday, 23 March

10:00-12:30 - Special session in memory of Georges Balandier (in Polish only)

10.00 – 10.10 Welcome note (prof. Anna Malewska-Szałygin, dr Iwona Kaliszewska)

10.10 – 10.25 Prof. Jacek Pawlik, Wspomnienie o Georges'u Balandierze

10.30 – 11.15 Prof. Adam Pomieciński, *Afryka i świat w teorii społecznej Georges'a Balandiera*.

11.15 - 11.30 Discussion

11.30 – 12.15 Prof. Jacek Pawlik, Władza i zmiana. Antropologia polityczna Georges'a Balandiera.

12.15 - 12.30 Discussion

12:30-13:45 - Lunch

13:45-15:15 - Keynote Lecture: Dr Hannah Knox (University College London), Infrastructural Tests': The Materialization of a Future not to be?

15:15-15:30 - Coffee break

15:30–17:00 – Panel 1, Infrastructures and Industry. Discussant: Dr Hannah Knox, University College London

- Dr Łukasz Krokoszyński, University of Warsaw, Broken pipe on the Junín Street: the business of making progress in an Amazonian town (Peru)
- Rosa Sansone, University of Manchester, Megacity development in post-revolutionary Tunis: sensing the political in its tacit dimensions
- Dr Mateusz Laszczkowski, University of Warsaw, Tracks of Contention: Materializing the Political in Infrastructural Conflict in Italy
- Dr Anna Szołucha, Polish Institute of Advanced Studies, Unconventional resources: impacts, materialities and the politics of shale gas developments



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Saturday, 24 March

10:00–11:30 – Panel 2, Materializations of the State. Discussant: Dr Tomasz Rakowski, University of Warsaw

- Dr Deana Jovanovic, Keele University, Materialization of the state-by-proxy: ambivalence and the political in a Serbian industrial town
- Dr Iwona Kaliszewska, University of Warsaw, *How checkpoints come to matter in the North Caucasus*
- Dr Ainhoa Montoya, University of London, *The politics of a legal artefact: UN-based discussions* on the international legally binding treaty on business actions
- Dr André Thiemann, Central European University, On the road to self-government: the right to infrastructural development and the boundary work of a Serbian Local Council

11:30-12:00 - Coffee Break

12:00-13:30 - Panel 3, Politicizing Environments. Discussant: Dr Piotr Cichocki, University of Warsaw

- Jonathan Alderman, University of St. Andrews, Mountains as actors in the Bolivian Andes: the interrelationship between politics and ritual in the Kallawaya ayllus
- Dr Elizabeth Turk, University of Cambridge, *The shifting terrain of territorialized state* reverence in post-socialist Mongolia
- Dr Thomas White, University of Cambridge, *A multispecies ethnography of the state: livestock* and the politics of affect in a Chinese border region
- Marcin Skupiński, University of Warsaw, Landscapes of "Bad Change" and Forests of the Frontier. Environment, Transition and Capitalism in Highland Transcarpathia

13:30-14:30 - Lunch

14:30-16:00 - Panel 4, Body & Spirit. Discussant: Dr Anna Witeska-Młynarczyk, University of Warsaw

- Dr Marta Songin-Mokrzan, University of Łódź, People and machines: a reflection on the ergosystem of a contemporary production plant
- Jacqui Lavis, Australian National University, Fluid and unbounded: affect experiences in Aboriginal healing
- Dr Ewa Maciejewska-Mroczek, University of Warsaw, 'Tactile crease': political materialization of anti-IVF discourses in Poland
- Dr Joanna Mroczkowska, Polish Academy of Sciences, *The geopolitics of meat: foodways as resistance and identity building in Polish farming communities*

16:00-16:30 - Concluding notes and discussion