

# SOCIAL COHESION AND VIOLENCE PREVENTION

## SYMPOSIUM 22 JANUARY 2018

**Humanities Graduate Seminar Room, South West Engineering Building, Wits East Campus  
(Parking at Origins Centre or elsewhere on campus)**

08.30 Arrival, registration, and tea

08.45 Introduction and welcome

09.00 *Social cohesion*

- Problematising social cohesion
- Violence and the ecological model
- Root cause of xenophobic attacks in South Africa
- Sources of Division in South Africa : Insights from the South African Reconciliation Barometer

Richard Ballard  
Lizette Lancaster  
Marc Gbaffou  
Elnari Potgieter

10.30 Tea

10.50 *Attitudes and causes of violence*

- Attitudes to immigrants: personality and vulnerability
- Defining indicators: how to monitor social cohesion
- Neighbourhood cohesion, collective efficacy, and vigilante violence

Didier Ruedin  
Tara Polzer Ngwato  
Mark Gross

12.00 Lunch

12.30 *Interventions I*

- Ending cycles of violence through strategic interventions
- Some interventions that may make a difference; and some that may not
- Exploring creative methodologies in addressing prejudice
- Agonistic and Antagonistic urban practices: a spatialized approach to co-existence in Johannesburg

Marjorie Jobson  
Paul Graham  
  
Kira Erwin  
Silvia Danielak

14.00 Tea

14.15 *Interventions II*

Past and present initiatives promoting social cohesion for the City of Johannesburg  
NICDAM's violence prevention initiatives  
Targeting Social Cohesion in Local Government  
Community peacebuilding as a deterrent to collective violence

Kate Joseph  
  
Alta Le Roux  
Caitlin Blaser Mapitsa  
Mpangi Kwenge

15.45 Plenary: Research directions and gaps

Loren Landau and  
Jean Misago

17.00 Close

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