

Mining Matters: Resource and Mineral Extraction Across Africa

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Day 1 – Wednesday, 25 March 2026

Time	Session	Title
13:00 - 13:15	Registration & Welcome Coffee	
13:15 - 13:30	Opening Remarks by Dr. Azeb Amha	
13:30 - 14:15	Jules Van de Port	Historic Accounts and Conceptualizations of Luderitz Namibia and the Different Waves of Resource Extraction
14:15 - 15:00	Artemis Mantheakis	Crushing Stone and Caring for the City: The Role of Gender in Artisanal Gravel Aggregate Mining in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania
15:00 - 15:15	Coffee Break	
15:15 - 16:00	Prof. William Beinart (Online)	Does the Sparkle of Diamonds Distract the Historian's Eye?
16:00 – 17:00	Book Launch and drinks	

Day 2 – Thursday, 26 March 2026

Time	Session	Title
08:45 - 09:15	Registration & Welcome Coffee	
09:15 - 10:00	Jan-Jan Joubert	The Gold Mining Deal that Apartheid Did Not Want – Oppenheimer, Verwoerd, and the Intra-Afrikaner Wealth Gap.
10:00 - 10:45	Ernst Marais	Allies to Aliens: The Creation and Destruction of the MWU and the NP's Alliance
10:45 - 11:30	Coffee Break	
11:30 - 12:15	Louise Egedal	How Does Mining Industry CSR Impact on the Postcolonial African state?
12:15 - 14:15	Lunch	
14:15 - 15:00	Femke De Nil	Supplying the Shaft. The Commodity-Chain of Maize for the Union Minière du Haut-Katanga
15:00 - 15:45	Johanna Braun	From Birthstone to Nationalism – Layered Value Construction in Transnational Jewellery Chains: the Case of Tanzanite
15:45 - 16:15	Coffee Break	
16:15 - 17:00	Laura Van Erp	Sand Mining in Sierra Leone



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Day 3 – Friday, 27 March 2026

Time	Session	Title
08:45 - 09:15	Registration & Welcome Coffee	
09:15 - 10:00	Prof. Dr. Gerrit Dusseldorp	Conglomerates in Deep Time? Mineral Extraction and the Social Origins of Infrastructure
10:00 - 10:45	Dr. Iva Pesa	Abundance/Extracted: Living with Mining and Oil in Africa
10:45 - 11:30	Coffee Break	
11:30 - 12:15	Dr. David Damtar (Online)	Contested Mineral Wealth in Late Colonial Asante (Ghana): A Focus on Gender and Ethnic Identities
12:15 - 13:00	Lukkes Matthias	Akan Forests of Gold: Production, Protection, Perception
13:00 - 14:15	Lunch	
14:15 - 15:00	Julie Solvang (Online)	Black Smoke, Scrap work, Stagnation: Urban Mining at Agbogbloshie, Ghana
15:00 - 15:45	Samuel Udedibia	Coal City Identity: Stories of Mining Communities Living on Coal in Enugu State, Nigeria.
15:45 - 16:15	Coffee Break	
16:15 - 17:00	Prof. Jan-Bart Gewalt	The Stranded Scarab: Scarred and Fading Images of an Environmental Worldview Destroyed by Settler Colonialism and Industrial Mining in the Northern Cape of South Africa
17:00 - 18:00	Official Closing and Drinks	

