

## **CONNECTED POWER: 'Change, Power & Network Industries'**

**Student-led Workshops, Department of Land Economy University of Cambridge**

**Cambridge, May-June 2017**

The workshop series 'CONNECTED POWER: Change, Power & Network Industries', will explore the future pressures network industries may face due to climate change, inequality, and wider development issues. It will also consider how they might adapt, and the political economy of change, i.e. how does change happen, and which actors may facilitate or hinder necessary change? Each workshop will focus on a different network industry, and feature a keynote speaker, up to two short presentations from graduate students, and time for questions and discussion.

Each workshop will start with a 30min keynote speech, followed 15min related graduate student presentations, leaving 30mins for questions and discussion. There will then be a drinks reception, to allow attendees to informally continue any discussions.

The first session, about Telecommunications, will take place on the 10<sup>th</sup> of May. See details in the programme below. For any inquiries please write to nv284 at cam.ac.uk.

### **Programme**

#### **Session #1: Telecommunications - 10th of May**

4:30 PM Latimer Room, Clare College. Trinity Lane, Cambridge CB2 1TL

Key Speaker: Sanna Ojanperä, University of Oxford  
'The Impact of Connectivity in Africa: Grand Visions and the Mirage of Inclusive Digital Development'

#### PhD Presentations:

Alexander Taylor, University of Cambridge: 'Off-Grid and Offline: Practices of Disconnection in the Data Centre Industry'

Felipe Figueroa, University of Warwick: 'Shaping the marketplace of Ideas: internet, copyright expansion and the origins of neoliberalism'

#### **Session #2: Transport - 17th of May**

4:30 PM Latimer Room, Clare College. Trinity Lane, Cambridge CB2 1TL

Key Speaker: Dr. Daniel Oviedo, University College London  
Transport and Inequality

PhD researchers:  
Anna Bilous, University of Cambridge: 'Aircraft manufacturing: competition, technological transfer and social pressures '  
Nicolas Valenzuela-Levi, University of Cambridge: 'Transport: a commodity or a right? Looking into transport consumption and States' trajectories'

**Session #3: Water - 24th of May**

4:30 PM Boardroom, Faculty of Architecture. 1 Scroope Terrace, Cambridge CB2 1PX

Key Speaker: Jorge Perez, visiting fellow King's College University of Cambridge. Former Planning Director of Medellin, Colombia (2012-2015).  
'The role of Public Utilities in Medellin's Urban Development'

PhD researcher:  
Nicolas Valenzuela-Levi, University of Cambridge: 'Impacts of income inequality on diffusion of network technologies: a cross-country analysis of Smart Grids, Waste-to-energy, Internet, Broadband and Water'.

**Session #4: Waste - 31st of May**

4:30 PM Boardroom, Faculty of Architecture. 1 Scroope Terrace, Cambridge CB2 1PX

Key Speaker: Dr. Vanesa Castan Broto, University College London  
'Sustainability, Waste Management and Development'

Guest presenters from the conference 'Putting Dirt in its Place: The Contemporary Politics of Waste':

Patrick O'Hare, University of Cambridge: 'Exploring the Landfill Commons'  
Santiago Sorroche, University of Buenos Aires- CONICET: 'Organizing cartoneros. The Development of Waste-picker Associations in Argentina'

**Session #5: Energy - 7th of June**

4:30 PM Latimer Room, Clare College. Trinity Lane, Cambridge CB2 1TL

Key Speaker: Dr. Stephen Hall, University of Leeds  
"Taking back the grid; commoning critical infrastructures for 21st century transitions."

PhD Presentation:

Paola Velasco, University of Cambridge: 'Capabilities and Power: Building a Framework to Analyse Business-Community Relations in Mexico's Wind Energy Sector'