



ANR XenAfPol Closing conference

The Politics of Xenophobic Exclusion: Mobilisations, Local Orders and Violence

16-18 December 2013

Centre of African Studies, University of Cambridge

Seminar Room S1, Alison Richard Building, 7 West Road, Cambridge, CB3 9DT

This is the closing conference of an international research programme (XenAfPol) focusing on the politics of xenophobic exclusion in Africa. It makes use of the word "xenophobia" as a generic key word with the intention to problematise the multiple meanings of the various notions associated with it (autochthony, nativism, indigenity and even ethnicity) in the struggles for a redefinition of citizenship. The four countries selected (Democratic Republic of Congo, Kenya, Nigeria, and South Africa) have all witnessed recent outbreaks of xenophobic violence. As opposed to studies of national context, our emphasis is on local and urban scales as xenophobic and autochthonous practices by definition rely on struggles over local political leadership, claims over localised resources and competing definitions of belonging to a certain territory. Drawing on extensive empirical research undertaken over the past three years, this conference will document how processes of exclusion based on religious, ethnic, national, and local forms of belonging are contested, disputed, ignored or fought against by a number of actors.

A programme for the conference can be obtained at

www.african.cam.ac.uk/events/conference

If you wish to attend the conference please register by emailing

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Please note that places are limited