

POST-ELECTION VIOLENCE IN NAIROBI: AN URBANISTIC PERSPECTIVE

PUBLIC PANEL DISCUSSION

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Moderator: Prof. Dr. Till Förster, Institute for Social Anthropology, University of Basel



The debate will examine the recent events of violence in Kenya and specifically in Nairobi from an urbanistic perspective. It will analyze aspects of land ownership, accessibility of space and social disparities within the urban fabric as well as question the viability of the ethnic dimension and historic developments in the formation of the capital city.

Evalyne Wanyama is a sociologist, researcher and the coordinator of the project of informal traders associations in The Institute For Development Studies (IDS) at the University of Nairobi. **David Anderson** is a Professor of African Politics at the University of Oxford. He is also director of the African Studies Centre at the University of Oxford. His research interests are on the history and politics of eastern Africa. **Davinder Lamba** is an architect and environmental planner, and the executive director of Mazingira Institute, a Kenyan interdisciplinary research and action non-governmental organization (NGO). **Alfred Omenya** is an architect, consultant and researcher on issues of housing, urban sustainability and development internationally. He is a Lecturer at School of Built Environment – University of Nairobi. **Paul M. Syagga** is a Professor of Land Economics in the Department of Real Estate and Construction Management at the University of Nairobi. His research interests include land management, housing policy and finance, real estate economics and property valuation. **Till Förster** is a professor of Social Anthropology at the University of Basel. His research interests lie in the analysis of statehood and the growing importance of non-state actors, as well as new forms of cultural interaction, participation and representation in African societies.

The Panel is part of the **Nairobi Workshop** (10-14th March, 2008) and the ongoing urban research project on Nairobi conducted by ETH Studio Basel and GSD Harvard in collaboration with the University of Nairobi - School of Built Environment.

The Panel will be held in English.

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