**CONFERENCE**

**“TRANSITION AND LOCAL DEVELOPMENT IN EASTERN DRC”**

**8 – 10 December 2016, Bukavu**

**Summary**: This three-day conference will provide an overview of the current social science research on transitions and local developments in eastern DRC; it will bridge the policy-academic divide; and bring together a host of research institutions.

**Location**: UCB’s KALAMBO campus (on 8 and 9/12) and Institut Supérieur de Développement Rural (on 10/12)

**Organizers**: The conference is jointly organized by four institutions - New York University Abu Dhabi (NYUAD), the Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO), the Wageningen University and Research (WUR, DEC and HAR group), and the University of Antwerp (UA) – in collaboration with the following Congolese institutions: l’Université Catholique de Bukavu (UCB) and its Expertise Centre on Mining Governance (CEGEMI), l'Institut Supérieur de Développement Rural (ISDR), the International Center for Advanced Research and Training (ICART), Universite Evangelique en Afrique (UEA), Panzi Hospital, and Panzi Foundation, l’Université Officiel de Bukavu (UOB), l’Université de Lubumbashi (UNILU), Research Initiatives for Social Development (RISD), the International Institute of Tropical Agricultural (IITA), Action pour la Paix et la Concorde (APC), and Justice pour Tous (JPT). Funding is provided by the Flemish Inter-University Council (VLIR-UOS), New York University Abu Dhabi (NYUAD), the Norwegian Research Council, the Secure Livelihoods Research Consortium (SLRC), and the Netherlands Scientific Council (NWO-WOTRO).

**PROGRAM**

**Day 1: 8 December 2016**

**8.00 – 8.30 Welcome and registration (register for meet and greet session)**

**8.30 – 9.15 Opening of the conference. With short introductions by Marcelin CISHAMBO, Governor of South-Kivu; Wenceslas BUSANE, vice-rector of UCB and Marijke Verpoorten, University of Antwerp**

**9.15 – 10.45 Parallel Academic Sessions**

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| RURAL LIVELIHOODS 1  Chair: Klara Claessens |  | MINING 1  Chair: Sara Geenen |
| “Addressing Land Conflict and Developing Land Governance in Urban Eastern DRC: A Case Study of UCBC’s Sharing the Land Project in Goma and Beni”  **Lobo Ngumba Aime**, Université Chrétienne Bilingue du Congo |  | “Impact of Mining Reforms on Governance of Artisanal Mining in DRC”  **Dorothea Hilhorst**, WUR |
| “Vulnerability and Resilience Assessment of Climatic Risks on Agricultural Production in Small-holder Farmers of Walungu, South Kivu”  **Romain Lwaboshi**, ISDR |  | “Analysing the Impact of Mining Reform on ‘Négociants’ in Northern Katanga (Eastern DRC)”  **Claude Iguma**, WUR |
| “Gouvernance environnementale et sécurité alimentaire au Sud-Kivu : Théories et Pratique”  **Joachim Ruhamya** |  | “Artisanal Mining and Agriculture: Analyzing the Linkages”  **Francine IRAGI**, UCB, CEGEMI and IOB, University of Antwerp |
| “Land Access Profiles in the Territory of Kalehe”  **Klara Claessens**, IOB, University of Antwerp |  | “Hybrid governance in Congo’s large-scale gold mining concessions”  **Sara Geenen**, IOB, University of Antwerp and CEGEMI, UCB |

**10.45 – 11.15 Coffee break**

**11.15 – 12.45 Parallel Academic Session**

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| RURAL LIVELIHOODS 2  Chair: Antoine Bishweka Cimenesa |  | MINING 2  Chair: Jeroen Cuvelier |
| “Action Collective et Relance de l'Agriculture à Petite Echelle Dans le Kivu Montagneux Post-conflit à l'Est de la République Démocratique du Congo ”  **Barhalengehwa Basimine Jules**, UOB |  | “Would you rebel ? An inquiry among high-risk youth in eastern DRC”  **Marijke Verpoorten**, IOB, University of Antwerp |
| “Crises politiques et conflits intercommunautaires : une analyse autour de la terre comme ressource sociopolitique et économique et de l’identité dans la chefferie Plaine de la Ruzizi“  **Alphonse Shukuru Batachoka**, UOB |  | “Unintended Consequences of Economic Sanctions for Human Rights: Conflict Minerals and Infant Mortality in the Congo”  **Dominic Parker**, University of Wisconsin-Madison |
| “Transfert De L’Innovation Technologique Pour la Production Des Briques Modernes et Son Incidence Economique et Environnementale Au Sud-Kivu“  **Dieu-Merci Amani Badosa**, UOB |  | “Gold production, class formation and capitalist development in South Kivu”  **Ben Radley,** ISS |
| “Le projet ASILI et l’Alimentation de la Population de la Chefferie de Kabare au Sud-Kivu“  **Antoine Bishweka Cimenesa**, ISDR |  | “The EU legislation on conflict minerals”  **Jeroen Cuvelier**, University of Ghent |

**12.45 – 13.45 Lunch break**

**13.45 – 15.15 Parallel Academic Sessions**

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| POST-CONFLICT RECONSTRUCTION AND RECONCILIATION  Chair: Patrycja Stys |  | BUKAVU CITY LIFE Chair: Joseph Bahati Mukulu |
| “Livelihood Trajectories in the ‘post-conflict’ DRC and the Effects on State Legitimacy; The Case of South Kivu”  **M. Mashanda**, ISDR |  | “Kila mutu alisha kuwa chief”: Economic Life of markets in East DRC: Case of Bukavu”  **Gloria Nguya**, WUR |
| “La Reconstruction de la Cohésion Sociale en Période Post-Conflit : Expérience de ZOA en Territoire d’UVIRA au Sud-Kivu, R.D. Congo“  **Bosco Muchukiwwa**, ISDR |  | “Les Moyens de Servie des Familles Pauvres au Quartier Panzi, Ville de Bukavu, Sud-Kivu“  **Benjamin Kithongo Wonga**, ISDR |
| “Post-genocide Memory as the Aegis of Atrocity”  **Christopher P. Davey**, University of Bradford |  | “Negotiating Order in Bukavu: Encounters between Police and Community in a Congolese City”  **Michel Thill**, University of Ghent |
| “A Pilot Study of Ex-combatant Livelihoods and Social Networks around Goma: ‘Watu wasawa hukutana vyenyi kufanana hujikusanya na wanafanana [qui se ressemble s'assemble]’*?*”  **Patrycja Stys**, University of Edinburgh  **Sophie Kasongo Aziza**, Davimage Productions and **Batumike Papy Muzuri**, Davimage Productions |  | “Time and Saving Deposit Arbitrage in Bukavu Financial Institutions”  **Joseph Bahati Mukulu**, UCB |

**15.15 – 15.30 Coffee break**

**15.30 – 17.00 Keynote by Prof. Em. Stefaan Marysse, University of Antwerp on "Croissance cloisonnée (2001-2016): Richesses privées, pauvreté publique"**

**With reaction from Prof. Jean Baptiste Ntagoma, UCB and principal advisor of the Prime Minister’s Cabinet, and from audience, moderated by Prof. Marijke Verpoorten, University of Antwerp**

**Day 2: 9 December 2016**

**8.00 – 8.15 Registration (for those who were not present on the first day)**

**8.15 – 8.30 Opening second day by Prof. Christian Kamala Kaghoma, UCB**

**8.30 – 9.15 Keynote (to be confirmed)**

**9.15 – 10.45 Parallel Academic Sessions**

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| SEXUAL VIOLENCE  Chair: Gudrun Østby |  | CONFLICT & GOVERNANCE  Chair: Tango Bawili Lukele |
| “Getting the Balance Right? Sexual Violence Response in the Democratic Republic of Congo: A Comparison Between 2011 and 2014”  **Nynke Douma,** independent researcher |  | “Territorialité, gouvernance et développement local : défis d’une citoyenneté en quête de sens au Sud-Kivu »  **Makuta Mwambusa** |
| ”Valeurs Socioculturelles, Intérêts Personnels et Violences Sur les Femmes au Sud-Kivu”  **Venantie Bisimwa Nabintu**, and **Jean Baptiste Baciyunjuze** |  | “La Problématique de la Réintégration Socioéconomique des ESFGA Dans le Contexte des Conflits Récurrents à l’Est de la RDC, Cas de la Plaine de la Ruzizi“  **Yves Balemba Zihalirwa** and **Songa Kinyengele** |
| “Community perspectives on survivors of sexual violence:A qualitative study of perceived pathways to reintegration in the eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo”  **Ingebjørg Finnbakk**, & **Ragnhild Nordås**, PRIO |  | "L’opportunité du « forum citoyen » comme enjeu structurant la performance de la décentralisation budgétaire au niveau des Chefferies en RD Congo. Evidence à partir d’une expérimentation menée au niveau de la Chefferie des Bavira 2014-2016"  **Dieudonné Muhinduka**, UCB |
| Sexual Violence, Social Exclusion, and the Impact of Support Programs : Micro-level Evidence form Eastern DRC”  **Siri Rustad**, PRIO and **Christine Amisi**, ICART |  | “Conflits armés et problématique de développement à l’Est de la République démocratique du Congo. Regard sur le territoire de Fizi “  **Tango Bawili Lukele**, UOB |

**10.45 – 11.15 Coffee break**

**11.15 – 12.45 Parallel Academic Sessions**

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| GENDER & FAMILY LIFE  Chair: Marie Rose Bashwira Nyenyezi |  | GOVERNANCE BY STATE & NON-STATE ACTORS  Chair: Kamala Kaghoma |
| “Patterns of Women’s Decision Making in Markets and Households: Lessons from Technology Adoption in South Kivu, DRC”  **Renee Bullock**, IITA |  | “La gestion de système d’information pour le développement des ETDs par le budget participatif : Les trois communes de Bukavu“  **Ayuba Aluhebe Job**, ISDR |
| “From Pain to Power? Evaluating Short and Longer-Term Impacts of a Women’s Empowerment Program in Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo”  **Rosalie Biaba**, ICART and **Gudrun Østby**, PRIO |  | “L’Exercice d’un Mandat Public par le Chef Coutumier : Quel Impact au Développement Local du Bulega?“  **Auguste Mwilo-Mwihi Watuta**, UOB |
| “Effondrement de la microfinance à l’Est de la RDC: Crise économique ou crise de modèle social ?"  **Mutabazi Ngaboyeka**, UCB |  | “Migration interne et qualité du travail”  **Alain Kikandi Kiuma**, ULPGL Goma (Université Libre des Pays des Grands Lacs) |
| “Beyond the "conflict mineral": Assessing women's diverse livelihood strategies in DRC’s artisanal mining communities”  **Marie Rose Bashwira Nyenyezi**, WUR and CEGEMI, UCB  **Dorothea Hilhorst,** WUR |  | "Rentabilité de l’investissement éducatif des micro-entrepreuneurs en RDC"  **Mumbere Lubula**, UCB and **Kamala Kaghoma**, UCB |

**12.45 – 13.45 Lunch break**

**13.45 – 15.15 Parallel Academic Sessions**

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| INNOVATION & ENVIRONMENT  Chair: Marc Schut |  | SERVICE DELIVERY  Chair: Tom de Herdt |
| “Social Networks and Technology Diffusion in the Congo”  **Maarten Voors**, WUR |  | ”La Gouvernance Scolaire Face aux Frais Additifs Dans les Ecoles Publiques de la Ville de Bukavu”  **Bernardin Sebahire Ruhongeka**, ISDR; **Marhegeko Muderhwa** and **Joachim Ruhamya Mugenzi** |
| ”Les conséquences socioéconomiques et environnementales de l’explosion démographique sur le développement urbain de Bukavu. Regard praxéo-configurationnel ”  **Jacques Fikiri Zirhumana**, UOB and **Baudouin Alingilya Mambeu**, ULGL |  | ”Whom Does thePopulation See and How?  Non-state Health Service Provision, Population Perceptions and State Legitimacy in the DRC”  **Aembe Bwimana**, WUR |
| ”Les Energies Fossiles (Pétrole et Gaz Naturel) : Enjeux Environnementaux, Défis et Perspectives de Développement Durable à l’Est de la RD Congo”  **Josué Bagaya**, CREGEM |  | ”Basic Service Delivery, State Legitimacy and the Micro-politics of Recovery in South Kivu”  **A.J.E. Ferf**, WUR and **E.E. Thieme Groen**, WUR |
| ”Multi-stakeholder Innovation Processes for Agricultural Development: Experiences and Lessons Learned from Eastern DR Congo”  **Marc Schut**, IITA and WUR |  | ”From Political Mess to Technical Fix and Back Again: Post-conflict Reconstruction of Primary Education in the DRC”  **Tom De Herdt**, IOB, University of Antwerp |

**15.15 – 15.30 Coffee break**

**15.30 – 17.00 Roundtable international networks and national research capacity (Chair: Maarten Voors - WUR)**

Many research projects have been carried out in Eastern DRC in recent years, but concerns are often raised regarding the ability of the local research community to take ownership of research conducted in the region or on themes concerning the region. What is the situation for local research capacity, and what are the challenges and opportunities for improving the situation? This roundtable seeks to have an open discussion about the needs and opportunities for research capacity building in Eastern DRC, as well as the challenges, based on different experiences and ongoing efforts. Invited panelists will share their experiences and recommendations, and we will invite questions and comments from the audience. The roundtable will be conducted in English.

Invited contributions from Prof. Christian Kamala Kaghoma (UCB), Dr. Christine Amisi (ICART), Gudrun Østby (PRIO), and Prof. Tom de Herdt (IOB, University of Antwerp).

**17.00 – 18.30: Speed dating: informal meet and greet between senior and junior researchers to discuss about publication strategies, collaborations, networking, career advancing, methodology, academic culture (registration mandatory with conference secretariat on the first day of the conference). Introduction by prof. Dorothea Hilhorst.**

**Day 3: 10 December 2016**

**Location: Institut Supérieur de Développement Rural, Bugabo campus, Bukavu**

**8.30 – 9.00 Registration of policymakers and stakeholders**

**9.00 – 9.30 Welcome by Prof. Bosco Muchukiwa, rector of ISDR**

**9.30 – 11.00 Parallel Workshops 1, 2 & 3**

* Workshop 1: Governing the mining sector for DRC’s development

Poster presentations by several researchers working on mining, followed by interventions by Eric Kajemba (Observatoire Gouvernance et Paix), Crispin Mutwedu (Banro Corporation), Yvette Mwanza Mwamba (Corporation des Entreprises Minières du Nord Kivu) and a representative of the provincial Ministry of Mines on how academic research may contribute to improved policy making. Session will be in French with posters both in French and in English.

* Workshop 2: Female empowerment in DRC

Presentations by Dr. Christine Amisi and Rosalie Biaba from the International Center for Advanced Research and Training (ICART) in Bukavu of findings from recent research on empowerment of women in eastern DRC, with a particular focus on survivors of sexual violence. Invited are people and organizations working on issues of gender in eastern DRC. We open up for discussion of findings, implications, identification of additional research needs, and ways forward for improving the situation. Session will be held in French.

* Workshop 3: Participatory development

Since the 1990s, “participatory development” has become a favored model for development, and has formed a major pillar of post-conflict development. The World Bank alone spent $85bn in the last decade on this broad class of interventions. Recent studies have found only mixed evidence that these interventions produce the benefits claimed of them. This workshop gives a brief overview of what we have learned from participatory development to date. We will also discuss two specific programs in much more detail: “GoBifo” implemented between 2006 and 2009 in Sierra Leone and “Tuungane” implemented between 2007 and 2015 in Eastern Congo. Presentations will be given by Dr. Ann Laudati, Dr. Patrick Milabyo, Dr. Maarten Voors and Dr. Peter van der Windt.

**11.00 – 11.30 Coffee break**

**11.30 – 13.00 Roundtable: bridging the gap between policy and research**

Making research relevant for society is an urgent priority, that everyone will agree to. However, despite good intentions we often see that research can do much more to make findings accessible and relevant for audiences in

policy, practice, and the media. This round table about bridging the gap between policy and research aims to discuss the opportunities and the constraints of making research more effective for society. Representatives of policy, academic, civil organizations and donor institutions will share their experiences with the participants of the conference. The speakers will address issues such as 'how can collaboration be enhanced between researchers and society stakeholders'? 'Is it possible to involve stakeholders in the data gathering and analysis, what are the risks of this'? 'How can we convince stakeholders to work more evidence-based?' 'What does collaboration with society stakeholders mean for the independence of the research?' These issues will be discussed from different angles, followed by a plenary discussion and a conclusion on the way forward.

Chair: Prof. Bosco Muchukiwa (ISDR Bukavu & UEA)

Members of the panel:

Representative civil society: Philippe Ruvunangiza (Director of BEST-Bureau Etudes Scientifiques et Techniques

Representative of the academic institutions: Prof. M.Mashanda (ISDR) (to be confirmed)

Representative of policy makers: Ms Agnes Sadiki (Acting Provincial Minister of Communication and Civil)

* Representative of international organisations/donors: Representative of DfID (to be confirmed)

Conclusions and closing: Prof. D. Hilhorst (WUR)

**13.00 Closing reception**

**13.30 – 14.15 Documentary Screening Share the Seed: Staging Research**

A 42 minute film by Jennifer Kendzior, a former Wageningen MSc. student. As part of her qualitative study on seed exchange and social networks in 2014, Jennifer met some farmers who were members of a rural development association in Cireja (Kavumu). In 2016 she returned with a camera and a team of two interpreters and a theatre facilitator. Together with the farmers, they used theatre exercises and role plays to create a short documentary about how cultural norms and social relationships affect access to new seed varieties in their community.

Teaser (French) : vimeo.com/171085881

Teaser (English) : vimeo.com/170928327