

Academic Speaking and Conference Engagements: Prof. Dr. Stefan Ouma

Keynotes

Sydney, 10/12/2024: Problematizing the Asset Form – A Synthesis. Economic Geography Workshop, University of Sydney

Brisbane, 04/12/2024: Keynote: Present Absence: Centering “Race” in the Global Land Rush, Australasian Agri-Food Research Network, Two Heads, Cold Coast

Dar es Salaam, 30/01/2024: Keynote: A Straight-forward Affair? Centering Accumulation in the Study of African Cities, Urban Theory, Keynote held at the Urban Theory in Africa Workshop

Frankfurt, 20/09/2023: Über Leben in kritischen Zeiten, Keynote held at the German Congress of Geography, together with Nadine Marquardt and Julia Verne

Invited Panel Discussions, Seminars and Presentations at High Profile Events/Institutions

London, 31/07/2024: A Conversation on Theorising Urban Development Politics from Africa FINAL ROUNDTABLE PLENARY (with Wilbard Kombe). The Transcalar Politics of Urban Development Conference. UCL, London.

London, 30/07/2024: Centering Accumulation in the Study of African Studies. The Transcalar Politics of Urban Development Conference. UCL, London.

Irvine, 15/02/2023: Reading Africapitalism via Black Reconstruction, Sawyer Seminar Series, University of Irvine, California,

Oxford, 28/10/2022: Labour, Efficiency, Critique: Writing the plantation into the present-future, Political Worlds Webinar Series: Power and Political Lives in Geography, University of Oxford

Gotenburg, 23/09/2022: Efficiency – A Radical Critique. Online presentation held at the Department of Geography, University of Gotenburg

Lüneburg, 31/07/2022: Landwirtschaft der Zukunft. Keynote-Input “Utopie-Konferenz”, Universität Lüneburg

Nairobi, 2023: Methodological Challenges on Tracking Venture Capital Inequalities in the Kenyan Start-Up Ecosystem (together with Ben Mkalama, University of Nairobi). Research Week, University of Nairobi.

Online, 25/02/2022: Panel Discussant “Public Economic Geographies”, Annual Conference of the American Association of Geographers

Helsinki, 16/12/2022: Book Discussion: Farming as Financial Asset: Global Finance and the Making of Institutional Landscapes, Helsus Global South Encounter, University of Helsinki (with Franklin Obeng-Odoom, Mariko Fame, Joseph Yaro and Anna Sturman)

London, 03/09/2021: Discussant, Singapore Journal of Tropical Geography Lecture (alongside AbdouMalique Simone, Maano Ramuntsindela, Christine Noe), RGS-IBG Annual Conference

London, 18/02/2020: Farming as Financial Asset: Global Money and the Making of Institutional Landscapes, London School of Economics and Political Sciences

Gregynog, 13/11/2018: Imperial Frontiers into Assets: Unpacking the Historical Geographies of the Finance-Farmland Nexus, International Symposium on the Global Countryside (invited Keynote Speaker)

Maastricht, 09/01/2018: Agriculture as Financial Asset: Global Money and the Making of Institutional Landscapes, Maastricht Centre for Citizenship, Migration and Development

Edinburgh, 19/09/2018: Discussant on Hazel Gray’s Turbulence and Order in Economic

Development: Institutions and Economic Transformation in Tanzania and Vietnam. Centre for African Studies, University of Edinburgh

Edinburgh, 26/09/2017: The Messy Actualities of Resource Governmentality: The Case of Tanzania's SAGCOT Initiative. Centre for African Studies, University of Edinburgh

Montreal, 15/06/2017: Securing the Future? 'Financial Market' Morality and the Frictional Space-times of Finance Capital, Geographies of Markets/Marketization Workshop, Karl Polanyi Institute of Political Economy, Concordia University, Montreal

Oxford, 20/08/2015: Panelist for the Author Meets Critics Session on Assembling Export Markets by Stefan Ouma, University of Oxford, Fourth Global Economic Geography Conference

Oxford, 20/08/2015: Panelist for the Author Meets Critics Session on Africa's Information Revolution by James Murphy and Pdraig Carmody", University of Oxford, Fourth Global Economic Geography Conference

Oxford, 20/08/2015: Panelist for the Session on Economic geographies in/for/of development: Critical reflections, University of Oxford, Fourth Global Economic Geography Conference

Invited Panel Discussions, Seminars and Presentations

Bayreuth, 05/07/2023: Das Koloniale Bayreuth: Warum es uns auch heute noch betrifft. Bayreuther Stadtgespräche, together with Florian A. Unterburger and Cassandra Mark-Thiesen

Graz, 30/06/2023: Disrupting Silicon Valley Futures: Eine radikale Kritik unerbittlicher Effizienz, Geographisches Kolloquium, Universität Graz

Denver, 25/03/2023: Musings about Sustainability, session "Sustainability Capitalism 1: Investigating New Frontiers of Accumulation", Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers.

Bayreuth, 17/03/2023: Landwirtschaft der Zukunft. Jahresseminar der Hans-Böckler-Stiftung. „Fest, flüssig, vielfältig – Biomasse als Alleskönnerin unter den Alternativen?

Bayreuth, 25/10/2022: "Crises of our times: What answers do Peace and Conflict Studies offer?" Panel Member, University of Bayreuth,

Berlin, 02/06/2022: Hidden systemic racism in economic theory, Online Discussion at the Deutsches Zentrum für Migrationsforschung, together with John Komlos

Vienna, 14/06/2021: Weltökologie der Logistik, University of Vienna (together with Julian Stenmanns)

Buffalo, 27/04/2021: Invited talk "Farming as Financial Asset", SUNY at Buffalo

Delhi, 08/05/2020: From the Plantation to the Fourth Industrial Revolution, University Delhi

Johannesburg, 27/07/2020: From the Plantation to the Fourth Industrial Revolution
WISER Seminar Series, University of Witwatersrand

London, 19/02/2020: Agriculture as Financial Asset: Global Money and the Making of Institutional Landscapes, London School of Economics and Political Sciences

Bayreuth, 06/02/2020: Externalization and Theories of Justice, University of Bayreuth, Bayreuther Kontaktstudium – teachers training Workshop)

Leuven, 17/05/2019: Agriculture as Financial Asset: Global Money and the Frictional Making of Institutional Landscapes, Friction Spaces Lecture Series, University of Leuven)

Eichstätt, 08/05/2018: Ökonomisierung der Landwirtschaft, Universität Eichstätt-Ingolstadt

Palmerston North, 13/03/2018: Grounding Assetization Global Finance and the Futurization of Farming, Massey University

Berlin, 19/02/2018: Die Schattenseiten globaler Lieferketten im Lebensmitteleinzelhandel, Workshop Waren – Wissen – Raum (HU-/TU-Berlin)

Berlin, 27/06/2017: What is colonial about the Global Land Rush? Colloquium Department of Geography, HU Berlin

Dar es Salaam, 21-25/11/2016: Invited Participant to the Short Course on Financialization of Land and Ecology, Nyerere Resource Centre

Cambridge, 08/09/2016: Invited Panelist to the Session on "African Capitalist Society", University of Cambridge, Biannual Conference of African Studies

Copenhagen, 02/06/2016: Invited Discussant for the Seminar to Launch the Research Project "Getting out of the Learning Trap: African-owned Firms Building Capabilities in Global Value Chains", University of Roskilde

Berlin, 26/01/2016: Making Space for Capital: Agricultural Growth Corridors and the Politics of Investment in Tanzania, Zentrum Moderner Orient, Berlin

Zurich, 08/05/2015: Making Space for Capital? Global Resource Territories and the Politics of Investment in Tanzania Guest lecture at the Department of Geography, University of Zürich.

Eschborn, 31/03/2015: Qualitative Methods in Social Research. Seminar held at GIZ Headquarter.

Frankfurt, 20-23/07/2014: Invited Panelist to the Panels "Positioning German and 'Global' Economic Geography in Theory and Practice" and "A Network Fix?" 7th Summer Institute in Economic Geography, University of Frankfurt

Copenhagen, 20/05/2014: Finance-gone-Farming: From Above or from Below?, Beyond Land Grabbing Workshop, Roskilde University

Moshi (Tanzania), 04/09/2013: The Financialisation of Agriculture. Examples from Tanzania and Beyond, Moshi University College of Cooperative and Business Studies

Leeds, 03/10/2012: Green Capital, Green Fixe(r)s: on the Financialisation of the Agrarian. Seminar given at the Department of Politics, University of Leeds

Newcastle, 29/09/2012: Green Capital, Green Fixe(r)s: on the Financialisation of the Agrarian. Seminar given at the Department of Politics, Sociology and Geography, University of Newcastle

Newcastle, 26/09/2012: Marketisation Studies. Input Statement for the Workshop on Marketisation Studies, Department of Politics, Sociology and Geography, University of Newcastle

Tamale (Ghana), 23/07/2012: The Making and Unmaking of Global Commodity Chains. The Case of Mangoes in Northern Ghana. Workshop Value Chains and Development, University of Ghana/Bonn University

Zürich, 21/03/2012: Farming as a business. On the Integration of Smallholder Farmers into (Global) Markets – Examples from Africa. Guest lecture at the Department of Geography, University of Zürich

Eschborn, 18/03/2009: Agrobusiness, Poverty Reduction und Food Security: Possibilities, Limitations and Regional Effects of the Integration of Smallholder Farmers into Global Value Chains – Examples from Ghana and Kenya, GTZ Brown Bag Lunch, Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Nutrition

Frankfurt, 01/02/08: Domestic and Foreign Policy Dimensions of the Current Crisis in Kenya, National Model United Nations Project, University of Frankfurt

Conference Presentations (Selection)

Bayreuth, 01/10/2024: Uncomfortable Questions about 'Africapitalism', Biannual Congress of the Association of African Studies in Germany, University of Bayreuth

Limerick, 28/06/2023: Exclusive links? How venture capital investment chains produce inequalities in Nairobi's start-ecosystem, SASE 2023 Conference (together with Dr. Ben Mkalama, University of Nairobi)

Brussels, 13/09/2023: To whom the money flows: An intersectional analysis of venture capital fund allocations in Kenya, Finance and Society Conference (together with Dr. Ben Mkalama, University of Nairobi)

Dublin

Bayreuth, 17/07/2021: More than a Good Idea? How race, gender and ethnicity shape start up success in Africa, Annual Conference of the Cluster Africa Multiple, University of Bayreuth (together with Dr. Ben Mkalama, University of Nairobi)

Leipzig, 06/07/2021, Racing Venture Capital, IfL Online Workshop „Innovation and Space“ (together with Dr. Ben Mkalama, University of Nairobi)

Rauischholzhausen, 25/04/2019: Zur nationalen Regulation globaler Agrarinvestitionen: Das Beispiel Aotearoa Neuseeland, 15th Symposium zur Wirtschaftsgeographie (with Tobias Klinge, University of Leuven)

New Orleans, 11/04/2018: “This country was built of foreign investment”: The Role of Regulatory Agencies in Transforming New Zealand Farmland into an Asset Class, Annual Congress of the Association of American Geographers (with Tobias Klinge, University of Frankfurt)

Leipzig, 22/03/2018: “This country was built of foreign investment”: The role of regulatory agencies in transforming New Zealand farmland into an asset class, Workshop Constructions, Representations, Productions: Exploring Historical and Contemporary Imaginations of Land (with Tobias Klinge, University of Frankfurt)

Tübingen, 01/10/2017: Studying the Dark Sides of Global Commodity Chains: The Value of Collaborative Ethnography, German Congress of Geography, University of Tübingen

Cambridge, 09/09/2016: Making Space for Capital? Agricultural Growth Corridors and the Politics of Investment in Tanzania, University of Cambridge, Biannual Conference of the African Studies

Berlin, 02/10/2015: This Can(t) be an Asset Class: Exploring the Contested Financial Economisation of Farmland and Agriculture, German Conference of Geography

Oxford, 20/08/2015: From Financialisation to Operations: Rethinking Agri-finance Capital. Global Economic Geography Conference

Bonn, 20/06/2015: Finances capes For a Social Geography of Financial Markets, and their Landscapes, Conference on Contemporary Approaches in Social Geography, University of Bonn

Chicago, 25/04/2015: Making Space for Capital? Global Resource Territories and the Politics of Investment in Tanzania, Annual Congress of the Association of American Geographers

Chicago, 24/04/2015 (with Julian Stenmanns): What can African Ports teach us About Global Logistics?, Annual Congress of the Association of American Geographers

The Hague, 25/01/2014: Approaching the Financialisation of the Agrarian from Below, Finance, Food, Farms Workshop. Institute for Social Studies, University of Rotterdam

Bayreuth, 12/11/2013: Global Geographies of Economisation: How and Why Agriculture Becomes a Financial Product (in German), Geographisches Colloquium, Geographisches Institut, University of Bayreuth

Passau, 04/10/2013: Financialisation 3.0. On the Construction and Reconstruction of Green Finance Capital (in German), Biannual Meeting of German Geographers, University of Passau

Lisbon, 29/06/2013 (with Julian Stenmanns): The New Zones of Circulation: On the Production and Securitization of Maritime Frontiers in West Africa, 5th European Conference on African Studies

Moscow, 26/10/2012: Enacting Global Connections: The making of World Market Agencies in Frontier Regions of Global Agrarian Capitalism, Conference Embeddedness and Beyond. Do Sociological Theories meet Economic Realities?, Moscow Higher School of Economics

Seoul, 30/06/2011: Creating, Maintaining and Rethinking Global Connections: Multinational Agrobusiness and the Precarious Making of Agri-export Markets in the Global South, Third Global Conference on Economic Geography

Washington, D.C., 15/04/2010: The Relational Spaces of Standard Setting: The Role of Industry Technocrats, Entrepreneurs and Knowledge Brokers in the Implementation and Negotiation of Global Standards, Annual Congress of the Association of American Geographers

Leipzig, 05/06/2009: Neoliberalism as an Economic Caterpillar: Rethinking the Workings of the Market in the Context of African horticulture, 3rd European Conference on African Studies

Las Vegas, 26/03/2009 (with Peter Lindner): Moving the Margins of the Market: NGOs, Smallholders and Global Agrobusiness in Northern Ghana, Annual Congress of the Association of American Geographers

Eschwege, 15/11/2009: Some Thoughts on the Construction, Constitution and Practice of Transnational Agricultural Markets (in German), Conference Working Group on Industrial Geography

Freiburg, 15/05/2008: Reflexive Commodity Networks, Privately Regulated Spaces and the Changing Contours of Export Horticulture in Kenya, Biannual Conference of the German African Studies Association

London, 27/03/2008: Assessing Opportunities and Challenges of GLOBALGAP Option 2 to Ensure Sustainable Development Support to Smallholders – Lessons from Development Projects in Kenya and Ghana, Workshop Private Agrifood Standards and a Sustainable Future for African Agriculture

Academic Conferences and Sessions Organised

02/10/2024 Accumulation and Inequalities on the African Continent, Biannual Congress of the Association of African Studies in Germany (together with Prof. Dr. Kai Koddenbrock, Bard College; Taibat Lawanson, University of Lagos)

01/09/2024 The Long Shadow of German Colonialism, Amnesia, Denialism and Revisionism, Book talk with Henning Melber, Biannual Congress of the Association of African Studies in Germany (together with Dr. Cassandra Mark-Thiesen, University of Bayreuth)

30/09/2024 Black Capitalism Revisited, Biannual Congress of the Association of African Studies in Germany (together with Dr. Faisal Garba, University of Cape Town)

21/09/2023 The Great Convergence? Agricultural Modernization and its Others in Global Perspective, DKG 2023 (together with Dr. Michael Spies, Hochschule für Nachhaltige Entwicklung Eberswalde)

2021 Financial Geography Network (FINGEO) Global Lecture Series, featuring: Madeleine Fairbairn, Zac Taylor, Andrew Leyshon, Radha Upadhyaya, Susanne Soederberg, Rex McKenzie, <https://www.regionalstudies.org/events/fingeo-seminars/#!> (co-organized with Manuel Aalbers),

03/12/2021 Africa: Why Economists get it (really?) wrong: A moderated debate between Franklin Obeng-Odoom and Morten Jerven, University of Bayreuth

02/12/2021 Reconfiguring African Studies, Reconfiguring economics? Centering Property, Institutions and Social Stratification, Cluster of Excellence, University of Bayreuth (co-organized with Christine Vogt-William)

08/10/2021 Beyond Productivity: Reimagining Futures of Agriculture and Bioeconomy, global online workshop (co-organized with Eugen Pissarskoi, Kerstin Schopp, University of Tübingen, Leiyo Singo, University of Bayreuth)

28/09/2019 Digitization, "Big Data" and the New Geographies of Food (co-organized with Sarah Sippel, University of Leipzig), Bin-annual German Geography Congress, Kiel

- 25/08/2018 African Futures, and the Future of Global Capitalism (co-organized with Alex Hughes, University of Newcastle, James Murphy, Clark University); 4th Global Conference on Economic Geography
- 17/04/2018 Researching dis/articulations of Globalized Production (co-organized with Marion Werner, SUNY),
- 01/10/2017 Critical Geographies of Logistics (co-organized with Julian Stenmanns, University of Frankfurt and Dr. Jan Bachmann, University of Stockholm), German Congress of Geography, University of Tübingen
- 07/09/2016 Making Space for Capital? The Political Economy of Investment in African Agriculture, African Studies Association Biannual Conference, University of Cambridge, Cambridge (co-organised with Dr. Festus Boamah, University of Bayreuth)
- 30/08/2016 Operations of Capital: Studying the Land, Housing and Finance Nexus across the North-South-Divide, RGS-IBG Annual Conference, London (co-organized with Dr. Desiree Fields, University of Sheffield)
- 03/10/2015 Geographies of Worth: Resources, Valuation and Contested Economisation, session organised for the German Congress of Geography, Humboldt University, Berlin (co-organised with Peter Lindner, University of Frankfurt)
- 21/08/2015 Same but Different? Critical Perspectives on the Financialisation of Nature and Resource-based Ventures, session organised for the Global Economic Geography Conference, University of Oxford, Oxford (co-organised with Leigh Johnson, University of Oregon)
- 12-13/05/2010 The Making and Remaking of Agro-industries in Sub-Saharan Africa, Danish Institute for International Studies, Copenhagen (co-organised with Lindsay Whitfield, Roskilde University)
- 13-14/11/2009 Organisation of the Annual Meeting of the Working Group on Industrial Geography, Niedernhausen-Naurod, Germany
- 09/04/2010 Privately Regulated Spaces: Articulations and Disarticulations of Neoliberalism in Africa, session organised for the Biannual Conference of the German African Studies Association, University of Mainz (co-organised with Prof. Dr. Martin Doevenspeck, University of Bayreuth)

Interviews, Media, Beratung and Pro Bono Work

- 2023 Wissenschaftliche Beratung Ausstellung „Rohstoff-Zukünfte“, Futurium/Berlin:
- 2023 Wissenschaftliche Beratung ZDF-Produktion „Wem gehört die Welt“
- 2023 „AFD im Aufwind“, Interview mit Frankenpost/Coburger Nachrichten/Nordbayerischer Kurier, 05.07.
- 2023 Podcast „Genetically Modified Crops for Sustainable Agriculture in Tanzania?“ (Verantwortlich für Konzept und Skript):
<https://open.spotify.com/episode/oBXWfhgCASYrCAulAqbw5q/>
<https://open.spotify.com/episode/6MgZf2atWfsXaVugCuEPwf>
- 2021 Podcast: How Economics would Change if Race and Racism were taken seriously?
<https://www.acorrectionpodcast.com/phoneyeconomy/xcr3l6kjpj4tfkcf6bgzn19nny5jljn>
- 2021-20-21/06/2020 Member of advisory board of YAPA (Young African Professional Association), Germany
- Fehlende Selbsterkenntnis – Bayreuther Wissenschaftler beziehen Stellung zum Thema Rassismus. *Nordbayerischer Kurier* (together with Christine Vogt-William, Katharina Schramm, and Rüdiger Seesemann)

- 19/05/2020 Interview für „Afrika – Aus Erfahrung klug, *Hessischer Rundfunk Podcast*
- 04/05/2020 Genese als Ressource? *Frankfurter Rundschau*, 04/05/2020 (together with Joel Glasman and Uli Beisel)
- 24/04/2017 Agricultural Growth Corridors in Africa, *Interview Deutschlandfunk*
- 03/12//2015 Why do People Flee? Invited Panelist for the Public Debate “Frankfurter Fragen zur Flucht”, Frankfurt, Germany
- 2015-2016 Scientific Advisor to and Script Writer for the Production of the Educational DVD “Globalization: Change through Trade” (in German), Medien LB Munich (together with Prof. Dr. Peter Lindner, Frankfurt)
- 18/03/2015 Academic advisor to the Screening of the Movie “Slumdog Millionaire”, School Cinema Weeks, Offenbach, Germany
- 27/08/2014 Interview with ABC Rural Radio Queensland on “Foreign Direct Investment in Australian Agriculture”, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cloLug9JZ3M>