

WITS-TUB Urban Lab Graduate School – 1 st Joint Summer School

Summer School
July 17 - 28

Between July 17 and July 28 2017, the Habitat Unit hosts the first summer school of the Wits – TUB Urban Lab Interdisciplinary Bilateral Postgraduate Studies Programme (2016-2020).

The summer school focuses on the themes of co-production and practice orientation in research and academia. In this context, the summer school explores three sub-themes central for urban development practice and research. This includes key concepts and different approaches relevant for contemporary housing, urban ecology, social in- and exclusion and urban informality as the three themes with which we research for new innovative ways to co-producing knowledge that also encompasses more practice orientation. The summer school offers the possibility to critically reflect on the origins of such concepts and their applicability across contexts of the global South and North.

The summer school is joined by 14 Master students and 5 PhD students from the School of Architecture and Planning at the University of the Witwatersrand in

Johannesburg as well as 23 Master students from the TU Berlin's international Urban Management Programme. Additionally a number of external scholars from South Africa and Germany take part in the summer school, deliver guest lectures and contribute to the planned discussions and workshop sessions.

In the context of the Wits-TU Berlin Summer School, we also host a public Urban Talk lecture with Prof. Marie Huchzermeyer, who speaks on "Interrogating the New Urban Agenda from the perspective of pressing urban realities in Sub-Saharan Africa" on Monday, July 17, 6.30pm in TUB H3005.

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