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## Families and the State: National, International and Transnational Perspectives

Thursday/Friday 26/27 March 2015

Centre for Social Science Research, Room 4.29, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Leslie Social Science Building,  
Upper Campus, University of Cape Town

The Centre for Social Science Research is hosting a two-day symposium on the relationship and interaction between the diversity of families and households, on the one hand, and the institutions and policies of the state, on the other. The symposium will include four sessions. Each session will examine a specific issue and engage with claims about the benefits and harms of state actions for specific individuals and families such as vulnerable children, female headed households, transnational families and individuals in customary marriages. The symposium aims to engage with scholars and policy makers on a discussion that analyses how and whether state policies and laws are supporting families. A distinguished global scholar, Prof. Lynn Jamieson (University of Edinburgh and Director of Centre for Research on Families and Relationships), will present at a plenary session. The symposium will launch the official opening of FaSRU (the Families and Societies Research Unit) within the CSSR and act as the symposium of the 'The functioning and consequences of transnational child raising arrangements in South and North: Angolan, Nigerian and Ghanaian migrant parents living in South Africa and The Netherlands (TCRA-SAN)' project, a collaboration between the CSSR and the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences at Maastricht University, The Netherlands.

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2015**

**09.15: Introduction: Welcome to FaSRU**

**09.30: Vulnerable Households and Policy Reform**

- Dori Posel (University of KwaZulu Natal): *Women, Poverty and Household Arrangements*
- Bernard Dubbeld (Stellenbosch): *Child Support Grants and Vulnerable Households*
- Kirsty Button (UCT): *Female Headed Households: Varying degrees of vulnerability*
- Paul Whelan (Deputy Director: Policy and Research, Human Settlements Departments, Western Cape Government) & Trevor Dennis Mitchell (Policy and Research, Human Settlements Departments, City of Cape Town): *Vulnerable Households and Policy Reform*
- Discussant: Prof. Francis Wilson (UCT)

**12.30: Lunch**

**13.30: Women, Families and Customary Law: Legal Protection over Property Rights**

- Aninka Classens (UCT): *Recent Changes in Women's Land Rights and Contested Customary Law in South Africa*
- Chuma Himonga (UCT): *Families and administration of (customary law) intestate estates: Cracks in the state system.*
- Elena Moore (UCT): *Protection of Women's Marital Property Rights upon the Dissolution of a Customary Marriage in South Africa: A View from Inside and Outside the Courts*
- Likhapa Mbatha, Director of the National Movement of Rural Women: *Supporting rural women's access to property*
- Discussant: Prof. T. Nhlapo

**16.00: Keynote Presentation: Lynn Jamieson (University of Edinburgh): *Family-State Dynamics and Competing Agendas in and against the State***

**17.30: Reception**

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2015**

**09.00 Child Policy: Design and Implementation**

- Isaac Chinyoka (UCT) and Jeremy Seekings (UCT): *'Broken Families', Poverty and Social Assistance for Children in Southern Africa*
- Kath Hall (UCT): *The conflation of child protection and social protection*
- Nic Spaul (Stellenbosch): *An empirical overview of educational outcomes in South Africa*
- Discussant: Ariane de Lannoy (UCT)

**12.00: Lunch**

**12.45: Valentina Mazzucato (Maastricht University): *Migrant families and the well-being of their members at home and abroad: The transnational effects of national policies***

**13.30: Transnational Families: Competing Interests and Migration Policies**

- Lidewyde Berckmoes (University of Amsterdam): *Resilience in transnational parent's life stories: A strength-based approach to migration and parenting of Nigerian transnational parents in the Netherlands*
- Manal Stulgatis (UCT): *A Transnational Family-friendly State? The position of transnational families in the context of South African law and society*
- Stanford Mahati (UCT): *Practices and norms of fathering among Ghanaian and Nigerian migrants in Johannesburg, South Africa*
- Henrietta Nyamnjoh (UCT): *From Transcending transnational transaction and material accumulation to negotiating emotional transnationalism amongst Cameroonian migrants in Cape Town*
- Sergio Carciotto [Scalabrini Institute for Human Mobility in Africa (SIHMA)] and Corey Johnson (Scalabrini Centre, City of Cape Town)
- Discussant: Leah Mundell (Northern Arizona University)

**16.00: Reception**

**16.30: Concluding conversation between Prof. Lynn Jamieson and Debbie Budlender: *Families and the State: Comparing Global North and South***