



Writershop in Critical Agrarian Studies and Scholar-Activism 2022

Programme

05-10 December 2022, Cape Town
Writershop facilitators: Jun Borrás and Ruth Hall
Venue: [PLAAS](#), University of the Western Cape, Cape Town

The Meet & Greet [Zoom link here](#)
Thursday 17 November 2022

14.00-15.30 Central African Time
13.00-14.30 Central European Time
12.00-13.30 GMT

Plenary: Introduction to the idea of the Writershop
Ethos and politics of the Writershop
Introduction of the hosting partner institutions and collaborators
Wave from the regions
Presentation of the programme and plan for Writershop 2022
Introduction of the hosting team at PLAAS
General logistics for Cape Town and a place for logistical queries

Groups: Introduction of the members and mentors
Getting to know one another.....



Cape Town

Day 1: Monday 5 December 2022

- 09h00 **Introductory session: What is the Writeshop and who is it for?**
Jun Borrás and Diana Aguiar
- 10h00 Tea & coffee Break
- 10h30 **Session 1: Historical & contemporary agrarian questions in Africa**
Prof. Issa Shivji
- 12h00 Lunch
- 13h00 **Session 2: Competing theories, debates & approaches in
critical agrarian studies**
- What is *not political* economy? Neoclassical New Institutional Economics and Sustainable Rural Livelihoods Approach - Ruth Hall and George Mudimu
 - Marxist agrarian political economy (class-based) and radical agrarian populist/ moral economy/Chayanovian perspectives - Shapan Adnan and Ricardo Jacobs
- 17h00 Close



Day 2: Tuesday 6 December 2022

09h00 **Session 3: Scholar-activism and engaged research**

Panel: Boa Monjane, Ricardo Jacobs and Carol Hernandez Rodriguez

11h00 Tea & coffee Break

11h30 **Session 4: Evolutions in theoretical frameworks**

- **Political Ecology:** Diana Aguiar and Duygu Avci
- **Gender and Social Reproduction:** Stha Yeni

13h00 Lunch

14h00 **Session 5: Publications and publishing**

Panel: Jun Borrás & Ruth Hall

- International academic journal publication
- Improving your chances of publication
- How to make sense of publication impact indicators

Plenary Q&A with the panel – all about publishing, and reflections from the group work.

17h00 Close



Day 3: Wednesday 7 December 2022

09h00 Session 6: Paper peer reviews in groups

This is the practical Writeshop activity. The idea is for each participant to assume three (3) roles: author, reviewer, and observer. Each role is distinct, and in each role, participants will be able to learn about publishing and publications from different specific angles or perspectives, which is important in the writing and publishing process.

- We will organize the participation into 5 groups with more or less 9-10 members per group: one hour discussion per paper.
- Format: 5 minutes opening pitch by the author: 10 minutes by assigned peer reviewer, 10 minutes by a member of the core organizers, 30 minutes open discussion, and 5 minutes closing by the author.
- Requirement: reviewers have to read the paper assigned to them in advance and prepare review comments.
- Prior to the Writeshop, or by 15 November, we will finalize subgroupings and ask participants to read papers in their subgroup.

Day 4: Thursday 8 December 2022

Field Trip: Full day (Leaving *early*)

One big bus to visit sites of land and agrarian struggles: farm workers and evictees and rural activists (with Women on Farms Project); urban land occupation movement and urban activists (indigenous leaders, Reclaim the City & Ndifuna Ukwazi) and sightseeing: Cape Point peninsula, beaches, Table Mountain and V&A Waterfront. No overnight stay. [Field trip team leader and organiser: Ruth Hall]

19h00 Dinner in Cape Town



Day 5: Friday 9 December 2022

09h00 **Individual work: paper revision plan in response to peer review feedback**

14h00 **Session 7: Authors' responses to peer reviews in groups**

- Day 5 afternoon will be devoted to individual presentations of an improved, sharpened main line of argument, or plan to improve the paper after the plenary and subgroup discussions.
- 15 minutes each paper: presentation of how to go forward with finalizing the paper; comments from the group mates, plus core organizers.

Day 6: Saturday 10 December 2022

09h00 **Session 8: Open reflection in groups**

Techniques for revising and finalising papers, dealing with comments and reviews.

11h00 Tea & coffee Break

11h30 **Session 8 continues**

13h00 Lunch

14h00 **Session 9: Plenary discussion and closing session**

Panel: Rahma Hassan, Amit Kurien, Jun Borrás and Ruth Hall, Carol Hernandez Rodriguez
Responses and proposals from one participant representative from each region: Africa, ME/Turkey, Asia, and Latin America

Evaluation and way forward

16h00 CASAS Strategic meeting

Evening: Party with self-organised DJ-ing



Writeshop resource persons, mentors, organisers:

Boaventura Monjane (PLAAS and CASAS, Mozambique), Diana Aguiar (Federal University of Bahia and CASAS, Brazil), Carol Hernandez (UNAM and CASAS, Mexico), George Mudimu (PLAAS and CASAS, Zimbabwe), Jacobo Grajales (University of Lille and JPS, Colombia), Ruth Hall (PLAAS and JPS, South Africa), Jun Borrás (ISS and JPS, Philippines), Ricardo Jacobs (UCalifornia and JPS, South Africa), Shapan Adnan (formerly NUS and Oxford, Bangladesh), Ye Jingzhong (COHD, CAU, China), Duygu Avci (CASAS and Sabancı University, Turkey), Rahma Hassan (University of Nairobi and CASAS, Kenya), Amit Kurien (CASAS, India).

Please check the Writeshop webpages for updates:

JPS website: <https://www.peasantjournal.org/>

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