

T15P02 / Public Policy in Africa: A Political Economy Perspective

Topic : T15 / INEQUALITIES AND PUBLIC POLICY

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GENERAL OBJECTIVES, RESEARCH QUESTIONS AND SCIENTIFIC RELEVANCE

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Session 1

Wednesday, June 28th 10:20 to 12:20 (POD361)

Thinking a green world beyond extractivism in Central Africa: towards the implementation of community public policies and transfer of skills.

Jean Claude Boula (University of Yaoundé II)

Yves Patrick MBANGUE NKOMBA (University of Yaoundé II, Faculty of Laws and Political Science)

(Virtual) Fiscal citizenship and fiscal governance of road money in Cameroon

Prisca ASSIENE

(Virtual) La circulation des politiques de gestion décentralisée des forêts au Cameroun : Entre diffusion émotionnelle, traduction bricolée et hybridation des recettes de politiques forestières locales.

Dieudonné TOUKEA (Université de Dschang)

Coupling Logic of Formal System and Informal System in Precision Poverty Alleviation in China —Based on the case study of village K, Z County, Hubei Province

Mo-zhu Wang (Central China Normal University)

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PU NIU (institution for China rural studies)

(Virtual) PUBLIC POLICIES AT A CROSSROAD IN AFRICA: REVISITING SECURITY AND HEALTH POLICIES.

Danielle MINTEU KADJE (University of Dschang)

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Session 2

Wednesday, June 28th 15:50 to 17:50 (POD361)

WHEN THE POLICIES OF LAND RESERVES FAVOR THE LAND INVASION OF THE NEO-LORDS OF LAND AND LAND CRIMINALITY IN THE CAMEROONIAN PEASANTRY

Jean Emmanuel Minko À Bitegni (Université de Maroua)

Integrating Traditional Medicine and Healing in National Healthcare in Nigeria – A Theoretical Review

Olumayowa Idowu (Clemson University)

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Rebuilding the state: Fiscal Federalism in Sudan

Hamid Ali (Doha Institute for Graduate Studies)