

## School of Built Environment and Development Studies

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# Professor Sarah Bracking

**Title:**

Changes in environmental governance and climate finance

**Date:**

Wednesday, 10 August 2016

**Time:**

11:45am -13:00pm

**Venue:**

Room 808, Level 8, Shepstone Building,  
Howard College Campus

**ABSTRACT:** This seminar explores the design process of the Green Climate Fund (GCF) of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) from 2011 to 2016. Powerful countries, corporations and banks have favoured a deepening of neoliberal environmental governance, while civil society actors have argued over retaining movement concepts, won small representational victories, while participating in a process that has subjected them to a deepened practise of advanced liberal governance. The process has thus far produced 'non-outcomes' that fail to meet hopes that the GCF could provide a significant scaling up and paradigm shift in global climate finance. However, CSO engagement appears to be, somewhat inadvertently, exposing the 'overflows', limits and contradictions inherent in advanced liberal governance. The impasse created has prompted alternative governmentalities to emerge, not least of spectacle and (non) performativity, which may be generating an anti-politics in environmental governance.

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