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TITLE: CITIZENSHIP, SOCIAL POLICIES AND PROCESSES OF TRANSFORMATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA

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ABSTRACT: The ongoing processes of democratization and of economic reforms in Africa highlight complex challenges, particularly in relation to citizenship. In this context, in a continent that is still rural, but with a rapid urban growth, the processes of transformation in rural and urban governance play a significant role.

The panel will discuss, with particular reference to southern Africa, some issues (social policies, rural development, local and traditional authorities) in order to favour a discussion that would move beyond the dominant paradigms of analysis: the debate on the crisis of the state and the relevance of governance procedures, and the "developmental" literature concerning the production of public policies based on neo-institutional models. The panel will examine local and social transformations, the emergence of new forms of communities (especially urban), the rural mobility. All these phenomena determine significant effects on societies and pose questions in terms of democracy.

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