



# ***Staying Alive in Zimbabwe – Food, Land and Livelihoods***

## **BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS OF SPEAKERS & CHAIRS**

### Welcome and Introduction

#### **PAULINE DODGSON-KATIYO**

Dr Pauline Dodgson-Katiyo is Chair of the Britain Zimbabwe Society and a director of a small publishing company, Books of Africa. She was formerly Head of English at Newman University, Birmingham, and Dean of the School of Arts and Letters at Anglia Ruskin University, Cambridge. She has now retired from full-time higher education but continues to be an active researcher in African literature, particularly Zimbabwean and Somali. In her early career, she worked in teaching, curriculum development and educational broadcasting in Zimbabwe. She is co-editor of *Rites of Passage in Postcolonial Women's Writing* and *Emerging Perspectives on Yvonne Vera*. She has recently guest edited (with Helen Cousins) an issue of *African Literature Today* on 'Diaspora and Returns in African Literature'.

#### **JONNY STEINBERG**

Professor Jonny Steinberg is director of the African Studies Centre and Professor of African Studies at Oxford University. He is also a writer and the author of several award-winning books about everyday life in the wake of South Africa's transition to democracy, most recently *A Man of Good Hope*, an epic saga of migration, human trafficking, crime, poverty and xenophobia. Born and raised in South Africa, he was educated at Wits University, Johannesburg, and Oxford University.

### Panel 1

#### **CHARLES LAURIE**

Dr Charles Laurie is director and head of politics at Verisk Maplecroft, a risk management consultancy in the UK, where he leads a team investigating a broad range of political, social and economic risks globally. He specializes in research on political stability, conflict, oil and gas, agro-commodities and migration, especially in Zimbabwe, Mozambique and South Africa. His doctoral research, published by Oxford University Press in 2016 as *The Land*

*Reform Deception*, focused on the violent takeover of commercial farms in Zimbabwe between 2000 and 2008. He investigated why Robert Mugabe's government targeted its commercial farming sector, the extent to which farm seizures were driven by political objectives, and why the state deployed such extensive violence against a largely unarmed population.

### **KHANYISELA MOYO**

Dr Khanyisela Moyo lectures at the Transitional Justice Institute/School of Law at the University of Ulster. Her research and teaching interests are in postcolonial transitions, jurisprudence, gender, human rights, transitional justice and legal research methods. Her recent publications include '*Justiciable Property Rights and Postcolonial Land Reform: A Case Study of Zimbabwe, in: Justiciability of Human Rights Law in Domestic Jurisdictions. (Eds: Diver, Alice and Miller, Jacinta), (2016) Springer International Publishing, Switzerland, pp. 363-387*' & '*Mimicry, Transitional Justice and the Land Question in Racially Divided Former Settler Colonies. The International Journal of Transitional Justice, 2015 9 (1). pp. 70-89.*' She obtained a Bachelor of Laws (LLB Hons) degree from the University of Zimbabwe and worked for the Zimbabwe Human Rights NGO Forum as a lawyer, mostly representing victims of state orchestrated violence. She also obtained an MA from the University of Oslo (2003), an LLM in Public International Law from the University of Nottingham (2004) and a doctorate in law from Ulster University (2009). She has also acted as a transitional justice consultant to Zimbabwean civic bodies.

### **KNOX CHITIYO**

Dr Knox Chitiyo is the former chair, and current president of the Britain Zimbabwe Society. He is also a Chatham House Associate Fellow on the Africa Programme. Knox was previously Nelson Mandela Fellow and Head of the Africa Programme at the Royal United Services Institute [RUSI]. He has published extensively on African, diasporan, security and development issues and is a media regular. Before coming to the UK, Knox was a senior lecturer in war studies and history at the University of Zimbabwe. He was also deputy director of the Center for Defence Studies in Harare and taught at the Zimbabwe Staff College and regional defence institutions. Knox won the BEN/Sky TV Award for contributions to Diplomacy in 2010 and was a Zimbabwe Achievers Awards nominee in 2011. In 2015, Knox was included in Diaspora magazine's list of 'Eminent African Diasporans in the UK.'

### Keynote address

### **PATIENCE MUTOPO**

Dr Patience Mutopo is a social scientist and a senior lecturer at the Centre for Development Studies at Chinhoyi University of Technology in Zimbabwe. She holds an MSc in International

Relations from the University of Zimbabwe, an MPhil in human rights from the University of Oslo and a doctorate from the Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology and the Cologne African Studies Centre, University of Cologne. She is a post-doctoral researcher, working on processes of agrarian transformation and land reform in Zimbabwe with the Cologne African Studies Centre and the University of Wageningen in the Netherlands. Her research centres on gender, land and agrarian reforms, rural livelihoods analysis, the politics of policy making processes, rural entrepreneurship and value chain processes. Her publications include *A Rights Based Approach to Reproductive Health in Zimbabwe* (2011, LAP Lambert Academic Publishing) and *Women, Mobility and Rural Livelihoods in Zimbabwe – Experiences of Fast Track Land Reform* (2014, Brill). She has published journal articles in the *Journal of Peasant Studies*, *Gender and Development* and *Journal of African Renaissance Studies*. She has worked as a consultant with the African Capacity Building Foundation, in Harare Zimbabwe, UNFAO, Harare, ACTIONAID International Harare and OXFAM, Harare, Zimbabwe.

## **ROBIN PALMER**

Dr Robin Palmer is a global land rights policy specialist, with a particular focus on Southern and Eastern Africa and South-East Asia. He had 20 years' experience with Oxfam GB in a range of advisory, management and communications posts, with a focus on land rights, gender, HIV and AIDS, livelihoods and food security, and 15 years' experience as an academic, predominantly in Southern Africa, with a focus on agrarian history. Robin has published extensively on land rights and agrarian issues. He is a consultant for Mokoro, an international development consultancy linking research, policy and action. He is currently working on the impacts of global land grabbing and manages the prestigious Land Rights in Africa website.

## Panel 2

## **PHILLAN ZAMCHIYA**

Dr Phillan Zamchiya: holds a Doctor of Philosophy (D. Phil) degree in international development from the University of Oxford. He is currently employed as a researcher at the University of the Western Cape, South Africa where he is coordinating a six country project in Southern Africa on politics, land rights, mining and agri-based investments. Previously he was a research fellow at the Department of International Development (DFID) at the University of Oxford where he taught on the Master of Philosophy program in Development Studies. His research interests include understanding the role of state practices and politics in land and agrarian reform in post-colonial Africa and studying the role of opposition political parties, civil society and elections in democratic transitions. Dr Zamchiya is published in international journals. He has worked as a consultant to civil society in South Africa and Zimbabwe producing strategic plans, evaluation reports, resource mobilization plans, communication and advocacy plans, policy papers and research reports.

### **ARNOLD CHAMUNOGWA**

Arnold Chamunogwa is a doctoral candidate in the Department of International Development, Oxford University. He has an MA in Governance and Development from the Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex. He also has a postgraduate Diploma in Governance, Public Policy and Democratization from the International Institute of Social Studies, Erasmus University of Rotterdam, Netherlands. Arnold has ten years' experience managing grants, providing capacity development and technical assistance, and facilitating research within the democracy, governance and rights (DRG) sector of Zimbabwean civil society. He is the founder of Youth Agenda Trust, a youth-led organisation promoting youth participation in democracy-building in Zimbabwe.

### **MCDONALD LEWANIKA**

McDonald Lewanika, a Zimbabwean human rights and development practitioner, is currently researching his doctorate on democracy and the state in Zimbabwe, in the Department of Government at the London School of Economics. He is the author, with Delta Milayo Ndou, of *We The People: July 31 – Our Version of Events*, a study of the 2013 elections in Zimbabwe through the perceptions and experiences of ordinary voters. McDonald has held senior positions in Zimbabwe in the Crisis in Zimbabwe Coalition and the Students Solidarity Trust.

### Panel 3

### **TAPIWA CHATIKOBO**

Tapiwa Chatikobo is a doctoral candidate at the Institute for Poverty, Land and Agrarian Studies, University of the Western Cape (PLAAS), where he is investigating the effects of land reform on livestock production systems in Matabeleland region, Zimbabwe. While Zimbabwe's land reform has received much scholarly attention, few previous studies have paid attention to livestock production after the Fast Track Land Reform Programme. He has an MSc degree in geography and environmental studies from Stellenbosch University, where his research focused on the effects of a donor-funded community-based grazing project on rural livelihoods in northern Matabeleland. He graduated in geography and environmental studies at Midlands University, Zimbabwe.

### **MBONGENI NGULUBE**

Mr Mbongeni Ngulube is a researcher at the Institute for Anthropological Research in Africa at the KU Leuven University, Belgium, and the Academic Coordinator of the advanced masters in Cultures and Development Studies. He is a Mundus Urbano Scholar under the EU's Excellency Program and lectures at universities in Germany, Spain and France. He is

currently the policy director at The Global Native, a development research charity based in Leeds, UK. Ngulube's background is in urbanism, he holds three masters in architecture, housing and urban development. His doctoral research is focused on the effects of the diaspora and social movements on development theory and practice.

### **NICK JAMES**

Dr Nick James is a geographer with research and teaching interests in development, environment and political ecology. Particular areas of interest include agrarian change in Africa, the geography of food (especially household food security), soil fertility dynamics and place geography within rural Africa. He is an associate lecturer with the Department of Development Policy and Practice at the Open University. He also lectures at the University of Gloucestershire, Newport University and the University of the West of England.

### **NA NCUBE**

Na Ncube is Zimbabwean and the director of The Global Native, a UK-based, diaspora-led charity which seeks to unlock social investment funds for rural farming and development in Zimbabwe. She is particularly interested in mobilising funds from the Zimbabwean diaspora in the UK and elsewhere. The Global Native also seeks to educate and influence policy for sustainable development. Na trained with PriceWaterhouse Coopers and held various finance positions in different organisations prior to obtaining a Masters in International Development. She set up and has been running The Global Native since 2009.

### Panel 4

### **PATHISA NYATHI**

Pathisa was born in Sankonjana, Kezi and is based in Bulawayo. After a career in education and public relations, he is now a published poet, historian, biographer and cultural consultant. He has his own publishing company, Amagugu Publishers. In 2012 he set up the Amagugu International Heritage Centre within the Matobo Hills. He is a columnist for the Sunday News, Umthunywa, The Sunday Mirror and Sky Host in Zimbabwe. His creative writing appears in the anthology *Short Writings from Bulawayo*. His recent publications include *Zimbabwe's Cultural Heritage* (2006, amabooks, Zimbabwe), *Lozikeyi Dlodlo – Queen of the Ndebele* (with Marieke Clarke, 2011, AmaGugu Publishers), and *Welshman Hadane Mabena – A Voice for Matabeleland* (with Marieke Clarke, 2016, AmaGugu Publishers). The last title is being launched in the UK at the Research Day.

### **DORCAS GWATA**

Dorcac Gwata is a Zimbabwean Global Mental Health Specialist working in a Public Health role looking at mental health needs in young people and families involved in gangs in London, many of whom are from minority backgrounds. Her research extrapolates culturally adjusted methods of engagement from the Zimbabwean Friendship Bench Mental Health

Project into her clinical work in London. Her work with young people in gangs has been highly commended and is being scaled up across London. Dorcas has worked extensively across East and Southern Africa, recently contributing to a UK Parliamentary Paper on the evaluation of the last Ebola crisis in West Africa. She is a visiting Lecturer at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and Kings College University, in London. She is a Trustee for Zimbabwe Health Training Support Diaspora Charity (ZHTS). This year she sponsored the National Merit Arts Awards (NAMA 2017) in Zimbabwe and continues to support grassroots artists in Zimbabwe and the Diaspora. Dorcas is a regular African Affairs Analyst on various media platforms such as the Arise TV, and BBC Africa. She runs her own blog Tribal Sands, <http://www.tribalsands.com/>

## **DUMI SENDA**

Dumi Senda is a diversity and inclusion expert, a human rights practitioner and an author. He has worked as a politics adviser for business and public sector organisations and has UN level experience. He is the founder and blogger for Senda Politics, aiming to hold those in positions of power accountable, a director of Ubuntu Community Investments, supporting community developers, practitioners and investors to generate positive social impact through their work, and an ambassador for Youth Leadership Project Africa, empowering young people through education. He is currently studying for an MSc in African Studies at Oxford University.

## Summing up

## **DIANA JEATER**

Professor Diana Jeater is an editor of the *Journal of Southern African Studies* and has served on the BZS Executive since 1982. She is Emeritus Professor of African History at UWE Bristol, and currently teaches at the history department, Goldsmiths College, London. In addition to two groundbreaking books on Zimbabwean history, she has published on history, anthropology, asylum law and digital humanities. She has a particular interest in teaching research skills and is exploring ways to work with faculty members in Zimbabwean universities to develop this pedagogy. Her current research project explores the material consequences of spirit beliefs for war, peace, and reconciliation.