Precarity/Promises:
2018 Stanford Anthropology Graduate Conference

April 27-28, 2018
Department of Anthropology
Stanford University

Day 1 (4/27, Fri)

1:30-3:30PM
Panel Section A (Panels 1&2)

PANEL 1
“Failed” Economies:
The Possibilities of Vulnerable Transactions

Mother, Daughter, "Girlfriend":
Remaking kin and community in post-socialist Kyrgyzstan
Grace Zhou (Stanford University)

‘My House…it’s Like a Tornado:’
Black Women Mobilizing Against Subprime Foreclosure in Baltimore
Sa Whitley (UCLA)

Embodying magic, Scamming future:
The Fever of Internet-mediated Pyramid Schemes in China
Haoqian Chen (Brandeis University)

A Nice Warm Little Pathology We Like to Call Home:
Precarity and Legitimacy in American Anthropology.
David Platzer (John Hopkins University)

Student Discussant: Vivian Lu (Stanford University)
Faculty Discussant: Sarah Vaughn (UC Berkeley)

PANEL 2
While Waiting:
Protracted Liminalities and Strategies in Deferment

Promising Futures:
Ethical Duration and Deferral in a San Francisco County Jail
Samuel Maull (Stanford University)

Eventfulness and Endurance of Exile Tibet as Social Project
Jill Tan (University of Chicago)
Waiting and Its Side Paths
Marios Falaris (John Hopkins University)
Economies of Aging: Growing Old in Contemporary Cuba
Elix Colon (Stanford University)

Student Discussant: Valentina Ramia, (Stanford University)
Faculty Discussant: Matthew Kohrman (Stanford University)

3:30-4:00PM
Break

4:00-5:30PM
Conference Keynote Address
Tania Li (University of Toronto)

5:30–6:30PM
Conference Reception

6:30–8:30PM
Film Screening
with Karen Nakamura (UC Berkeley)

Day 2 (4/28, Sat)

9:00-11:00AM
Panel Section B (Panels 3&4)

PANEL 3
Transgression, Security, and Reform in the City: Rethinking the Social Through Urban Futures

The Gangs of Lyari:
Precarity and possibility amidst an urban gang war in Karachi, Pakistan
Adeem Suhali (Emory University)

Finding the Future in the Marvelous City:
“Re-socialization” and Life after Prison in Rio de Janeiro
David Thompson (UC Berkeley)

Pious Prostitute:
Negotiating Religiosity within Indonesian Sex Work Economy
Bahram Naderi (Northwestern University)

Proximity as Promise, Proximity as Precarity: Scenes of Distress, the Production of Exemplary Space, and the City as Civic Encounter
William Stafford (UC Berkeley)

Student Discussant: Yasemin Ipek (Stanford University)
Faculty Discussant: Sharika Tharinagama (Stanford University)

PANEL 4
Trajectories of Disease and Flourishing

Toxic Agriculture: The Promise of Innovation in a Precarious Food System
Gregory Kohler (UC Irvine)

Life Beyond Causation:
Productive Uncertainty in Central America’s Chronic Kidney Disease Epidemic
Carlos Martinez (UCB/UCSF)

Implanon: Temporalities and Vulnerabilities of Family Planning for Ethiopian Female Migrant Workers
Young su Park (Stanford University)

Oncological Promises and the Physiological Precarity of Cancer
Anthony Wright (UCB/UCSF)

Student Discussant: Amrapali Maitra (Stanford University)
Faculty Discussant: Kristina Lyons (UC Santa Cruz)

11:00-11:30AM
Break

11:30AM–1:30PM
Urban Beyond Measure Workshop
with Laurence Ralph (Harvard University)

2:00–4:00PM
SECTION C (Panel 5 & 6)

PANEL 5
Promises on the Move:
Power, Violence, and the Politics of Space

Vertical occupations: Astronomy’s promises and politics in post-Oslo Palestine
Jake Silver (Duke University)
“Ni tan mal ni tan bien, es lo básico”:
Eating practices in assemblages of desire in Tijuana, México
Montserrat Pérez-Castro
(Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana-Cuajimalpa)

Half-promises, Environmental Precarity, and Ojibwe Treaty Rights
Sheamus Johnson (University of Wisconsin-Madison)

Roads of Promise and Disparity:
Territorializing Tibet through Sino-Tibetan Highways
Shuting Zhuang (University of Chicago)

Student Discussant: Tomo Sugimoto (Stanford University)
Faculty Discussant: Jerry Zee (UC Santa Cruz)

PANEL 6
Precarity and Promises Realigned:
Movements, Mobilization, and the Poetics of Recognition

Folds of Authoritarianism:
Political Mobilization, Financial Capitalism, and Islamism in Turkey
Firat Kurt (Columbia University)

Indifference to promises:
Reflections on the associations of truck drivers in Tanzania
Elisabetta Campagnola (University of Toronto)

When ‘structural violence’ is renamed ‘precarity’:
Coal mining and right-wing populism in Aegean Turkey
Irem Az (Columbia University)

The Gift of Rule: Praise, performance, and precarity in the Sultanate of Oman
Bradford Garvey (CUNY)

Student Discussant: Lorraine Weekes, (Stanford University)
Faculty Discussant: Kabir Tambar (Stanford University)

4:00–4:30PM
Break

4:30–6:00PM
Alumni Keynote Address
Hannah Appel (UCLA)

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