

Programme for the Bergen Meeting of the Bhalisa Network, June 27 – 8, 2022

The original Call-for-papers is at

<https://wiser.wits.ac.za/page/bergen-bhalisa-meeting>

Our hosts:

[Faculty of Law, University of Bergen](#)

Preluding On-Line Events

Meeting in Bergen, June 27 - 8

Sunday, June 26.

Guided tour of Bryggen focusing on the Hanseatic League's place in the city's identity by Professor Geir Atle Ersland **starting at 12:00.** [More here.](#)

Day 1 | Monday, June 27, start time: 9:00am

Venue : Location: Natural History Museum, University of Bergen ("Forhandlingrommet")
<https://www.universitetsmuseet.no/nb/praktisk> [Google Map](#)

Drafts of papers or slides for distribution by Jun 5, 2022 Copies of papers and slides are [here](#).

Introductions : 9:00

Panel 1 Histories of Registration | 9:30 to 11:00

- **Walter Bartl** Population Registers and Census Taking in Germany: A Contentious Relationship (Slides, on the day)
- **Radoslaw Poniat** Identification of domestic servants in Poland (17th–20th century)
- **Ian Watson** The Nordic ID Tradition: Five Countries, Five Systems (Slides, precirc)

Panel 2 Tax visibility and registration | 11:30 to 13:00

- **Helge Brunborg** History of Norwegian Population Registration. (Precirc) (Slides, preric on the day)
- **Cláudio Muniz Machado Cavalcanti** Brazil's CPF – from tax number to potemkin ID.
- **Jonathan Klaaren** Tax Transparency and Legal Visibility (Precirc)

Panel 3 Nordic Systems and Problems | 14:00 to 16:00

- **Marianne Henriksen** The Norwegian Tax Administration and the need for an holistic Identity Management. (Slides, on the day?)
- **Marte Kjørven & Tone Linn Wærstad** “Societal Security and Digital Identities” (Slides, on the day)
- **Pål Nesse** – IDs and related obstacles to basic rights and integration for refugees and asylum seekers in Norway (Slides)
- **Tobias Wijk** “Swedish Tax, Population Registration and Identity Management.” (WD)

Summation Reflections on Day 1

- Comments **Mia Harbitz**

Day 2 | Tuesday, June 28, start time: 9:00am

Venue : UIB Law Faculty <https://goo.gl/maps/LtrG55tgf8kX1Sz46>

Panel 4 Capabilities and Exclusion | 9:00 to 11:00

- **Romesh Silva** Measuring the Invisible: Data and Estimates of the Population Lacking Proof of Legal Identity (Precirc)
- **Imke Harbers and Wendy Hunter** Social Policy and the Inclusion of Older Women in Registration Systems (Slides on the day)
- **Fernando de Medina-Rosales** Documentation and Health: Challenges and Opportunities for Displaced Persons (Precirc)

Panel 5 Capabilities and Digital Identification | 11:30 to 13:00

- **Malavika Raghavan, Emrys Schoemaker, and Edgar A. Whitley** How can digital identity systems contribute to developmental social justice? Evidence from three digital identity initiatives (Slides, on the day)
- **Babatunde Okunoye** SDG 16.9 vs SDG 11: Situating digital Identity enrollment in Africa within the context of broader sustainable development goals. Nigeria as a case study.
- **Silvia Masiero** Digital Identity as Platform-Mediated Surveillance: A Study of Design Properties (Slides, in advance)

Panel 6 Recent Histories (4 papers) | 14:00

- **Alena Thiel, Byron Villacis (Berkeley), Daniel Capistrano (UC Dublin), and Christyne Carvalho da Silva (INEP)** Statistical innovation in the Global South:

vectors of translation in the population censuses of Brazil, Ecuador, Ghana and Sierra Leone (Precirc)

- **Georges Eyenga** Undocumented at Home? The identity tensions of biometric registration in Cameroon (Precirc)
- **Eve Hayes de Kalaf** The Windrush Scandal in a Transnational and Commonwealth Context

Concluding discussion : 4:00pm - 5:30pm

- Comments : **Simon Szreter and Keith Breckenridge**

End time: Tuesday 6pm.

Preluding On-Line Seminars

Please register for these events at

<https://wits-za.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUod-ggrT8rG9N40TTUddpSAcpuvjoK8Wku>

- Tuesday, 31 May, **2pm UK** Ricardo Soares de Oliveira “Researching Africa and the Offshore World”
- Tuesday, 7 June, 2pm UK Sanjay Dharwadker “Is standardization of birth and death certificates necessary?”
- Tuesday, 14 June, 2pm UK Edward Higgs 'The peculiar intellectual underpinnings of the use of digital expression detection at border immigration control'
- Tuesday, 21 June, 2pm UK Jaap van der Straaten “Legal identity, development and democracy in northern Europe.”

Guided Tour of Bergen

Bergen was founded in 1070 and is rich in history, culture and traditions. Today Bergen is an international center for aquaculture, shipping, the offshore petroleum industry and subsea technology, and a national center for higher education, media, tourism and finance, and the port is Norway's busiest in terms of both freight and passengers, with over 300 cruise ship calls a year bringing nearly a half a million passengers to Bergen.

From the 12th century Bergen was the preferred seat of the Norwegian kings. A century later Hanseatic merchants were granted extraterritorial privileges in Bergen by the Norwegian king, and until the mid-18th century they had a colony, or guild, in Bergen. They were often referred to as the German Office, similar to German merchant colonies in London, Bruges and Novgorod. The colony of Hanseatic merchants left deep

and lasting impressions in Bergen, one of which is what remains of “Bryggen”, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

We have been fortunate enough to engage Geir Atle Ersland (<https://www.uib.no/personer/Geir.Atle.Ersland>), a distinguished professor and researcher in medieval history at the University of Bergen, to take us on a tour of Bryggen on Sunday, June 26th, to talk about the Hanseatic colony and urban identity. He is at present working on a project concerned with the legal culture of the Hanseatic office.

The “walk-about” on Sunday June 26 will start at 12 noon from Nikolaikirke Almenneningen (<https://www.google.com/maps/dir/Nikolaikirkeallmenningen,+5003+Bergen/@60.3972278,5.3252624,20z/data=!4m8!4m7!1m5!1m1!1s0x463cfea777bf02c3:0x6ef1f4f81ad37dbc!2m2!1d5.3251884!2d60.3972753!1m0>) and will last approximately for two hours.

Can you please let me know as soon as possible if you would like to join the tour? Kind regards, Mia

Withdrawn:

- **Bidisha Chaudhuri & Baki Cakici** ID infrastructure as memory practices and the future of democracy: A comparative perspective (Slides, on the day)

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