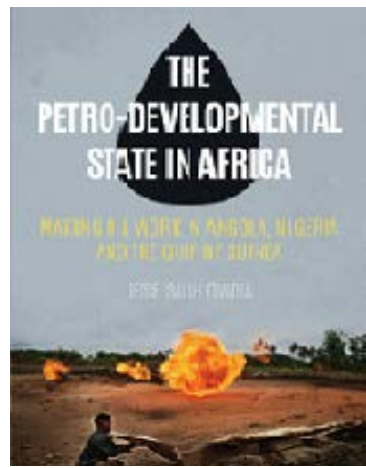


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**Petro-Developmental States and Local Linkages
as Oil-Backed Capitalist Development
in the Global South**

A talk by

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Oil has traditionally been seen as a curse for Africa; its extraction has brought about all of the negative features of capitalist development (poverty, exclusion, environmental degradation, loss of traditional livelihoods, etc.) without any of the economic growth or human development associated with capitalism in the core. Dr. Ovadia explores the ‘petro-developmental state’ as an avenue for reversing the historical experience of natural resources as a curse. Through local content policies, backward and forward linkages can be made between resource extraction, domestic manufacturing and service provision at various points in the value chain.

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