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SEMINAR SERIES 2026

A MULTIDISCIPLINARY APPROACH TO THE STUDY OF URBAN CRISIS: A FOCUS ON THE CITY OF JOHANNESBURG

20 AUG

Time: 1-3pm

Venue: PARI OFFICES

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Civil society engagement with local government: Kopanang Africa Against Xenophobia (KAAX)

by **DALE T. MCKINLEY**

KAAX is a national coalition of civil society organizations, community activists, migrant-led groups, workers, and individuals who have come together to fight xenophobia, racism, and gender-based violence in South Africa.

Formed in 2022 in response to growing anti-migrant sentiment and state inaction, KAAX exists to defend the human rights of all who live in the country, regardless of their nationality or status. We are a people-powered movement built on the principle of African unity, working-class solidarity, and inclusive justice.

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