

# POPULATION

# EVERYWHERE

## CRITICALLY EVALUATING A GLOBAL CONCEPT

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March / 18:00 – 19:30**

Attenborough Room, School of Anthropology and Conservation, University of Kent

# T E A C H – O U T

**Heather Alberro** *Political Ecologist, Nottingham Trent University*

Debates surrounding the key drivers of contemporary ecological decline are varied and complex, although one in particular tends to predominate: the question of whether human population growth or wider macroeconomic forces are to blame. Based on research with environmental activists, Heather offers a critical examination of their diagnostic framing narratives, which tend to designate unhindered growth- in terms of human numbers as well as profit-oriented economic expansion- as a key driver of ecological degradation.

**Laura Burke** *Social Anthropologist, School of Anthropology and Conservation*

Laura's ethnographic research investigates reproductive politics and population logics in post-conflict Timor-Leste. She is interested in how calculations about population influence reproductive interventions and development discourse. She also examines how people's experience of conflict and oppressive colonial and neocolonial regimes coalesce with local ideas about agency, nature and environment to produce particular moralities of reproduction and logics about population.

**Khalil Avi** *Research Associate, Kent Interdisciplinary Centre for Spatial Studies*

Avi is interested in life and how it is organised. Population is a concept for organising life. What does it enable? What does it hide? It is a concept that is everywhere. It has become a growing part of how people make sense of life. The concept of population saturates the living population. Avi seeks to find the limits to growth of this concept and evaluate how to bring it into conversation with the population.

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