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Monday, 9:50 – 11:20 am.

The interdisciplinary lecture series presents various analyses of the development of technologies and cities in Sub-Saharan Africa. It combines a historical perspective with discussion of contemporary challenges. Focus is on infrastructures such as power grids, water and sewer networks, roads and their interplay with urban development and planning. A number of invited speakers complement lectures by the two responsible professors.

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