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## **New approaches to state formation in Africa**

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This panel showcases a range of innovative new approaches to the study of state-building and state formation in Africa. Three papers examine humour and surreal as components of 'state at work', 'bottom-up' social covenants in Somaliland, and voluntary and unpaid labour. Two other papers - focusing on recent Libyan history, and the external dimensions of political settlements - examine more international aspects of these processes.

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