Sharon Otieno was a second year student at Rongo University in Kenya. She was raped, brutally murdered, and deposited in a bush in Uriri, Migori County, on September 3, 2018. Okoth Obado, her rich boyfriend and governor of Migori County, was arrested and accused of the murder. Sharon was thought to be involved in a phenomenon locally known as "sponsorship" where rich men sponsor young girls’ expensive lifestyles. Sharon’s story provoked Kinyanjui to interrogate the issue of women, money, death and patriarchy in Kenya in the context of women's financial uncertainty. Kenyan women are excluded from global financial circuits and have been struggling to earn money in difficult and dangerous terrains. In this talk, Kinyanjui will trace the reality of Kenyan women's financial precarity from its introduction during the colonial time to present day Kenya.

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