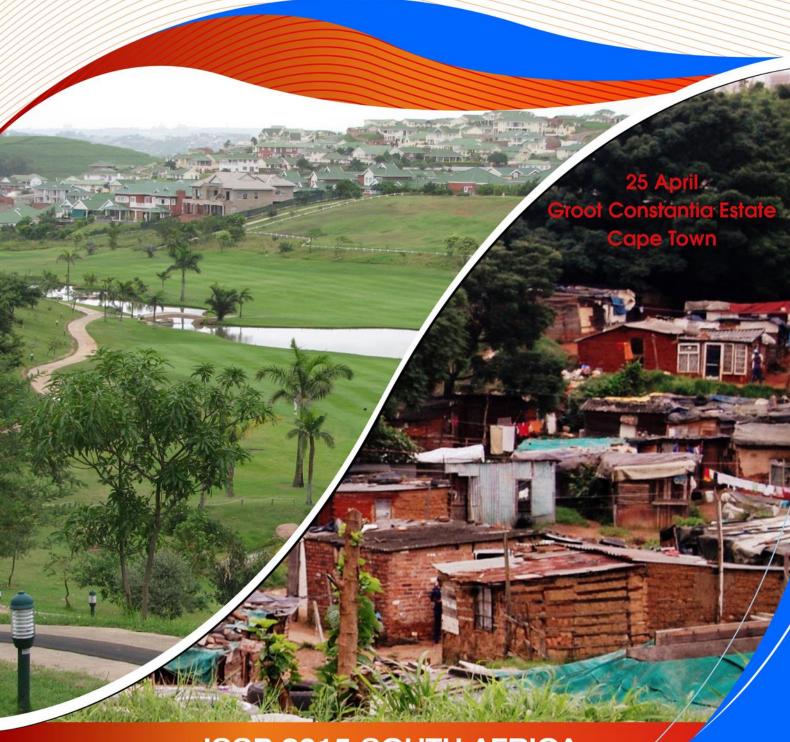
# THE ROLE OF GOVERNMENT IN AN UNEQUAL WORLD



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# **Human and Social Dynamics (HSD) Research Seminar**

# THE ROLE OF GOVERNMENT IN AN UNEQUAL WORLD

Hosted by the Department of Science and Technology, and The Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC)

# 25 April 2014

Simon's Restaurant. Groot Constantia Wine Estate

**Strand Street** 

**Cape Town** 

**South Africa** 

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#### INTRODUCTION

We look forward to your participation in the research seminar hosted by the Department of Science and Technology (DST) and the Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC) focussing on *The role of government in an unequal world*. This seminar is scheduled to take place on 25 April 2015 at the Simon's Restaurant, Groot Constantia Wine Estate, Groot Constantia Road, Cape Town, South Africa.

#### **PURPOSE OF DST HSD RESEARCH SEMINARS**

The Department of Science and Technology (DST) Human and Social Dynamics (HSD) Research Seminar Series aims to:

- Disseminate scientific research findings and transmit a body of new knowledge through an interactive process of critical dialogue and collegial critique to the social sciences and humanities (SSH) research community and other interested actors in the National System of Innovation (NSI);
- Provide an avenue for rated and other researchers, including researchers from rural-based universities to engage in knowledge dialogues across faculties and with other interested actors in the NSI;
- Present and discuss new and ongoing research, identify research gaps, and suggest new research agendas in SSH with a view to forging closer links between the research communities in these fields;
- Reinforce the visibility of SSH research to the higher education and science council sector;
- Enhance wider public understanding of the SSH, including the value and status of both individual and teambased research; and
- Strategically promote, develop, and coordinate collaborative and interdisciplinary research within and between higher education institutions and science councils.

#### **PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES OF THE SEMINAR**

Through the South African Social Attitudes Survey (SASAS), the HSRC has been the official South African country representative of the International Social Survey Programme (ISSP, www.issp.org) since 2003. The ISSP is a continuing annual programme of cross-national collaboration on surveys covering topics important for social science research. The intention of the ISSP is to bring together pre-existing social science projects and coordinated research goals, thereby adding a cross-national, cross-cultural perspective to the individual national studies. Membership of the ISSP currently consists of 48 countries.

The HSRC has been awarded the opportunity to act as the host for the annual ISSP Plenary meeting in April 2015. Apart from the prestige associated with hosting this international event, the timing of the meeting as well as the specific thematic module that will be discussed (Role of Government) has symbolic relevance to the work of the Democracy, Governance and Service Delivery (DGSD) Programme of the HSRC. The meeting will taking place from the 25-29 April 2015 and as such coincides with Freedom Day (27 April) when 21 year of democracy will be celebrated. Given this historic event, the Democracy, Governance and Service Delivery (DGSD programme of the HSRC and DST is hosting a Research Workshop that will be held as part of the Robben Island visit, focusing on the theme "The Role of Government in an Unequal World".

## **PROGRAMME: HSD Research Seminar**

# THE ROLE OF GOVERNMENT IN AN UNEQUAL WORLD

## **PROGRAMME**

Chair:	Ms. Mastoera Sadan, Programme to Support Pro-Poor Development (PSPPD), The Presidency	
14:00 - 14:0	Welcome	
	Dr Thomas Auf der Heyde, Deputy Director General, DST	
14:05 - 14:10	Opening Remarks	
	Dr Temba Masilela, Deputy CEO, HSRC	
14:10 - 14:25	Poetry Recital (TBC)	
14:25 - 15:10	Freedom Charter at 60? (Civil liberties focus)	
	Prof. Ben Turok, former Member of Parliament and Director of the Institute for African Alternatives (IFAA)	
	Justice Albie Sachs, former Judge of the Constitutional Court of South Africa	
15:10- 15:30	Economy, Government and Social Policy	
	Prof. Vishnu Padayachee, Distinguished Professor, School of Economics and Business	
	Sciences, University of the Witwatersrand	
15:30-15:45	Government and Social Inequality	
	Prof. Narnia Bohler-Muller, Deputy Executive Director, Democracy, Governance and Service	
	Delivery (DGSD) Research Programme, HSRC	
15:45-16:00	Facilitated discussion	
	Prof. Daniel Plaatjies, Executive Director, Democracy, Governance and Service Delivery	
	(DGSD) Research Programme, HSRC	
16:00	Summary and Conclusion	
Rapporteur:	Dr Stephen Rule, Freelancer	
Departure		

### PROGRAMME OF EVENTS FOR 25 APRIL 2015

#### **EXCURSION TO ROBBEN ISLAND**

For those accompanying us to Robben Island, the bus will be departing from the Cape Town Lodge at promptly 7:45 am on 25 April 2015 for the trip to Robben Island. Please be waiting in the foyer downstairs. Staff assisting to register and host delegates on the buses are Nicola Kruyshaar Cell:0722974960/ Busisiswe Mamba 072 3290 015

The tour of the Robben Island Museum begins at the Nelson Mandela Gateway at the V & A Waterfront where the ferry departs for the island. Please be sure to be there 30 minutes prior to the departure time, with the gates closing 10 minutes prior to departure.

The tour takes approximately 3.5 hours including the boat trip there and back (the ferry trips times vary from 30 minutes to an hour depending on the weather and the vessel). On the island, tours are all guided by former political prisoners of the island, offering the visitor a truly unique insight into the island's history and personal accounts of prison life. The tour includes a visit to the maximum security prison, with the most poignant stop reserved for Mr. Mandela's former cell, prepared exactly as it was when he was imprisoned here. A bus takes you to the lime quarry where Mr. Mandela and his fellow prisoners did hard labour. Additional stopovers include the Kramat (shrine) of Tuan Guru (a Muslim leader), the Lepers' Graveyard and the house where Robert

#### TRANSFER TO THE HSD RESEARCH SEMINAR

After the excursion, on the Ferry's return arrival at the Waterfront please immediately make your way to the bus to be transferred to the Simon's Restaurant, Groot Constantia Wine Estate, where a canapé lunch will be served followed by a wine tasting during the seminar.

#### REGISTRATION

The Registration Desk for the HSD Science Seminar will be located in the foyer of the Simon's Restaurant.

#### LUNCE

Lunch will be served during the proceedings of the seminar. Kindly advise the organisers in advance about any special catering requirements.

#### **SPEAKERS PRESENTATIONS AT THE HSD SEMINAR**

Presenters who have PowerPoint presentations must please see that slides are loaded onto the computer systems in advance of their session. HSRC IT staff member, Mr Thabo Stamper (Cell: 076 628 3579), will be assisting at the event.

#### INTERNET ACCESS AND COMMUNICATION FACILITIES

Unfortunately no internet is available at the restaurant.

#### ACCOMMODATION

Guests sleeping over will be accommodated at the Cape Town Lodge 101 Buitengracht street, Cape Town, Tel: 021 422 0030

Guests may book in and obtain their room keys after 14:00 (check-in time) on arrival at the hotel reception desks. Delegates have been booked on a bed-and-breakfast basis.

Breakfast commences at 6:30am -10h00

All additional costs will be at the cost of the individual.

#### THE WEATHER

The weather in Cape Town is usually fine in April. You may expect average temperatures of 8° C to 24° C during your visit, with cool evenings. We highly recommend that delegates bring along umbrellas. For more accurate information, visit the South African Weather Bureau's website: <a href="http://www.weathersa.co.za">http://www.weathersa.co.za</a>.

#### **EXHIBITIONS**

Please support the exhibitors in the foyer of the Simons Restaurant, where HSRC Press books will be available to view.

#### **PARKING**

Parking will be available for delegates using their own transport

#### **KEY CONTACTS DETAILS FOR YOUR VISIT**

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Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or need further information about your trip

We look forward to seeing you soon!

We hope that you have an enjoyable and successful workshop.

#### ADDENDUM A

#### **DIRECTIONS AND MAP TO THE SIMON'S RESTAURANT**

Simon's Restaurant. Groot Constantia Wine Estate, Groot Constantia Road, Cape Town, South Africa

- 1. Take the M3 south towards Muizenberg, drive until you reach the Constantia Main Road turnoff (exit 14).
- 2. Turn left into Constantia Main Road (M41) and pass straight over 4 sets of traffic lights.
- 3. Continue on this road until you see the signpost to Groot Constantia Wine Estate. Turn left into Groot Constantia Road.
- 4. Enter Groot Constantia Wine Estate and follow the signposts to Simon's Restaurant.

#### **DIRECTIONS TO CAPE TOWN LODGE HOTEL**

This Cape Town central hotel can be found at **101 Buitengracht street** in Cape Town City Bowl. From the Cape Town International Airport, take the N1/N2 into Cape Town CBD and continue over the first traffic light. The main entrance to the V&A Waterfront will be on your right. You will enter Buitengracht street and after about 1,5kms your Cape Town central accommodation will be on your left hand side.

#### **GPS COORDINATES**

33°55'20.6"S 18°24'56.3"E

