

International Workshop on Inequality and Middle Class Development in Africa

Townhouse Hotel, 60 Corporation Street, Cape Town, 04-06 May 2016

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

OPENING EVENT	
Wednesday, 04 May 2016	
17:30 - 19:30	Public Debate: South Africa's Black Middle Class: A Driver of Political Change? Organized by the Heinrich Böll Foundation, Office Southern Africa
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Thursday, 05 May 2016	
08:00 - 08:30	Registration
08:30 - 09:00	Institutional Welcome and Introduction DR. LENA GIESBERT, Senior Research Fellow at Institute of African Affairs of the German Institute of Global and Area Studies (GIGA) JAN HOFMEYR, Head of Policy and Analysis Programme at the Institute for Justice and Reconciliation (IJR)
09:00 - 10:00	Keynote Speech I: The economic basis of the Africa middle class and its political economy implication: A research Agenda PROF. THANDIKA MKANDAWIRE, Head of Chair in African Development at the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)
10:00 - 10:30	Coffee Break
10:30 - 12:00	Parallel Sessions I: Measurement & Economic Behaviour and Growth
12:00 - 13:30	Lunch
13:30 - 15:30	Interactive session I: Size and definitions of the middle class in Africa Led by PROF. RONELLE BURGER and ASMUS ZOCH, Department of Economics, University of Stellenbosch
15:30 - 16:30	Coffee Break with Poster Session (with short presentations)
16:30 - 17:30	Keynote Speech II PROF. CRAIN A. SOUDIEN, CEO of the Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC)
19:00	Workshop Dinner at Pepénero Restaurant, Cape Town

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Friday, 06 May 2016

- 09:00 - 10:00 Keynote Speech III: What do we know about trends and drivers of inequality change in Africa?
PROF. STEPHAN KLASSEN, Head of Chair of Development Economics, Head of Ibero-America Institute for Economic Research at the University of Göttingen
- 10:00 - 10:45 Coffee Break with
Book Launch 'The New Black Middle Class in South Africa'
PROF. ROGER SOUTHALL, Professor Emeritus in Sociology, University of the Witwatersrand
- 10:45 – 12:15 Parallel Sessions II: Labour Market & Political Attitudes
- 12:15 - 13:30 Lunch
- 13:30 - 15:00 Expert panel discussion on the political and developmental implications of middle class formation in sub-Saharan Africa
DR. DANIELLE RESNICK, Senior Research Fellow at the Development Strategies and Governance Division, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)
DR. ABEBE SHIMELESS, Manager of the Development Research Division, African Development Bank
PROF. HENNING MELBER, Senior Advisor at The Nordic Africa Institute, visiting and extraordinary Professor at the Universities of Pretoria and of the Free State South Africa, Senior Advisor at the Dag Hammarskjöld Foundation
LUMKILE MONDI, CEO of GPB Africa, Senior lecturer at the School of Economics and Business Sciences of the University of the Witwatersrand, and Economic Advisor of the Accelerated and Shared Growth Initiative for South Africa
Moderator: DR. MZUKUSI QOBO, Senior lecturer at the University of Pretoria and columnist for the Business Day newspaper
- 15:00 - 16:30 Interactive session II: Detectability of class differences in social and political attitudes in public opinion survey data
Led by PROF. ROBERT MATTES, Director of the Democracy in Africa Research Unit at the University of Cape Town and co-founder of Afrobarometer
and PROF. JEREMY SEEKINGS, Professor of Political Studies and Sociology and Director of the Centre for Social Science Research at the University of Cape Town
- 16:30 - 17:00 Closing speech / Way forward
PROF. MURRAY LEIBBRANDT, Professor of Economics at the University of Cape Town (UCT) and Director of the Southern Africa Labour and Development Research Unit (SALDRU)
DR. LENA GIESBERT, Senior Research Fellow at Institute of African Affairs of the German Institute of Global and Area Studies (GIGA)

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