2019 Social Policy in Africa Conference

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Theme: Governance of Africa’s Social Policy: Subverting Development and Democracy?

PROGRAMME

Sierra Burgers Park Hotel, City of Tshwane, South Africa

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MONDAY 25 NOVEMBER 2019    DAY 1

07:00—07.55: Registration (Foyer of Mandela 1 & 2)

08:00—11.00: OPENING CEREMONY
Venue: Mandela 1 & 2
(Chair: Professor Lindiwe Zungu—Executive Dean, College of Graduate Studies, University of South Africa.)

Welcome Addresses
- Prof Mandla Makhanya: Vice Chancellor, University of South Africa
- Prof Jimi Adesina: SARChI Chair in Social Policy
- Prof Les Labuschagne: Executive Director, Research and Innovation, University of South Africa.
- Dr Katja Hujo: UNRISD Director (Rep)

Keynote Address
Prof Andrew Fischer (Institute of Social Studies, Erasmus University, The Hague, Netherlands): *The Political Economy of External Financing of Social Policy in Developing Countries.*

Discussion: (30 mins).

11:00—11:30: COFFEE BREAK

11:30—13:00: 1ST PLENARY SESSION: Governance of Africa’s Social Policy
Venue: Mandela 1 & 2
Chair: Katja Hujo (UNRISD, Geneva)

- Jimi Adesina (University of South Africa, South Africa). *Don’t Call Dog Monkey for Me: Policy Merchandising and Social Assistance in Africa.*
- Marion Atieno Ouma (University of South Africa, South Africa). *(Un)democratic social policymaking: Examining the dynamics of social protection adoption in Kenya.*
13:00—14:00: LUNCH

14:00—15:30: 1ST BREAK-AWAY SESSIONS

BAS-1A: Venue (Mandela 1 & 2): Healthcare and Health Policy
Chair: Marion Ouma (University of South Africa, South Africa)

- Julia Ngozi Chukuma (University of London, UK): The Political Economy of Universal Health Coverage in Nigeria: A National Health Act for UHC in Nigeria?
- Kimberley Usher (University of South Africa, South Africa): The politics of inequality in South African health reform: does democracy actually matter?

BAS-1B: Venue (Mandela 3): Dynamics of Social Policymaking
Chair: Nogget Matope (Midlands State University, Zimbabwe)

- Roeland Hemsteede (University of Dundee, UK): Power dynamics in governing social protection.
- Samuel Kapengidza (University of Johannesburg, South Africa): Political ideology and social cash transfer adoption in Zambia and Zimbabwe.

BAS-1C: Venue (Ambassador): Social Assistance and Social Protection
Chair: Clement Chipenda (University of South Africa, South Africa)

- Callistus Agbaam (Ruhr University Bochum, Germany): Explaining public support for universal non-contributory pension programs. Cross sectional evidence from Ghana.
- Tapiwa Chilakalaka Zimba (WFP-Malawi, Malawi): Socio Economic impacts of a social protection programme- A case study of the Malawi Social cash transfer programme.
- José Katito (Universidade Óscar Ribas, Angola): Can Brazilian Family Allowance be a Blueprint for Angola’s anti-poverty social policy?
- Kehinde Omotoso (University of South Africa, South Africa): Estimating the Precariousness of the Middle Class in South Africa: Getting the Policy Right.
15:30-16:00: COFFEE BREAK

16:00—17:30: 2ND BREAK-AWAY SESSIONS

**BAS-2A: Venue (Mandela 1 & 2): Land Reform and Agrarian Reform**

Chair: Mandisa Magwaza (The Presidency, South Africa)


**BAS-2B: Venue (Mandela 3): Ideas and Social Policy Design**

Chair: Samuel Kapingidza (University of Johannesburg, South Africa)

- Kafui Tsekpo (University of South Africa, South Africa): *Social policy framing and design in Ghana: lacking transformation?*
- Kola Omomowo (University of Namibia, Namibia): *A review of social policy in Namibia: clearing the conceptual fuzziness for transformative social policy regime.*
- Sandra Bhatasara (University of Zimbabwe, Zimbabwe): *The role of transformative social policy in climate change adaptation in Zimbabwe.*

**BAS-2C: Venue (Ambassador): Income Security in Old Age**

Chair: Heba ALSawahlli (American University of Cairo, Egypt)

- Gabriel Tati (University of the Western Cape, South Africa) *The sustainability of contributory pension schemes in Africa: In quest of a redistributive model of social security in old age.*
- Manase Chiweshe (University of Zimbabwe, Zimbabwe): *Analysis of the post retirement social protection for football players in Zimbabwe.*
TUESDAY 26 NOVEMBER 2017        DAY 2

09:00—10.30: 2ND PLENARY SESSION: The Politics of Domestic Resource Mobilization
Venue: Mandela 1 & 2
Chair: Charles Hongoro (HSRC, South Africa)
- Andrés Mejia-Acosta (London School of Economics, UK): *Sharing the Wealth: The Politics of Subnational Distribution of Natural Resource Revenues.*

10:30—11.00: COFFEE BREAK

11:00—12:30: 3RD BREAK-AWAY SESSIONS

BAS-3A: Venue (Mandela 1 & 2): Access to Healthcare Services
Chair: Ilcheong Yi (UNRISD, Geneva).
- Thea de Gruchy (University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa): *Sustainability & the state in South Africa: Towards an improved understanding of policy making, a case study of migration and health.*
- Sivuyisiwe Wonci (University of South Africa, South Africa): ‘We don’t need health services; we need jobs, so that we can put food on the table’: the experiences of Community Health Workers in the NHI pilot program in Tshwane District.

BAS-3B: Venue (Mandela 3): Security through the Lifecycle
Chair: Tekalign Sakketa (University of Bonn, Germany)
- Faith Kurete (Bulawayo Polytechnic, Zimbabwe): *Socio-Economic Deprivation and Well Being of Pensioners of the National Social Security Scheme. A Case of Bulawayo.*
• Thabile Samboma (Botswana Institute for Development Policy Analysis, Botswana): *Social policy making in Africa: The Case of implementing Children’s Act in Botswana*.

• Hein Marais (Independent Researcher, South Africa): *The crisis of waged work in South Africa and the option of a Universal Basic Income*.

**BAS-3C: Venue (Ambassador): Synergy of Economic and Social Policy**  
**Chair:** Nimi Hoffman (University of Sussex, UK).

• Ruth Gumede (University of Zululand, South Africa): *The Nexus Between Social Spending and Economic Growth in South Africa: A Cointegration Approach*.

• Mayada Hussanain (Impact Hub, Sudan): Social and Macroeconomic Policy: uncovering the connections.

• Eyob Balcha Gebremariam (London School of Economics, UK): *The Rise and Fall of Developmentalism in Ethiopia: an historical review*.

• Alex Nadège Ouedraogo (University of Bremen, Germany): *Figuration: the interplay between social policy actors in Senegal*.

**12:30—13:30: LUNCH**

**13:30—15:00: 4TH BREAK-AWAY SESSIONS**

**BAS-4A: Venue (Mandela 1 & 2): Politics of Social Policy**  
**Chair:** Neo Simutanya (Centre for Policy Dialogue, Zambia)

• Edward Fokuoh Ampratwum (University of Manchester, UK): *The politics of Social Protection implementation in Ghana: Tracing pathways to uneven effectiveness*.

• Walid Merouani (CREAD Algiers, Algeria): *Willingness to Pay for Social Insurance in Algeria: A Field Experiment*.

• Mikail Moosa (IDS, Sussex, UK/South Africa): *The politics of social assistance in South Africa: Rights, claims, and negotiated statehood*.


• Happy Kayuni (University of Malawi, Malawi): *When Interests and Narratives Collide: Social Policy and Governance in Malawi*.

**BAS-4B: Venue (Mandela 3): Poverty and Inequality**  
**Chair:** Eyob Balcha Gebremariam (London School of Economics, UK)

• Annalena Oppel (IDS, Sussex, UK): *The tall poppy syndrome—relational inequality in urban support networks in Namibia.*

**BAS-4C: Venue (Ambassador): Dynamics of Social Protection**
Chair: Kolawole Omomowo (University of Namibia, Namibia)

• Adolf Makauki (Mzumbe University, Tanzania): *The role of social protection programmes in improving household food access: A case of TASAF III cash transfer programme.*
• Andrew Mushi (Mzumbe University, Tanzania): *Prospects for Provision of Universal Social Security to Elderly People in Tanzania.*
• Shamiso Chigorimbo (University of KwaZulu Natal, South Africa): *Stokvels as an indigenous economic practice pave the way for economic security.*

**15:00—15:30: COFFEE BREAK**

**15:30—17:30: 3RD PLENARY SESSION: Global Governance of Social Policy**
Venue: Mandela 1 & 2
Chair: Juliet Drolet (University of Calgary, Canada)

• Hearth Prince (University of Texas, Austin, USA): *Economic growth, youth unemployment, and political and social instability: A study of policies and outcomes in post-Arab Spring: Egypt, Morocco, Jordan and Tunisia.*
• Naren Prasad (ILO, Switzerland): *Measuring social policy: towards a social policy index.*
WEDNESDAY 27 NOVEMBER 2017    DAY 3

09:00—10:30: 5TH BREAK-AWAY SESSIONS

BAS-5A: Venue (Mandela 1 & 2): Dynamics of Social Policy
Chair: Adolf Makauki (Mzumbe University, Tanzania)
- Getahun Kebede (Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia): *Social Protection and the Promise of Inclusive Development in Ethiopia.*
- Amal Jmaii (University of Tunis el Manar, Tunisia): *Exploring the determinants of welfare distribution in Tunisia and Egypt: Two revolutions, two patterns, two schemes.*
- Gemma Wright (SASPRI, South Africa/University of South Africa): *Keeping it real – monitoring progress towards a decent standard of living in South Africa.*

BAS-5B: Venue (Mandela 3): Varieties of Social Policy Instruments
Chair: Daniel Kumitz (UNICEF-Zambia, Zambia)
- Sean Muller (University of Johannesburg, South Africa): *The new colonial missionaries: basic education policy and randomised trials in South Africa.*
- Nimi Hoffman (University of Sussex, UK): *Teacher education and the forging of segregated publics in South Africa.*
- Tekalign Sakketa (University of Bonn, Germany): *Labour-intensive public works programs in sub-Saharan Africa: Experiences and implications for employment policies.*
- Oscar Mateos-Martin (Ramon Llull University, España): *Building Peace without Social Policy in Africa: Assessing Socioeconomic Dynamics in Post-conflict Sierra Leone (2002-2016).*

BAS-5C: Venue (Ambassador): Gender and Social Policy
Chair: Andrew Mushi (Mzumbe University, Tanzania)
- Jennifer Obado-Joel (University of Central Florida, USA): *Design Errors and Gender Differentials in Program Outcomes in the National Social Safety Nets Projects in Nigeria.*
- Aurelia Ngorwa Kamuzora (Mzumbe University, Tanzania): *Women economic empowerment through gender roles as a policy instrument to reduce inequalities.*
- Linnet Hamasi (Kenyatta University, Kenya): *Poverty and gender-based inequality in northern Kenya and implications for Development: Special Reference to Turkana County.*
10:30—11:00: COFFEE BREAK

11:00—13:00 4th PLENARY SESSION: Dimensions of Social Policy

Chair: Jimi Adesina (University of South Africa, South Africa)

- Juliet Drolet (University of Calgary, Canada): *Critical Perspectives on Social Protection: Lessons Learned in Eswatini.*
- Wanga Zembe-Mkabile (SASPRI/MRC, South Africa): *The lived experience of inequality in urban South Africa – findings from fifteen focus groups in Cape Town.*
- Ndangwa Noyoo (University of Cape Town, South Africa): *Advancing inclusive development through universal education and healthcare in Africa via transformative social policy.*

Discussion

13:00—13:15: CLOSING CEREMONY

13:15: LUNCH

19:00—22:00: GALA DINNER (Serengeti Banquet Hall, Sierra Burgers Park Hotel)

  18:30-19:00: Arrival
  19:00—22:00: Dinner