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# The State and Social Transformation: Alternative Economic and Social Strategies Durban 12/13 November

## Conference Programme

**Conference chairperson: Robert Van Niekerk**

**Rapporteur: Anthea Metcalf**

**Venue: Elangeni Hotel, Durban**

**Southern Sun Elangeni**

**63 Snell Parade, Durban, 4001, KwaZulu-Natal**

# Day One – 12 November

## Opening Session: 09h00 – 09h30

Welcome: Kiru Naidoo (SANPAD – SANTRUST)

Conference objectives: Prof Robert Van Niekerk

## Session One (Day 1): 09h30 – 13h00

### **Setting the Scene: The alternative economic and social strategies available for South Africa in a global world**

Chair: Langa Zita

#### **09h30: Keynote 1 - Hon Minister Rob Davies, Minister of Trade and Industry**

Trade, industry and the role of the state in supporting economic transformation in the current political conjuncture

10h30: Questions/Discussion

11h00 – 11h15: Coffee/tea break

#### **11h15: Keynote 2 - Prof Ben Fine (School of Oriental and African Studies)**

The Political Economy of Restructuring South Africa: From What to What, How and for Whom?

12h00 - 13h00: Combined Questions/Discussion (Keynote 2 and Keynote 1)

13h00 - 14h00: Lunch

**Session Two (Day 1): 14h00 – 17h00**

**Framework: Social compacting, labour and strategies of political change**

Chair: Dr Enver Motala

**14h00: Dr Mary Murphy (University of Maynooth)**

Social Compacting – Reflections on the Irish Experience

**14h45: Prof Eddie Webster (Chris Hani Institute, COSATU)**

Social Compacting and the Labour Movement in South Africa

**15h30: Dr Rasigan Maharaj (Institute for Economic Research on Innovation, Tshwane University of Technology)**

Respondent

15h45: Questions/combined discussion

16h15: Tea break

16h25: Questions/combined discussion of all presentations

17h00: End of Day One

## Day Two: 13 November

### Session Three (Day 2): 09h00 – 13h00

#### **Framework: Social policy, inequality and the universal provision of public goods (health, education and water) based on social citizenship**

Chair: Prof Mala Singh

**09h00: Prof Greg Ruiters (UWC)**

Overcoming inequalities of space in provision of municipal services: lessons in the case for water and energy

**09h45: Prof Robbie Van Niekerk (ISER, Rhodes University)**

Transforming Health care – the case for a universally provided South African NHS (National Health Service)

10h15: Questions/combined discussion

11h00: Tea/coffee

**11h15: Dr Yusuf Sayed (University of Sussex/ISER)**

Transforming education and overcoming systemic dysfunctionality (crisis) in the system of education provision

12h00: Questions/combined discussion (all of session one)

13h00 – 14h00: Lunch

## **Session Four (Day 2): 14h00 – 17:00**

### **Framework: Finance and Financialisation**

Chair: Vijay Makanjee

**14h00: Prof Seeraj Mohamed (Director, CSID, Wits University)**

South Africa's macroeconomic regime: some points on governance and financialisation

**14h30: Dr Sam Ashman (University of Johannesburg/PERSA)**

South Africa's Financial System and Post-Apartheid Economic Development

15h00 – 15h15: *Questions/combined discussion*

**15h15: Dr David Masondo**

The disciplining of capital and the failure of the developmental state paradigm in South Africa: the case of the motor industry

15h45: Tea/coffee

**15h45: Neil Coleman, Strategies Co-ordinator in the COSATU Secretariat – COSATU**

Respondent

16h15 – 16h45: Questions/Combined Discussion

**CLOSURE : 16h45**