

SEMINAR  
**Higher Education and Economic Development**

Friday 7 August 2009

Time: 10h30

Venue: Conference room 1B,  
New School of Public Health Building,  
University of Western Cape

**ABOUT THE SEMINAR**

In a lesser known but nevertheless influential paper, '*The University System: Engine of development in the new world economy*' (World Bank seminar, Kuala Lumpur, 1991) Castells alerted the World Bank, amongst others, that higher education will have a more, and not less, important role to play in the emerging global economy. Not only did this paper precipitate the beginning of a shift in World Bank thinking, leading to their new higher education policy as embodied in *Constructing Knowledge Societies: New Challenges for Tertiary Education* (World Bank 2001), it also influenced CHET and led to the establishment of the Higher Education Research and Advocacy Network in Africa (HERANA). A key project for HERANA is a study of the complex relationships between higher education and economic development, which includes case studies of three successful systems (Finland, Korea, North Carolina) and eight systems in Africa. It is proposed that members of the HERANA team make a presentation about their work and that Castells responds to it in a seminar format.

**SEMINAR PROGRAMME**

10h30	Welcome – Prof. Ramashwar Bharuthram (DVC Academic, UWC) Introducing the Project – Prof. Zubeida Desai (Dean of Education, UWC)
10h45	<b>Proposed HERANA Project Framework:</b> Pundy Pillay – Extra-ordinary Professor (UWC) Nico Cloete – Extra-ordinary Professor (UWC)
11h45	Comments on Proposed Framework: Manuel Castells Johann Mouton (Stellenbosch)
12h15	Discussion
13h00	Rector's lunch