

**Seminar on
Informational Development and Human Development:
South Africa in a Global Perspective**

Wednesday 24 to Friday 26 August 2011

Stellenbosch Institute for Advanced Study (STIAS), Stellenbosch



AIMS OF THE MEETING

STIAS and CHET, in collaboration with Prof. Manuel Castells, are organising a high-level seminar about 'info development'. The main aims of the seminar will be to discuss theoretical and policy implications of the following proposition: The wealth of nations and of their people depends on their capacity to restructure the economy and the institutional environment to fit the requirements of the model of informational development that characterises our globalised world in the Information Age. This includes the enhancement of the technological infrastructure based on information and communication technologies, as well as the improvement of educational capital and the increase

in R&D capabilities. However, the wealth of a nation does not necessarily translate into the wellbeing of society. It all depends on income redistribution and on the growth of a dynamic welfare state that provides for basic human needs. Furthermore, in an economy where productivity is largely based on human capital, there is a synergistic relationship between the betterment of living conditions and the rise of labour productivity – a key component of economic growth. A virtuous circle may be established between informational development and human development as productivity growth could establish a solid fiscal foundation for redistributive social policies.

PROGRAMME

Wednesday 24 August

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| 17h00 | Arrival at Lanzerac Hotel and Checking in |
| 18h00 | Welcome – Prof. Hendrik Geyer (Stias)
Introduction to the seminar – Manuel Castells and Nico Cloete |
| 19h15 | Drinks and Dinner |
| 20h45 | After-dinner keynote remarks on development challenges in South Africa – Vishnu Padayachee |

Thursday 25 August

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| 07h45 | Breakfast Lanzerac |
| 08h30 | Depart for Stias |
| 09h15 | Chair: Manuel Castells
Panel Discussion: Does South Africa have a Development Model? – Joel Netshitenzhe, Febe Potgieter & Richard Levin |
| 10h30 | The State of the Economy: What Drives Growth – Seeraj Mohammed |
| 11h30 | Informational Development in South Africa – Alison Gillwald |
| 12h45 | Lunch |
| 13h30 | Chair: Lungisile Ntsebeza
Human Development in South Africa – Vusi Gumede and Murray Leibbrandt |
| 15h00 | Informational Environmental Capitalism – Kristal Maze and Julia Cloete |
| 16h00 | Coffee |
| 16h15 | Chair: Njabulo Ndebele
Higher Education, Research and Development in South Africa – Nico Cloete and Johann Mouton |
| 17h15 | Failures of Development in South Africa – Moeletsi Mbeki |
| 18h15 | Depart for Lanzerac |
| 20h00 | Dinner at Lanzerac
After-dinner discussion |

Friday 26 August

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| 08h00 | Breakfast at Lanzerac |
| 08h45 | Depart for Stias |
| 09h15 | Chair: Bernard Lategan
Policy Challenges for Development in South Africa – Andrew Donaldson, Paul Cluver and Desmond Smith |
| 12h00 | Concluding Comments – Manuel Castells |
| 12h30 | Closure, Lunch and Departure |

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