

## RETHINKING DEVELOPMENT IN THE GLOBAL INFORMATION AGE: IMPLICATIONS FOR AFRICA

Dear Participant

You are invited to a seminar with Manuel Castells on Thursday 5 June and Friday 6 June at the Wallenberg Research Centre, STIAS, Stellenbosch University. The seminar will be hosted by the DST-NRF Centre of Excellence in Scientometrics and STI Policy. Other institutional partners are CHET, CREST, IERI and STIAS.

This seminar is a follow-up to a previous seminar with Prof Castells titled: *Informational Development and Human Development: South Africa in a Global Perspective* (24–26 August 2011). This seminar was part of a larger project between 2011 and 2013 which brought together an international network of distinguished academic researchers engaged in an empirically grounded reflection on the emerging culture of development and on the policy issues related to the new global context. The result of this effort was a volume called *Reconceptualising Development in the Global Information Age*, edited by Manuel Castells and Pekka Himanen, to be published by Oxford University Press in August 2014. It brings together the discussion of the transformation of the context of development, a reflection on the values that redefine development, specific cases studies of Europe, California, Latin America, China and South Africa, and a policy oriented synthesis of the implications of this research. The chapter on South Africa was researched and co-authored by Nico Cloete and Alison Gillwald.

The purpose of the seminar is to present the analyses contained in this forthcoming book and to start a debate on the implications of this analysis for South Africa and Africa at large with a select group of academics and policy-makers. The longer-term aim is to produce a publication in line with the title of this seminar: *Rethinking Development in the Global Information Age: Implications for Africa*.

We expect about 50-60 people to attend the **public lecture**, which will be attended by the PWG and the seminar participants. After the lecture, there will be cocktails and then the PWG and the seminar participants will join Prof Castells for dinner at Decameron.

The Friday **seminar** will start STIAS at 08h45 (programme overleaf).

**Manuel Castells, Nico Cloete and Johann Mouton**

# SEMINAR WITH MANUEL CASTELLS

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Place: Wallenberg Research Centre, STIAS, Stellenbosch

Date: Thursday 5 and Friday 6 June 2014

| SEMINAR PROGRAMME    |  |
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| THURSDAY 5 JUNE 2014 |  |
| 16h00                | Arrive for Public Lecture  |
| 16h15                | Welcome to Public Lecture – Hendrik Geyer (Stias) & Johann Mouton (CoE Scientometrics)   |
| 16h30                | Introduction to Manuel Castells – Nico Cloete (CHET)   |
| 16h30                | <b>Manuel Castells: Reconceptualising Development in the Global Information Age</b>  |
| 17h45                | Discussion/Comments  |
| 18h15                | Cocktails  |
| 19h30                | Seminar group supper at Decameron  |
| FRIDAY 6 JUNE 2014   |  |
| 08h45                | Arrival and coffee   |
| 09h00                | <b>Welcome and aims of the seminar</b> – Nico Cloete & Manuel Castells   |
| 09h20                | <b>Session 1: South Africa: Development Paths</b>  |
|                      | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. South Africa: Informational and human development-rights vs. capabilities: Nico Cloete (CHET) &amp; Allison Gillwald (Research ICT Africa)</li> <li>2. The National Development Plan 2030: Andrew Donaldson (Treasury) &amp; Neil Coleman (COSATU)</li> </ol>  |
| 11h00                | Tea  |
| 11h15                | <b>Session 2: African Development Path</b>   |
|                      | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Alternative Future Development Paths for Africa: Alioune Sall (African Futures Institute) and Geci Karuri-Sebina (South African Cities Network)</li> <li>2. Mauritius's transformation: Interrogating the knowledge hub: Sheila Bunwaree (University of Mauritius)</li> <li>3. The quest for equitable development: Erika Kraemer-Mbula (IERI)</li> <li>4. Food security in Africa: Julian May &amp; Cheryl Hendricks (CoE Food Security)</li> <li>5. Science, technology and innovation in Africa: Johann Mouton (DST-NRF CoE in Scientometrics and STI Policy, Stellenbosch University)</li> </ol> |
| 13h00                | Lunch  |
| 13h45                | <b>Discussion</b>  |
| 15h00                | <b>Summing up:</b> Manuel Castells & Nico Cloete   |