



Ford Foundation Seminar and Workshop



**UNIVERSITIES AND CITY BUILDING:
Comparative Perspectives and Opportunities**

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VENUE: Strand Tower Hotel, Cape Town **DATE:** 10 October 2016

International Keynote Speakers

PROFESSOR DAVID PERRY

Professor of Urban Planning and Policy, University of Illinois Chicago. Champion of "Great Cities Initiative". A leading academic expert on university and city building dynamics in the USA.

OMAR BLAIK

CEO, u3 Ventures, Philadelphia. A City-campus development specialist who has worked on projects in Detroit, New York, Philadelphia and many other American cities.

Focus of the Workshop

This event is part of the Centenary Programme at the University of Fort Hare, supported by the Ford Foundation and the HSRC, and is intended to help the University and the higher education sector to reflect on and understand the challenges and opportunities for transformation in higher education in South Africa. The intention is to broaden engagement with stakeholders and reflect on diverse experiences in this context.

The outcome of the 2016 local government elections in South Africa has placed renewed emphasis and urgency on city building and urban service delivery in South Africa. The future success of South Africa will critically depend on what happens in its metropolitan city-regions over the next few decades.

The questions informing this dialogue are: what role can universities play? How can they effectively partner with other public and private entities in this process? What can we learn from international experience and from each other in this regard?

The higher education sector has a considerable contribution to make to poverty alleviation, job creation and inclusive economic growth in South Africa, not just through skills development, but also through active involvement in place-making and place-based urban and regional development strategies.

Our universities are in crisis. The debate and contestation centres on issues such as equity, levels of research output, knowledge production, access and the rights of students (#Fees Must Fall) and the quality of facilities. Issues of development and the economic challenges need to be prioritised too - specifically to explore and expand the positive impact of our universities on city and region building in constructive and pro-active ways.

There is a great deal happening already, both globally and behind the scenes, in South Africa too. This dialogue aims to be an inclusive learning and sharing experience and will offer opportunities for a frank, open and informed discussion and debate on how best to move forward with this agenda practically and at policy level.

Workshop Programme

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

08H30 - 08H45

Welcome
DR MVUYO TOM - VC, UFH
Ivan Turok - Executive Director, EPD, HSRC

08H45 - 09H00

Introduction of Speaker
PROFESSOR NICO CLOETE - DIRECTOR, CHET

09H00 - 10H30

Sharing City-Campus Perspectives: International Perspectives

09H00 - 09H45

Professor David Perry:
Universities as Urban Anchor Institutions in US cities

09H45 - 10H30

Omar Blaik:
Implementing Urban Anchor Strategies in the US cities

10H30 - 10H45

Tea

10H45 - 12H45

Sharing City-Campus Perspectives: *The Cape Town City Region*

Academics and city planners will reflect on experiences at the University of Stellenbosch, University of Cape Town, University of the Western Cape and Cape Peninsula University of Technology

12H45 - 13H30

Lunch

13H30 - 14H30

Sharing City-Campus Perspectives: *The Gauteng City Region*
Academics and city planners will reflect on experiences at Wits University and the University of Pretoria

14H30 - 15H00

Fort Hare and its Urban and Rural Neighbours: Opportunities and Challenges

15H00 - 15H15

Tea

15H15 - 16H30

Round table discussion with PROFESSOR DAVID PERRY AND OMAR BLAIK



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