



The Future of the Left – South Africa in a Global Context

08 June 2017

18h00 – 18h10

Welcome: Derek Buchler

18h10 – 18h20

Introductory Remarks: Noel Solani

18h20 – 18h45

Keynote Panel: *Setting the scene: What is the Left? Brief overview of the crises of socialism from the late 20th century and the challenges for the Left*

Panel: Panelist TBC, Joel Netshitenzhe and Jeremy Cronin (TBC)

Chair: John Pampallis

18h45 – 19h00

“Mzala’s views and their applicability in contemporary South Africa” – Percy Ngonyama

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08h30 – 08h45	Registration and Refreshments
08h45 – 09h30	Welcoming Address: John Pampallis
09h30 – 11h15	Session One - Aspects of Capitalism in the Neoliberal Era – Chair: Eddy Maloka (4 presentations at 20mins and Q&A 20mins) <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ The changing nature of work and worker organisation – Debbie Bonnin▪ Environmental challenges in the era of neoliberal – Rasigan Maharaj▪ Is neoliberal hegemony under threat? – Samantha Ashman▪ The meaning of work in an age of neoliberal hegemony – Thabang Sefalafala
11h15 – 11h30	TEA BREAK
11h30 – 13h15	Responses to neoliberalism: Right-wing populism and the role of the Left – Chair: Clint le Bruyns (4 presentations at 20mins and Q&A 20mins) <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ European right wing backlash – Jörn Jan Leidecker▪ Palestine and Syria – Salim Vally - UJ▪ South Africa and populist politics – Alex Mashilo – TBC – SACP▪ Right wing backlash post Trump election – Holly Lewis – Texas State University

13h15 – 14h00	LUNCH
14H00 – 15H45	Challenges of social and economic development in South Africa: A Leftist perspective – Chair: Vukile Khumalo (4 presentations at 20mins and Q&A 20mins) <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Irvin Jim (TBC) - NUMSA▪ Solly Mapaila - SACP▪ Gunnett Kaaf – Department of Finance (FS)▪ Bheki Ntshalintshali - COSATU
16h00 – 16h45	Book Launch – <i>The Unresolved National Question: Left Thought Under Apartheid</i> - Edward Webster and Karin Pampallis (2017) – Wits University Press.
18h00 – 19H30	Address by Blade Nzimande – General Secretary of the SACP

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08h45 – 09h00	Arrival and Refreshments
09h00 – 10h20	Panel Session – Community Struggles: on the side-lines? – Chair: Derek Buchler (4 presentations at 20mins and Q&A 20mins) <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ S’bu Zikode – Abahlali baseMjondolo▪ Noel Solani – Mzala Nxumalo Centre▪ David Ntseng – Church Land Project
10h20 – 10h30	TEA BREAK
10H30 – 12H10	Panel Session - An agenda for the Left in South Africa: “What is to be Done?” – Chair: (4 presentations at 20mins and Q&A 20mins) <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Jeremy Cronin – SACP – awaiting confirmation▪ Mbuyiseni Ndlozi – EFF▪ Dinga Sikwebu – TCAE
12H10 – 12H40	Wrap-up and Conclusion <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Richard Pithouse - Wits