



**SALDRU**  
Southern Africa Labour and  
Development Research Unit



## **PROGRAMME**

### **One-Day Symposium on Social Mobility and Inequality in South Africa**

*Understanding the dynamics between the poor, middle class and the wealthy in  
South Africa's crisis of inequality.*

An event held in honour of SALDRU's founding director, Francis  
Wilson

23 April 2018




4<sup>th</sup> Floor Seminar Room  
School of Economics Building  
Middle Campus  
UCT






This event is co-hosted by the  
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| <b>TIME</b>  | <b>TOPIC</b>  | <b>SPEAKERS</b>   |
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| 09h45-10h10  | Registration & Coffee   |   |
| 10h10-10h30  | Welcome & Opening<br>Remarks  | Prof. Murray Leibbrandt (SALDRU)<br>Markus Awater (FES) |
| <b>Social Mobility &amp; Inequality</b>                        |   |   |
| 10h30-11h15  | Understanding the Texture<br>and Multidimensionality of<br>Inequalities in South Africa | Prof. Murray Leibbrandt                                 |
| 11h15 - 11h30  | Tea   |   |
| 11h30-12h15  | Intergenerational Mobility  | Ass. Prof. Patrizio Piraino                             |
| 12h15-12h45  | Dimensions of Income<br>Inequality  | Ass. Prof. Vimal Ranchhod                               |
| 12h45 - 13h45  | Lunch   |   |
| <b>Panel Discussion: Youth, Inequality and Social Mobility</b> |   |   |
| 13h45 - 14h05  | Youth Deprivation   | Dr. Ariane De Lannoy                                    |
| 14h05 - 14h25  | Communities & Youth   | Ass. Prof. Malcolm Keswell                              |
| 14h25-14h45  | Youth and Access to Higher<br>Education   | Dr. Nicola Branson                                      |
| 14h45 – 15h15  | Discussion  | Fazila Farouk (facilitator)                             |
| 15h15 – 15h30  | Tea   |   |
| <b>Wealth and Taxation</b>                                     |   |   |
| 15h30 – 16h15  | High Earnings   | Prof. Martin Wittenberg                                 |
| 16h15 – 17h00  | Wealth Tax and High<br>Incomes  | Prof. Ingrid Woolard                                    |

| Why Inequality Persists and What Role Economists Can Play Challenging It |  |                           |
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| 17h00 – 17h15  | Closing remarks: Why does inequality persist?  | Ass. Prof. Vimal Ranchhod |
| 17h15 – 17h30  | Closing remarks: A role for economists and academic research in SA's struggle against inequality | Prof. Murray Leibbrandt   |
| 17h30 – 19h00  | Cocktail Party: Francis Wilson's Farewell<br>Foyer of the School of Economics Building           |                           |

### Speaker Profiles

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| <p><b>Murray Leibbrandt</b></p>  | <p>Murray is a Professor in the School of Economics at UCT and the Director of SALDRU. He holds the DSD/NRF National Research Chair of Poverty and Inequality Research and is an IZA Research Fellow. His research focuses on South African poverty, inequality and labour market dynamics using survey data and, in particular, panel data. He is currently one of the Principal Investigators on the National Income Dynamics Study (NIDS). He is a past president of the African Econometric Society and immediate past president of the Economic Society of South Africa.</p> |
| <p><b>Patrizio Piraino</b></p>  | <p>Patrizio is an Associate Professor at UCT and a Research Associate of SALDRU. Patrizio holds a PhD and BA in Economics from the University of Siena, Italy. His main research interests are in the fields of labour economics, applied microeconometrics and development economics.</p>  |
| <p><b>Vimal Ranchhod</b></p>    | <p>Vimal Ranchhod is an Associate Professor at SALDRU. He holds a PhD in Economics from University of Michigan. His research interests include labour economics, economic demography, the economics of inequality and the economics of education.</p>   |

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| <p><b>Arianne De Lannoy</b></p>    | <p>Ariane is a Chief Research Officer at SALDRU. Her work involves developing and coordinating a “Youth Focus” within the existing Poverty and Inequality Initiative of the University of Cape Town. Prior to joining SALDRU/PII, she worked as a Senior Research Officer at the Children’s Institute of UCT for 5 years. Ariane holds a PhD in Sociology from UCT, and her dissertation looked at educational decision-making in the era of AIDS.</p>   |
| <p><b>Malcolm Keswell</b></p>      | <p>Malcolm is an Associate Professor in the School of Economics and a Research Associate of SALDRU. He holds a PhD in Economics from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. His main research interests are applied microeconomics, the econometrics of programme evaluations and behavioural economics. He teaches postgraduate courses in microeconomic theory, economic development and econometrics.</p>  |
| <p><b>Nicola Branson</b></p>      | <p>Nicola Branson is a Senior Research Officer at SALDRU. She is currently involved in quantitative research in education inequality and the consequence of teenage childbearing in SA using household survey data. Nicola holds a PhD (2011), Masters (2008) and Bachelors of Business Science (2005) in Economics from UCT. She has experience data cleaning longitudinal surveys and in the micro-econometric analysis of social surveys. She has published work on human capital inequality in South African and trends in employment status using national household survey data.</p>       |
| <p><b>Ingrid Woolard</b></p>     | <p>Ingrid is a Professor in the School of Economics and the Dean of Commerce at UCT. She is a Research Associate of SALDRU. She holds a PhD in economics from UCT. Ingrid is currently one of the Principal Investigators of the National Income Dynamics Study, now in its fourth wave. She holds a C1 research rating from the National Research Foundation. Ingrid currently serves on the Davis Tax Committee which advises the Minister of Finance on tax policy. Her research interests include income inequality, the measurement of poverty, fiscal policy and labour market issues.</p> |
| <p><b>Martin Wittenberg</b></p>  | <p>Martin is a Professor in the School of Economics and the Director of DataFirst. His research interests include theoretical and applied microeconomics, and issues of data quality in household surveys. He teaches graduate level courses in Econometrics and Microeconometrics</p>   |