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Programme

Annual Economic Research Southern Africa Workshop on **‘Structural Constraints on the Economy, Growth and Political Economy’**

Hosted by the University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg

6 September 2019 in Johannesburg

8:30 – 9:00 **Registration and Welcome** (Wits University, West Campus, Wits Club)

9:00 – 11:00 **Session 1: Growth** (20 min presentations followed by 10 min discussions each)

- Paper 1: **Dambala Gelo** (Wits), Yeabnesh Fekadu (Wits). Political Development, Urbanization and Income Inequality: Panel Data Evidence.
- Paper 2: **Ryan Hawthorne** (Acacia) and Lukasz Grzybowski (UCT). Narrowing the ‘Digital Divide’: the Role of Complementarities between Fixed and Mobile Data in South Africa.
- Paper 3: **Roy Havemann** (Treasury). South African Growth Accelerations, 1700 to 2050.
- Paper 4: Laura Maravall (Tubingen), Joerg Baten (Tubingen) and **Johan Fourie** (Stellenbosch). Ethnic Patronage and Education: Evidence from Colonial and Post-colonial Africa.

11:00 – 11:15 **Coffee Break**

11:15 – 12:30 **Axel Dreher** (Heidelberg). The Political Economy of Foreign Aid

12:30 – 13:15 **Lunch**



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13:15 – 14:15 **James Robinson** (Chicago). An Approach to African Development

14:15 – 14:30 **Coffee Break**

14:30 – 16:30 **Session 2: Political Economy** (20 min presentations followed by 10 min discussions each)

- Paper 1: **Kara Dimitruk** (Stellenbosch). The Causes and Consequences of Lobbying: Evidence from the British Cape Colony.
- Paper 2: **Gabila Nubong** (NWU). Diffusion of Institutions from the European Union to the African Union: A Political Economy Analysis.
- Paper 3: **Leone Walters** (Pretoria), Manoel Bittencourt (Wits) and Carolyn Chisadza (Pretoria). Public Infrastructure Provision and Ethnic Favouritism: Evidence from South Africa.
- Paper 4: Livia De Giovanni (LUISS), Pierpaolo D'Urso (Sapienza), Nadia Fiorino (Univaq), Emma Galli (Sapienza), **Giampaolo Garzarelli** (Wits) and Antonio Pacifico (LUISS). Helping to “Keep the Bastards Honest”: The Local Press as the Fourth and One-Half Estate.

16:30 **End of the Workshop**