

Title: Back to Inflation Conference

Location: University of Pretoria, Future Africa Campus

Date: 8 and 9 May 2025

Day 1

Start	End	Item	Contact
9:00 AM	9:40 AM	(Dis)inflation, external shocks, monetary policy and macroeconomic regime change in South Africa	Ruthira Naraidoo, University of Pretoria
9:40 AM	10:20 AM	The Macroeconomic Relevance of Mobile Money to Inflation Dynamics	Mphatso Elias Ackim, University of Pretoria
10:20 AM	10:50 AM	Break	
10:50 AM	11:30 AM	Quantifying the impact of international food price spillovers on South Africa domestic market: Short- and long-term dynamics and transmission channels updated	Gisele Mah, North West University
11:30 AM	12:10 PM	Monetary Policy Shocks, Agricultural Growth, and Food Inflation in Developing Agrarian Economies: Mised Central Banks?	Edward Leman, University of Malawi
12:10 PM	1:10 PM	Lunch	
1:10 PM	1:50 PM	Are South Africa's Household Inflation Expectations Subjectively Rational?	Katrien Smuts, Stellenbosch University
1:50 PM	2:30 PM	Governance, and spatial/regional dynamics of inflation	David Faridan, University of Cape Town
2:30 PM	3:00 PM	Break	
3:00 PM	3:40 PM	Accounting for Regional Dynamics and Global Influences in South Africa's Inflation Problem	Shakirudeen Taiwo, University of Johannesburg
3:40 PM	4:20 PM	Global Shocks and Local Response: Currency Returns and Monetary Policy	Husnu Dalgic, University of Mannheim

Day 2

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9:00 AM	10:00 AM	Keynote address: Anchoring of Inflation Expectations: Do Inflation Target Formulations Matter?	Christoph Grosse-Steffen, Banque de France
10:00 AM	10:30 AM	Break	
10:30 AM	11:10 AM	Gaps in the South African Inflation Targeting Debate	Jan-Hendrik Pretorius, Stellenbosch University
11:10 AM	11:50 AM	Macroeconomic policy coordination in a fiscal DSGE model with imperfect information	Hylton Hollander, University of Cape Town
11:50 AM	1:00 PM	Lunch	
1:00 PM	1:40 PM	Navigating Optimal Inflation Targeting in South Africa: A Regime-Switching DSGE Approach	Ruthira Naraidoo, University of Pretoria
1:40 PM	2:20 PM	Macroeconomic effects of lowering South Africa's inflation target: an SVAR analysis	Richard Kima, UNU-WIDER and Keagile Lesame, National Treasury
2:20 PM	2:50 PM	Break	
2:50 PM	4:00 PM	Panel: The future of South African Monetary Policy. Should our target change? (Preliminary title)	- South African Reserve Bank - National Treasury - Private Sector - Academia