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CALL FOR PAPERS
Political Economy/Public Choice Economics
Soweto Hotel and Conference Centre: 18 - 19 September 2014

The twentieth anniversary of the transition to democracy is an opportune time to reflect on trends in the political economy of post-apartheid South Africa. The two purposes of this workshop, which is organised jointly by the Public Economics Work Group and the Political Economy Node, are to provide a forum for such reflection and to stimulate theoretical and empirical research in political economy-related fields such as public choice economics, constitutional political economy and the political economy of institutional change.

Workshop themes

- The economic implications of aspects of the 1996 Constitution (for example, the electoral system, the socio-economic rights in the Bill of Rights, the budgetary system of the national government and parliament and the intergovernmental fiscal system)
- The growth and efficiency of the public bureaucracy
- The role of the judiciary in economic matters
- The prevalence and treatment of corruption
- Income inequality and political institutions
- The political economy of education
- The political economy of structural change
- Other aspects of the political economy of post-apartheid South Africa

Academics, researchers and graduates who have done or are planning to do research on these and related topics are invited to attend the workshop to present their work and to discuss collaboration on future research. Policy-makers as well as political and economic commentators are also invited to attend the workshop. To this end, please e-mail workshops@econrsa.org to indicate your interest in attending. Please use the subject title: "Political Economy/Public Choice Economics".

Submission of abstracts

Researchers interested in presenting papers at the workshop are invited to send 300-word abstracts to Krige Siebrits (krigesiebrits@sun.ac.za) and Biniam Bedasso (Biniam.Bedasso@econrsa.org) by Friday, 23 June 2014. Participants will be informed by Friday, 30 June 2014.

Financial support

ERSA covers the travel and accommodation expenses for a limited number of participants from South African institutions. Places are limited and the allocation of funding for attendance of the workshop is entirely at the discretion of the organisers.