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Invite and Call for Papers

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

*****Keynote Speakers*****

Axel Dreher (Heidelberg University)

James Robinson (University of Chicago)

The first annual Economic Research Southern Africa workshop on ‘Structural Constraints on the Economy, Growth and Political Economy’ brings together scholars and practitioners of growth and political economy of Africa. Sessions with keynote speakers and with contributed papers will reflect the current state of research in growth and political economy, and provide a forum for exchange for scholars and practitioners.

Interested participants and contributors are invited to submit their full papers to Manoel Bittencourt, Manoel.bittencourt@wits.ac.za, by 7 August 2019. Acceptance notes with detailed information about the workshop will be sent by 12 August 2019.

Convenor:

Manoel Bittencourt (Wits/IPEG and ERSA).

Selection committee:

Manoel Bittencourt (Wits/IPEG and ERSA) and Giampaolo Garzarelli (DiSSE/Sapienza, and Wits/IPEG).

Disclaimer:

ERSA will cover the travel and accommodation costs for a limited number of participants from South African institutions. Places are limited and funding to attend the workshop is entirely at the discretion of the workshop organizers.

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More Information about the Keynote Speakers

Axel Dreher

Axel Dreher is professor of International and Development Politics at Heidelberg University. He is Editor of the *Review of International Organizations* and chairman of the [Research Group on Development Economics](#) of the German Economic Association. Most of his research is in the field of political economy, economic development, and globalization.

James Robinson

James Robinson is the Reverend Dr. Richard L. Pearson Professor of Global Conflict Studies and University Professor at the [Harris School of Public Policy](#) at the University of Chicago and Institute Director of The Pearson Institute for the Study and Resolution of Global Conflicts. He studied economics at the London School of Economics, the University of Warwick and Yale University. He previously taught in the Department of Economics at the University of Melbourne, the Department of Economics at the University of Southern California, the Departments of Economics and Political Science at the University of California at Berkeley and the Department of Government at Harvard. His main research interests are in comparative economic and political development with a focus on the long-run with a particular interest in Latin America and Sub-Saharan Africa. He is currently conducting research in Bolivia, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Sierra Leone, Haiti and in Colombia where he has taught for many years during the summer at the University of the Andes in Bogotá.