

UCT-Kobe Joint Workshop

Building a Cohesive Society in South Africa: Research Agenda

Objective:

The objective of the workshop is to initiate an interdisciplinary study, *Building a Cohesive Society in South Africa*. The proposed study aims to analyze the state of social cohesion in the country on the basis of scientific analyses, identify causes for having less than adequate cohesion at present, and formulate a policy program which, if implemented, would substantially enhance social cohesion in South Africa.

To this end, the workshop will:

- (a) an introduction to the issues in social cohesion in South Africa;
- (b) review a similar study being undertaken for Kenya with a view to seeing its relevance of the proposed study; and on that basis,
- (c) discuss the desired structure of the proposed study and associated research agenda.

The proposed study is a component of the national Carnegie³ Investigation into Strategies to Overcome Poverty and Inequality.

It is envisaged that at least two social cohesion workshops will follow. The next workshop will collate and examine the evidence on social cohesion and the third will focus on the policy program. It is envisaged that this work will take place over the next two years and, like all other C3 initiatives, will bring a series of firm recommendations to the final C3 gathering in mid-2016.

This initial session format will be informal, devoting most of the time for free discussions. The aim is to stimulate brainstorming about broad parameters and then detailed topics amongst a group who are well equipped to lead the research.

Venue: School of Economics, The University of Cape Town

Dates: March 18 – 19, 2014 (two days)

Programme outline:

March 18

10:00 – 10:10 Welcome: Murray Leibbrandt and Takashi Kamihigashi

10:10 – 10:30 Introduction: Alan Hirsch

10:30 – 12:30 Session I: Kenya Study (Chair: Hiroyuki Hino)

History of a Divided Nation - John Lonsdale

Measuring Social Cohesion: the Case of Kenya - Frances Stewart and Arnim Langer

Determinants of Social Cohesion in Kenya - Germano Mwabu

12.30 Lunch

Lunch time input: *Worcester: Reconciliation and Restitution in a South African Town* – Francis Wilson

14.00 – 17:00 Session II: Social Cohesion and Post-apartheid Policy Making
(Chair: Alan Hirsch)

Consideration of Social Cohesion in Post-apartheid Policy Making - Adam Habib

TBA - Mastoera Sadan

Culture, Policy Making and Social Cohesion - Barbara Masekela

Recent laws and policies that use 'custom' to obscure and entrench the 1913 Land Act's division of South Africa into separate realms of unequal citizenship and segregated property rights - Aninka Claassens

19.00 Dinner at Vineyard Hotel from 7:00PM
(John Lonsdale: What has interdisciplinary research on ethnic diversity and economic instability in Africa brought to us)

March 19

08:30 – 12:30 Session III: Understanding Social Cohesion in South Africa -
Thematic Issues (Chair Murray Leibbrandt)

Social Cohesion and Violence - Nomboniso Gasa

TBA - Ivor Chipkin

The Challenge of Social Cohesion Through the Lens of Zulu Identity - Mbongiseni Buthelezi

Measuring Social Cohesion in South Africa - Bob Mattes

12.30 Lunch

13.30 – 15:30 Session IV: Understanding Social Cohesion in South Africa: Cross
cutting Issues – Crain Soudien

Behavioural Measures of Social Cohesion - Justine Burns

Marikana - Gavin Hartford

Sport and Social Cohesion - Florian Zech

Tea

16.00 – 17:00 Session IV: The Way Forward
Crain Soudien, Alan Hirsch, Murray Leibbrandt and Hiroyuki Hino
Open discussion

19.00 Dinner for those around