

Conference

Day 1: The State of South Africa

Date: 22 February 2016

Venue: Albert Wessels Auditorium, University of the Free State, Bloemfontein

8:45

Opening Remarks

Prof. Lucius Botes, Dean: Faculty of Humanities, UFS

9:00

Session 1: Reflections on the Political (Chair: Virgil Hawkins)

Politics in South Africa: facts and fiction

Mr. Roland Henwood, Department of Political Sciences, UP

The travails of becoming a democracy in an undemocratic world system

Dr. Siphamandla Zondi, Institute for Global Dialogue

The Free State Province: An example of neo-patrimonial rule

Mr. Roy Jankielson, Leader of the Opposition in the Free State Legislature

Media and government in South Africa in 2016

Mr. Gert Coetzee, Editor of Volksblad

11:00

Session 2: Reflections on the Economic (Chair: Marina da Silva)

The South African economy: Is there still hope?

Mr. Rocco Carr, Business Development Manager, Glacier

Economic policy for growth and jobs

Prof. Philippe Burger, Head of Department of Economics, UFS

South Africa's Foreign Policy and BRIC(S): A Critical Analysis

Prof. Theo Neethling, Head of Department of Political Studies and Governance, UFS

13:30

Session 3: Reflections on the Social (Chair: Willem Ellis)

Why the Penny Sparrows are coming out of the closet

Ms. Zubeida Jaffer, Writer-in-Residence, Department of Communication Sciences, UFS

How race can blind us

Dr. Johann Roussouw, Department of Philosophy, UFS

15:00

Session 4: Reflections on the State of Education (Chair: Theo Neethling)

Professor Jonathan Jansen, Rector, UFS

Day 2: Conflict Resolution in Africa

Date: 23 February 2016

Venue: Seven on Kellner Restaurant, Bloemfontein

9:00

Session 1: Instruments in Conflict Resolution (Chair: Alta Vermeulen)

The role of the local media in Burundi's 2015 coup attempt

Prof. Virgil Hawkins, Osaka University

Infrastructure for Peace (I4P): Re-learning the lessons of the past

Mr. Willem Ellis, UFS

Political stability and foreign direct investment in SADC: A love-hate relationship

Mr. Yani Karavasilev, Osaka University

11:00

Session 2: Conflict Resolution in Africa: A View from the United Nations (Chair: Eben Coetzee)

Analyzing UN Security Council responses to African conflicts: Introducing a database tool

Ms. Elisabet Vergara Velasco, Osaka University

Beyond capacity building: The interaction between Africa and the UN Security Council

Dr. Marina da Silva, Osaka University and University of the Free State

12:40

Session 3: Case Studies (Chair: Virgil Hawkins)

China's international peacekeeping contributions: Understanding China's global positioning and involvement in peacekeeping in Africa

Prof. Theo Neethling, University of the Free State

The outcome of institutional engineering in Nigeria

Prof. Michiya Kawamura, Osaka University

International and domestic contestation: The case of Mozambique's Prosavana Project

Dr. Carla Bringas, Eduardo Mondlane University, Mozambique.

14:20

Concluding Remarks

Prof. Hussein Solomon (UFS) and Prof. Virgil Hawkins (Osaka)