



# *The Uneven and Crisis-Prone Development of Capitalism*

**World Association for Political Economy 10<sup>th</sup> Forum**  
co-hosted by the Chris Hani Institute and UKZN Centre for Civil Society  
**19-21 June 2015, Johannesburg, South Africa**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> floor, COSATU House, 110 Jorissen Street**

## **PROGRAMME**

(panel participants listed by alphabetisation; chair determines order of speaking)

### **FRIDAY, 19 JUNE**

#### **PRELIMINARY EVENTS**

##### **2-5pm – South African political economic traditions, applied political economy and education**

- **Patrick Bond**, Univ of KwaZulu-Natal, Durban: Traditions of South African political economy
- **Greg Ruiters**, Univ of the Western Cape, Cape Town: Uneven development in urban South Africa
- **Stephanie Allais**, Univ of the Witwatersrand: Political economy of education, labour markets, work
- **Salim Vally**, Univ of Johannesburg: Youth, neoliberalism and education

##### **3-5pm – WAPE Council and *World Review of Political Economy* meetings**

##### **5-8pm – Opening WAPE Forum Plenary (chaired by WAPE Vice-Chair Hiroshi Onishi)**

- Welcome remarks: **Eddie Webster** (Chris Hani Institute), **Sam Moyo** (Africa Institute for Agrarian Studies), **Alex Mashilo** (SA Communist Party), **Neil Coleman** (Congress of SA Trade Unions)
- Opening remarks by WAPE chairperson **Enfu Cheng**
- WAPE 2015 Awards Announcement by WAPE Secretary General **Allen Ding**
- Speech by Lifetime Achievement Award recipient: **Qiyuan Xiang**, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences
- Keynote address: **Jeremy Cronin**, South African Deputy Minister of Public Works and SA Communist Party: *Decentring 'race' within the 'national question'*
- WAPE Vice Chairperson **David M. Kotz**, Univ of Massachusetts-Amherst: *Capitalism and forms of capitalism – Levels of abstraction in economic crisis theory*
- **Jacklyn Cock**, Univ of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg: *Capitalism and the ecological crisis*
- **Sam Moyo**, African Institute for Agrarian Studies, Harare: *Marxism and the agrarian question*
- **Jenny Clegg**, Univ of Central Lancashire: *US decline, China's rise – A discussion of shifting hegemonies*

## SATURDAY, 20 JUNE

### SATURDAY 9-11am – Second Plenary: Within World Capitalist Crisis, the Fate of Emerging Economies

(chaired by WAPE Vice-Chair Niemeyer Almeida Filho)

- **Xinhua Jian**, School of Economics and Management, Wuhan Univ, China: *Regulating capital to reduce the gap between rich and poor*
- WAPE Vice-Chair **Hiroshi Onishi**, Faculty of Economics, Keio Univ, Japan: *The age of large-population countries and Marxian optimal growth theory*
- **Pritam Singh**, Oxford Brookes Univ, Oxford: *BRICS economies, global capitalist crisis and eco-socialism*
- **Fiona Tregenna**, Univ of Johannesburg: *A new Marxist theoretical analysis of deindustrialisation*
- **Pengfei Yan**, School of Economics and Management, Wuhan Univ, China: *Discursive revolutions in political economy: Comments on the new discourse of ‘Socialist Regulating Economy’*

### SATURDAY TEA BREAK, 11-11:30am

### SATURDAY 11:30am-1:30pm: Parallel Panels 1

#### 1.1 Feminist critiques of patriarchal capitalism (chaired by Jacklyn Cock)

- **Jacklyn Cock**, Univ of the Witwatersrand: *Social reproduction, feminism and Marxism*
- **Melissa Hansen, Bandile Mdlalose and Gcina Makoba**, UKZN: *Anti-extractivist feminist politics in KZN*
- **Samantha Hargreaves**, Women in Mining: *Gendered social reproduction crises and extractivism*
- **Darlene Miller**, Univ of the Western Cape, Cape Town: *The long 21st century and women’s leadership*

#### 1.2 Chinese political-economic trends (1) (chaired by Xuejun Wang)

- **Ming Fan**, Research Institute, Henan Univ of Finance and Political Sciences, China: *Class structure and political structure: A theoretic framework for analysing the problems of China*
- **Jie Li**, School of Public Management, Southwest Jiaotong Univ, China: *The essential goal for State-Owned Enterprise reform should be to fully guarantee public property*
- **Cheng Liu**, School of Marxism, Yangzhou Univ, China: *Features of China’s Socialist Market Economy*
- **Xuejun Wang**, School of Marxism, Northeast Normal Univ, China: *The new round of reforming State-Owned Enterprises*

#### 1.3 BRICS (chaired by WAPE Vice-Chair Niemeyer Almeida Filho)

- **Patrick Bond**, UKZN: *Ten positions vis-à-vis BRICS*
- **Fangyi Jiao**, School of Economics and Business Administration, Helongjiang Univ, China: *Challenges, countermeasures and changes in international trade after the financial crisis*
- **Farai Maguwu**, Centre for Natural Resource Governance and UKZN: *BRICS, the Resource Curse and accumulation in Zimbabwe*
- **Wen Zhou**, Yunnan Normal Univ, China: *Comparison of economic development in China and India*

#### 1.4 South African political economy via biography (chaired by Luli Callinicos)

- **Luli Callinicos**, independent researcher, Johannesburg: *OR Tambo*
- **Ashwin Desai**, Univ of Johannesburg: *Mahatma Gandhi*
- **Ebrahim Harvey**, independent researcher, Johannesburg: *Kgalema Motlanthe*
- **Shannon Walsh**, City Univ of Hong Kong: *Joburg’s Jeppe on a Friday (1-day film neighbourhood bio)*

### SATURDAY LUNCH: 1:30-2:30pm, COSATU House, First Floor

## **SATURDAY 2:30-5pm: Parallel Panels 2**

### **2.1 Capitalism and ecological chaos** (chaired by Don Goldstein)

- **Don Goldstein**, Allegheny College, US: *The political economy of regional climate change adaptation*
- **Xiaofeng Huang**, Research Center for National Economy, Guangdong Univ of Finance and Economics, China: *The impacts of carbon taxation and other environmental barriers for developing country exports*
- **Yaomei Jin**, School of Marxism, Tongji Univ, China: *Insights from Western ecological socialism for the construction of Socialism with Chinese Characteristics*
- **Jiang Yu**, School of Economics and Management, Wuhan Univ, China: *Colonisation and the natural resource curse – Marx’s theory of the dual mission of colonialism*

### **2.2 Problems and prospects for anti-capitalist resistance (1)** (chaired by Greg Ruiters)

- **Azwell Banda**, Numsa Research and Policy Institute, Johannesburg: *South Africa’s African working class xenophobia seen through a Marxist-Leninist lens*
- **Joy Mabenge**, UKZN: *Social movements and class analysis in Zimbabwe*
- **China Ngubane**, UKZN: *The geographical and class nature of Durban’s xenophobia*
- **Vishwas Satgar**, Univ of the Witwatersrand: *Class struggles in South Africa and the world*
- **Mandla Sishi**, Development Institute for Training, Support and Education of Labour, Johannesburg: *The curve of capitalist development, class struggle and education*

### **2.3 South African political economic debates** (chaired by Eddie Webster)

- **Brian Ashley**, Alternative Information and Development Centre, Cape Town: *Political economy of a wage-led economic recovery*
- **Samantha Ashman**, Univ of Johannesburg: *Minerals Energy Complex renewal – First time tragedy, second time farce?*
- **Vusi Gumede**, Univ of South Africa, Pretoria: *Inclusive development in post-apartheid South Africa*
- **Raymond Nyapokoto**, Univ of the Witwatersrand: *Fanon and the politics of gated communities*
- **Luke Sinwell**, Univ of Johannesburg: *Insurgent trade unionism, mining and SA capitalism after Marikana*

**5-5:30pm – Ceremonies at COSATU House: Karl Marx bust and friendship tree, followed by conference dinner at Smokehouse and Grill, corner De Beers and Juta Sts in Braamfontein (4 blocks walk) (IMPORTANT: R200/person cost to be collected at WAPE registration from those able to attend)**

## **SUNDAY, 21 JUNE**

### **SUNDAY, 9-11am: Parallel Panels 3**

#### **3.1 The political economy of land** (chaired by Toendepi Shonhe)

- **Shuyun Du**, Zhengzhou Univ: *Has land financing aggravated China’s peri-urbanisation predicament?*
- **Soh Kaneko**, Faculty of Economics, Keio Univ: *Cantillon and the land theory of value reconsidered – A rational reconstruction of the roles of landownership*
- **Runqiu Liu**, School of Marxism, Sichuan Univ: *Rural land ‘eco-compensation’ mechanisms in China*
- **Toendepi Shonhe**, UKZN: *A class analysis of Zimbabwe’s land reform*

#### **3.2 Advances in Marxist economic theory** (chaired by David Matters)

- **Ruixue Bai**, Beijing Normal Univ, China: *Analysis of the price system of Pierro Sraffa*
- **Zhangwang Chen**, School of Management, Fuzhou Univ: *Information asymmetry in the internet age*
- **David Matters**, *Australian Marxist Journal*: *The essence of Marxism*
- **Lihua Tai**, School of Marxism, China Univ of Political Science and Law: *A study of Michael Lebowitz’ contributions to advancing Das Kapital*

### 3.3 Municipal-scale political economy (chaired by Mary Galvin)

- **Mary Galvin**, Univ of Johannesburg: *Revisiting the class context of old and new approaches to sanitation*
- **Simphiwe Nojijyeza**, Univ of Johannesburg: *The perils of water decentralisation in Africa*
- **Greg Ruiters**, Univ of the Western Cape: *Alternatives to privatisation in the Global South*
- **Carin Runciman**, Univ of Johannesburg: *'Popcorn protests' or a 'rebellion of the poor' – Towards a critical analysis of a decade of dissent*

### SUNDAY, TEA BREAK, 11-11:30am

### SUNDAY, 11:30am-1:30pm: Parallel Panels 4

#### 4.1 World capitalism against the South (chaired by Davie Malungisa)

- **Davie Malungisa**, Ecumenical Service for Socio-Economic Transformation, Johannesburg: *The political economy of informal trade in Southern Africa*
- **Zhan Shu**, School of Marxism, Fuzhou Univ, China: *Research on economic autonomy in opening to the outside world*
- **Riaz Tayob**, Southern and East African Trade Institute, Polokwane: *'Superimperialism,' monetary sovereignty and 'Third World Approaches to International Law'*
- **Salimah Valiani**, Women in Mining: *Metal mining in the 'Long 20<sup>th</sup> Century' – Excavating the roots of capitalist crisis*

#### 4.2 Problems and prospects for anti-capitalist resistance (2) (chaired by Darlene Miller)

- **Jasper Finkeldey**, Univ of Essex: *A Marxist approach to anti-corporate struggles*
- **Dottie Guerrero**: *Adding climate change to anti-capitalist politics*
- **Ronnie Kasrils**, former SA Minister of Intelligence: *Hard lessons of Faustian Pact politics*
- **Trevor Ngwane**, Univ of Johannesburg: *'Amakomiti' – The political economy of shantytown organising*
- **Alf Nilsen**, Univ of the Witwatersrand: *Marxism and movements – Making our own history*

#### 4.3 Chinese political-economic trends (2) (chaired by Ernst Herzog)

- **Yongxiu Bai**, School of Economics and Management, Northwest Univ, China: *Strategic paths and priorities in the construction of the Silk Road Economic Zone*
- **Qizhi Cheng**, School of Economics, Zhongnan Univ of Finance and Political Sciences, China: *Theoretical confidence behind China's institutional changes – Creating institutional economics based on the paradigm of dependency theory in production relations*
- **Nanping Jiang**, School of Economics, Southwest Univ of Finance and Economics, China: *Economic security and countermeasures for China's strategic gas reserve*
- **Nan Li**, School of Politics and Public Management, Wuhan Univ, China: *Institutional change and China's income gap between urban and rural areas*

### SUNDAY LUNCH, 1:30-2:30pm, COSATU House, First Floor

### SUNDAY, 2:30-5pm: Closing Plenary – Conceptual Challenges for Political Economy and Democracy (chaired by WAPE Vice-Chair **David Kotz**)

- **Xueming Chen**, School of Philosophy, Fudan Univ: *Return to the critique of political economics*
- **Roslyn Fuller**, Trinity College, Dublin: *Electoral competition – The latent defect of democracy*
- **Martin Legassick**, Univ of the Western Cape: *Towards socialist democracy*
- **Satoshi Matsui**, Senshu Univ, Japan: *Socialism as a development of liberalism*
- **Balwinder Singh Tiwana**, Department of Economics, Punjabi Univ, Patiala: *The state and accumulation*
- Ways forward for WAPE and African allies: **Allen Ding**
- Closing remarks: **Enfu Cheng**