

Invitation

Joint launch of new flagship HSRC *State of the Nation* book

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Professor Tawana Kupe, Vice-Chancellor and Principal of the University of Pretoria, cordially invites you to join him at a joint launch, with the Human Sciences Research Council of South Africa, of the flagship new book in its *State of the Nation* series: *Poverty and Inequality*.

Date Wednesday, 24 April 2019
Time 17:30 for 18:00 – 20:00 (followed by a reception)
Venue Senate Hall, Hatfield Campus, University of Pretoria
Dress Daywear
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State of the Nation: Poverty and Inequality – Diagnosis, Prognosis and Responses

While the world has seen a decline in absolute poverty, it has also seen a rise in economic inequality. This is the case in all major economies, as well as emerging ones such as South Africa.

This new volume in the HSRC series asks some of the following questions: Is there a South African explanation of poverty and inequality? How does this compare to other contexts and countries? How can the discussion on poverty and inequality be taken forward? Is wealth taxation a viable instrument to reduce wealth inequality in South Africa?

In *State of the Nation: Poverty and Inequality – Diagnosis, Prognosis and Responses*, authors explore gritty questions as they analyse the complexity of poverty and inequality in South Africa, beyond an over-determination of the concepts by economic or wealth indexes.

This is a volume that is timely as we approach 25 years of South African democracy, and as the country prepares for a national election on 8 May. The book offers local and continental coverage on a number of themes: South Africa and the World; Politics, Ethics and the State; The Economy and Society.

PROGRAMME:

Welcome and introductions: Prof Tawana Kupe, Vice-Chancellor and Principal of the University of Pretoria
Introduction to the HSRC's 50/90 Anniversary Commemoration: Prof C Soudien, CEO, HSRC
The *State of the Nation: Poverty and Inequality* book: Prof Ingrid Woolard, Stellenbosch University
Keynote speech by the Minister of Science and Technology, Ms Mmamoloko Kubayi-Ngubane



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