

First Semester 2006

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Date	Presenter, Affiliation and Topic
Thursday, February, 9	Dr. Walter de Wet (Pan-African Investment and Research Services) "The Effect of Monetary Policy Surprises on the Term Structure of Interest Rates: An IV Approach."
Thursday, February, 16	
Thursday, February, 23	
Thursday, March, 2	Steve Eli Ahiabu (University of Toronto) "Money, Taxes, Audits and the Underground Economy. "
Thursday, March, 9	
Friday, March, 17 (9:00-10:00)	Prof. Stan du Plessis (University of Stellenbosch) "The Theory and Practice of Inflation Targeting."
Thursday, March, 30	
Thursday, April, 6	
Thursday, April, 20	
Thursday, May, 4 (12:30-14:00)	Prof. Dorrit Posel (University of KZN) "Education and Unemployment in Post-Apartheid South Africa."
Friday, May, 5 9:00	Miriam Babita (STATSA) "Measuring Poverty in South Africa."
Thursday, May, 11	Prof. Johann Fedderke (University of Cape Town) "The Impact of Performance Intensive Policy Intervention: Aid Policy that is Performance Intensive."
Friday, May, 12 Venue: TBA	Prof. Roger Stough (George Mason University) "Entrepreneurship and Regional Economic Growth: Experiences in America and Possibilities for South Africa."
Thursday, May, 18 (19:00) (SRC Boardroom, Conference Centre)	Prof. Chris Stals (Professor Extraordinaire, Department of Economics) "A Monetary Model for South Africa."
Thursday, May, 25	Carel Meintjies (Development Bank of South Africa) "Regional Socio-Economic Analysis."

Thursday, June, 2

Brownbags

Date	Presenter, Affiliation and Topic
Tuesday, February, 21	Prof. N J Schoeman (Department of Economics, University of Pretoria) "A Synopsis of the 2006/2007 SA National Budget."
Tuesday, February, 28	
Tuesday, March, 7	Prof. J H van Heerden (Department of Economics, University of Pretoria) "On the Economic Impact of Food Vouchers in SA: A CGE Analysis."
Tuesday, March, 14	
Tuesday, March, 21	
Tuesday, March, 28	Mr. J N Kibambe (Department of Economics, University of Pretoria) "Modelling the Impact of Automatic Fiscal Stabilisers on Output Fluctuations."
Tuesday, April, 4	
Tuesday, April, 18	Mr. H R Bohlmann (Department of Economics, University of Pretoria) "FIFA 2010: Lessons from the Literature and Some Preliminary Estimates."
Tuesday, April, 25	Dr. R Gupta (Department of Economics, University of Pretoria) "A BVAR Model for the South African Economy."
Tuesday, May, 2	
Tuesday, May, 9	
Tuesday, May, 16	
Tuesday, May, 23	
Tuesday, May, 30	

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Thursday, July, 20 (9:00)	Prof. Sophie Mitra (Fordham University) "Disability and the Rural Labor Market in India: Evidence from Males in Tamil Nadu."
Thursday, July, 27	
Thursday, August, 3	
Thursday, August, 10 (12:30)	Dr. Nicola Viegi (University of KwaZulu-Natal) "Aiming at the Bull's Eye: Uncertainty and Inertia in Monetary Policy."
Thursday, August, 17 (9:00)	Dr. Giampaolo Garzarelli (WITS University) "Cognition, Incentives and Public Governance: Laboratory Federalism from the Organizational Viewpoint."
Thursday, August, 24	
Thursday, August, 31	
Thursday, September, 7	
Thursday, September, 14	
Thursday, September, 21 (13:30)	Prof. Phillippe Burger (University of the Orange Free State) "Chasing Windmills? A Fiscal Rule for South Africa."
Thursday, September, 28	
Thursday, October, 5	Prof. Servaas van der Berg (Stellenbosch University) "Lessons Learnt from SACMEQII: South African Student Performance in Regional Context."
Friday, October, 6 (10:30)	Alex van den Heever "Social Cluster Task Group on Comprehensive Social Security."
Thursday, October, 12	Mr. Vasco Nhabinde

	(University of Pretoria) "Social Security and Old Age Population Growth: Are they Cointegrated in South Africa?"
Thursday, October, 19 (13:00)	Dr. Alexander Zimper (University of Cape Town) "Assessing the Likelihood of Panic-based Bank Runs."
Thursday, October, 26	

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Date	Presenter, Affiliation and Topic
Tuesday, July, 25	
Tuesday, August, 1 (13:00)	Bulelwa Boqwana and Shirley Robinson (Sakaza Communications (Pty) Ltd) "Provincial Economic Review and Outlook."
Tuesday, August, 8	
Tuesday, August, 15	
Tuesday, August, 22	Mr. Morekwa Esmen Nyamongo (University of Pretoria) "The Effect of Corruption on the Optimal Allocation of Government Expenditure in Africa."
Tuesday, August, 29	Mr. Akanbi Olusegun Ayodele (University of Pretoria) "Testing the Ricardian Theorem of Comparative Advantage in the Manufacturing Sector."
Tuesday, September, 5	
Tuesday, September, 12	Mr. Tewodros G. Gebreselasie (University of Pretoria) "Modelling South Africa's Aggregate Exports with Gravity Equations."
Tuesday, September, 19	Prof. Jan van Heerden and Mr. Heinrich Bohlmann (University of Pretoria) "An Introduction to CGE Modelling."
Tuesday, September, 26	Mr. Michael Li "An Introduction of the Optimal Licensing Contract for a Cost-Reducing Patent."
Tuesday, October, 3	Mr. Sebastiaan Hess (Free University of Amsterdam) " Payments for Environmental Services in Tanzania: A Choice Modelling Exercise."
Tuesday, October, 10	Mr. Jacques Kibambe (University of Pretoria) "Effects of AIDs in Africa."
Tuesday, October, 17	Mr. Dave Liu (University of Pretoria) "Forecasting with DSGE Models: The Case of South Africa."
Tuesday, October, 24	Dr. Rangan Gupta (University of Pretoria) "Gibbs Sampling and Forecasting with BVECMs."

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Thursday, February, 1	
Thursday, February, 8	
Thursday, February, 15	
Thursday, February, 22	Prof. Niek Schoeman (University of Pretoria) "The 2007 Budget Summary."
Thursday, March, 1	Miss. Lebohang Ntja (National University of Lesotho) "The Budget Deficit and Sustainability of Fiscal Policy in Lesotho."
Thursday, March, 8	
Thursday, March, 15	
Thursday, March, 22	
Thursday, March, 29*	
Thursday, April, 5*	
Thursday, April, 12	Prof. Kul B. Bhatia (University of Western Ontario) "Intra-Sector Mobility and Specific Inputs in Tax Incidence Theory."
Thursday, April, 19	
Monday, April, 23 (13:30-14:30)	Prof. Kul B. Bhatia (University of Western Ontario) "Aggregation and CGE."
Thursday, April, 26	Prof. Robert J. Brent (Fordham University) "On Cost-Benefit Analysis of HIV Aids."
Thursday, May, 3	Dr. Giampaolo Garzarelli (WITS University) "Of Hackers and Hairdressers: Modularity and the Organizational Economics of Open-source Collaboration."
Thursday, May, 10	Miss Janine Thorne (Development Bank of South Africa) "Towards Financing Development: An Economic Framework for Development Banking."
Thursday, May, 17	Mr. Robert Hawkins (The World Bank Institute) "The World Bank Institute and African Knowledge for Development Lessons."
Thursday, May, 24	Mr. Rulof Burger (Stellenbosch University) "Rising Unemployment in the South African Labour Market: A Dynamic Analysis Using

	Birth Cohort Panels."
Wednesday, May, 30	Mr Ryan Fogle and Mr. Dominique Tappy (Vrije Universiteit) "A National and Local Framework for Biogas Implementation in South Africa."
Thursday, June, 7	

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Brownbags

Datum	Presenter, Affiliation and Topic
Tuesday, February, 6	Prof. Eui-Gak Hwan Professor Emeritus, Korea University "The Rising Chinese Economy and Future Perspectives."
Tuesday, February, 13	Mr. Samuel Zita (University of Pretoria) "Modelling and Forecasting the Metical-Rand Exchange Rate."
Tuesday, February, 20	Miss. G Kinyondo (University of Pretoria) "The General Equilibrium Effects of a Productivity Increase on Gender in South Africa."
Tuesday, February, 27	Prof. Eric Schaling (University of Pretoria) "Exchange Rate Regimes, Determinancy and Learn ability in the Open Economy: Conditions for Monetary Conditions."
Tuesday, March, 6	Prof. Steven F. Koch (University of Pretoria) "Returns to Education and Rationing in the Labour Market."
Tuesday, March, 13	Miss. Elizabeth M. Ueckermann (University of Pretoria) "Modelling South African Grain Producers Behaviour in a Contractual Bargaining Framework."
Tuesday, March, 20	
Tuesday, March, 27	Mr. Steven Chisadza (University of Pretoria) "Determinants of Labour Market Marginalization of Young Adults in Cape Town."
Tuesday, April, 3*	
Tuesday, April, 10*	
Tuesday, April, 17	
Tuesday, April, 24	Mr. Thabo M. Mokoena (University of Pretoria) "Mean Reversion of Real Exchange Rates in SADC Countries."
Tuesday, May, 8	Dr. Funke Alaba (University of Pretoria) "Malaria in Rural Nigeria: Implications for the Millennium Development Goals."
Tuesday, May, 15	Mr. Jacques Kibambe (University of Pretoria) "Human Ingredients in the Study of Sectoral Growth: Health and Schooling."
Tuesday, May, 22	Miss. Kirsten Thompson (University of Pretoria) "Building a Tax-Benefit Model of the South African Economy."
Tuesday, May, 29	
Tuesday, May, 5	Dr. Rangan Gupta (University of Pretoria) "Bayesian Methods of Forecasting Inventory Investment in South Africa."

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Thursday, July, 26	
Thursday, August, 2 (Ph.D. Defense)	<p style="text-align: center;">Mr. Dennis Uzoigwe (University of Pretoria) "Economic Development in Nigeria through Agricultural, Manufacturing and Mining Sectors: An Econometric Approach." and Mr. Joel Eita (University of Pretoria) "Estimating the Equilibrium Real Exchange Rate and Misalignment for Namibia."</p>
Thursday, August, 9	
Thursday, August, 16	<p style="text-align: center;">Prof. Philip Black (Stellenbosch University) "FDI: What is It?"</p>
Thursday, August, 23	
Thursday, August, 30	
Thursday, September, 6	<p style="text-align: center;">Prof. Johannes Fedderke (University of Cape Town) "A Theoretical Diagnostic for the Characterization of Conflict Forms."</p>
Thursday, September, 13	<p style="text-align: center;">Prof. Philippe Burger (University of the Free State) "The South African Business Cycle: What has Changed?"</p>
Thursday, September, 20	
Thursday, September, 21	
Wednesday, September, 26 (14:00)	<p style="text-align: center;">Prof. Henk van Gemert (Tilburg University) "Financial Liberalization, Institutional Change and Economic Growth: The Story of Triple Triangle."</p>
Thursday, September, 27	<p style="text-align: center;">Prof. Stan du Plessis (Stellenbosch University) "Cyclicality of Macroeconomic Policies in South Africa."</p>
Thursday, October, 4	<p style="text-align: center;">Dr. Alain Kabundi (University of Johannesburg) "Synchronization between South Africa and the US: A Structural Dynamic Factor Analysis."</p>

Thursday, October, 11	
Thursday, October, 18	
Thursday, October, 25	
Thursday, November, 1	
Thursday, November, 8	Prof. Nicola Viegi (University of Cape Town) "Inflation Targeting: A Framework for Communication."
Thursday, November, 15	Mr. Lumengo Bonga-Bonga (University of Johannesburg) "The Impact of Fiscal policy on Economic Growth and Redistribution Policy in South Africa: An Application of CGE Modelling."
Thursday, November, 22	
Thursday, November, 29	Dr. Neil Rankin (WITS University) "Learning and Earning in Africa: Why it Pays to Go to School."

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Date	Presenter, Affiliation and Topic
Tuesday, July, 24 (11:30-12:15) and (12:30-13:15) (Ph.D. Defense)	Mr. Vasco Nhabinde (University of Pretoria) "Retirement Schemes and Economic Growth in Sub-Saharan Countries: A Panel Data Analysis." and Mr. Esman Nyamongo (University of Pretoria) "The Determinants of the Structure of Government Expenditure in Africa."
Tuesday, July, 31	
Tuesday, August, 7	
Tuesday, August, 14	Mr. Gautier Tshiswaka-Kashalala (University of Pretoria) "Assessing the Crowding-out Effect of Tobacco Spending."
Tuesday, August, 21	
Tuesday, August, 28	Mr. Albert de Wet (University of Pretoria) "Linking Global Economic Dynamics to a South African Specific Credit Portfolio."
Tuesday, September, 4	Mr. Chandana Kularatne (University of Cape Town) "Why are Some Exchange Rates More Volatile than Others? Evidence from Middle-Income Countries."
Tuesday, September, 11	ESSA Conference
Tuesday, September, 18	Mr. Albert Makochekanwa (University of Pretoria) "Gravity Approach for Modelling Botswana's Export Trade Flows."
Tuesday, September, 25	Mr. Thabo Mokoena (University of Pretoria)

	"Testing for Fractional Integration in SADC Real Exchange Rates."
Tuesday, October, 2	Mr. Albert de Wet (University of Pretoria) "Conditional Loss Estimation Using a South African Global Error Correcting Macro Econometric Model."
Tuesday, October, 9	Prof. Antony Melck (University of Pretoria) "Government Price Controls on Student Fees in South African Universities?"
Tuesday, October, 16	Prof. Eric Schaling (University of Pretoria) "Learning about the Term Structure and Optimal Rules for Inflation Targeting."
Tuesday, October, 23	Mr. Dave Liu (University of Pretoria) "A New-Keynesian DSGE Model for Forecasting the South African Economy."
Tuesday, October, 30	Prof. Margaret Mabugu (University of Pretoria) "Oil Prices, Meso and Micro Effects."
Tuesday, November, 6	Prof. Rodney B. W. Smith (Department of Applied Economics, University of Minnesota) "Disease Dynamics and Economic Growth."
Tuesday, November, 13	Mrs. Kirsten Thompson (University of Pretoria) "Estimating a Macro-Econometric Model of the Kenyan Economy."
Tuesday, November, 20	
Tuesday, November, 27	Prof. Rangan Gupta (University of Pretoria) "Spatial Bayesian Methods for Forecasting House Prices in Six Metropolitan Areas of South Africa."

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Thursday, January, 31	Prof. Francois Vaillancourt (University of Montreal) "The Economics of Language."
Thursday, February, 7	
Thursday, February, 14	Prof. Johannes Fedderke (University of Cape Town) "Testing Creative Destruction in an Open Economy: The Case of South African Manufacturing Industries."
Thursday, February, 21	Prof. Niek Schoeman (University of Pretoria) Budget 2008
Thursday, February, 28	Mr. Albert Touna Mama (University of Montreal) "On the Maturity Structure of Foreign Debt Contracts in Emerging Countries."
Thursday, March, 6	
Thursday, March, 13	
Thursday, March, 20*	
Thursday, March, 27*	Prof. Philip Black (Stellenbosch University) "Economics and the Philosophy of Science."
Thursday, April, 3	
Thursday, April, 10	Prof. Philippe Burger (University of the Free State) "Public-Private Partnerships: In Pursuit of Risk Sharing and Value for Money."
Thursday, April, 17	
Wednesday, April, 23	Professor Karl-Goran Maler (Professor Emeritus Stockholm School of Economics) "Ecosystems as Insurance Companies."
Thursday, April, 24	Prof. Stan du Plessis (Stellenbosch University) "The Great Moderation in South Africa."
Thursday, May, 8	
Thursday, May, 15	
Thursday, May, 22	
Thursday, May, 29	Mr. Jacques Kibambe (University of Pretoria) "Infectious Diseases and Productivity Trade-Offs."

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Brownbags

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Tuesday, February, 5	
Tuesday, February, 12	<p style="text-align: center;">Prof. Lawrence Edwards (University of Cape Town)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">"South African Trade Policy Matters: Trade Performance and Trade Policy."</p>
Tuesday, February, 19	<p style="text-align: center;">Mr. Albert Makochekanwa (University of Pretoria)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">"Gravity Approach for Modelling Botswana's Sectoral Export Trade Flows."</p>
Tuesday, February, 26	<p style="text-align: center;">Mr. Jacques Kibambe (University of Pretoria)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">"Some policy experiments using a Marshallian Macroeconometric Model."</p>
Tuesday, March, 4	<p style="text-align: center;">Global Insight Data Presentation</p>
Tuesday, March, 11	<p style="text-align: center;">Mr. Emmanuel Ziramba (UNISA/University of Pretoria)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">"Openness, Bureaucratic Corruption and Public Policy in an Endogenous Growth Model."</p>
Tuesday, March, 18*	<p style="text-align: center;">Prof. Martin Breitenbach (University of Pretoria)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">"Community Service and the Role of the Economics Department."</p>
Tuesday, March, 25*	
Tuesday, April, 1	<p style="text-align: center;">Prof. Rangan Gupta (University of Pretoria)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">"Costly Tax Enforcement and Financial Repression."</p>
Tuesday, April, 8	<p style="text-align: center;">Prof. Eric Schaling (University of Pretoria)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">"Reducing Exchange Rate Volatility and Supporting Competitiveness."</p>
Tuesday, April, 15	<p style="text-align: center;">Dr. Ruthira Naraidoo (University of Pretoria)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">"The Political Economy of Unemployment and Threshold Effects. A Nonlinear Time Series Approach."</p>
Tuesday, April, 22	<p style="text-align: center;">Prof. Steve Koch (University of Pretoria)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">"Child Survival in Tanzania and Zambia."</p>
Tuesday, April, 29	
Tuesday, May, 6	<p style="text-align: center;">Dr. Alain Kabundi (University of Johannesburg)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">"A Dynamic Factor Model for Forecasting Macroeconomic Variables in South Africa."</p>
Tuesday, May, 13	<p style="text-align: center;">Prof. Rangan Gupta (University of Pretoria)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">"Should the SARB have Stayed Time Inconsistent?"</p>
Tuesday, May, 20	<p style="text-align: center;">Prof. Eric Schaling (University of Pretoria)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">"Managing Disinflation under Uncertainty."</p>
Tuesday, May, 27	<p style="text-align: center;">Mr. Rajarshi Mitra (University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee)</p>

	"Economies of Scope in Industry Equilibrium: Vertical Integration versus Outsourcing."
Tuesday, June, 3	Mr. Marc Ground (University of Pretoria) "Matching as an Econometric Evaluation Estimator."
Tuesday, July, 1 (Ph.D. Defense)	Mr. Albert de Wet (University of Pretoria) "A Macro-Econometric Framework for Credit Portfolio Modelling in South Africa."

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Thursday, August, 7	
Thursday, August, 14	
Thursday, August, 21	
Thursday, August, 28	
Thursday, September, 4	Dr. Witness Simbanegavi (University of Cape Town) "Loss Leader or Low Margin Leader: Advertising and the Degree of Product Differentiation."
Thursday, September, 11, (Starts at 13:45)	Ms Reintje Maasdam (Risk Modelling Division, Rabobank) "Risk Modelling Techniques and Recent Energy Crisis in South Africa."
Thursday, September, 18	Mr. Marc Ground and Mr. Herman Smith (University of Pretoria) "Experiences Overseas."
Thursday, September, 25	
Thursday, October, 2*	
Thursday, October, 9	Dr. Manoel Bittencourt (University of Cape Town) "Polarisation, Populism and Hyperinflation: Some Evidence from Latin America."
Thursday, October, 16	Mr. Kevin Kotze (Stellenbosch University) "Measuring the Output Gap in the State Space Form."
Thursday, October, 23	Prof. Philip Black (Stellenbosch University) "Economics of Trust."
Wednesday, October, 29	Prof. Bernard Decaluwe* and Dr. Helene Maisonnave** (*Laval University and PEP Network and **University of the Free State and University of Rouen) "Does Affirmative Action Reduce Poverty in South Africa? A CGE Analysis."
Thursday, October, 30	
Thursday, November, 6	Workshop on Non-Parametric Econometrics
Friday, November, 7 Graduate Centre, Room # 2-	Prof. Jeffrey S. Racine (Senator William McMaster Chair in Econometrics, McMaster University,

71, 13:00-14:00	Canada) "Constrained Non-Parametric Kernel Regression: Estimation and Inference."
Thursday, November, 13	Dr. Fulbert Tchana Tchana (University of Cape Town) "The Empirics of Banking Regulation."
Thursday, November, 20	Dr. Alain Kabundi (University of Johannesburg) "Recent French Export Performance: Is There a Competitiveness Problem?"
Thursday, November, 27	Mr. J P Geldenhuys (University of The Free State) "Poverty and Government Grants in South Africa."

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Tuesday, July, 29	
Tuesday, August, 5	
Tuesday, August, 12	Mr. Albert Makocheke (University of Pretoria) "An Analysis of Botswana's Sectoral Trade Flows."
Tuesday, August, 19	Miss. Zoe McLaren (University of Michigan) "The Effect of HIV Status on Labor Market Participation in South Africa."
Tuesday, August, 26	
Tuesday, September, 2	
Tuesday, September, 9	Mr. Jacques Kibambe (University of Pretoria) "A Disaggregated Marshallian Macroeconometric Model and the Effects of Social Ingredients."
Ph.D. Defense	
Tuesday, September, 16	Mr. Robert Kekana (University of Pretoria) "Planning, Monitoring, Evaluation and Impact Assessment of Research and Development Investments in Agriculture."
Tuesday, September, 23	Miss. Maylene Damoense (University of Pretoria) "Economic Analysis of Intra-Industry Trade: The Case of South Africa's Automotive Industry."
Tuesday, September, 30*	Prof. Eric Schaling (University of Pretoria) "Potential Growth in South Africa: Financial versus Human Capital."
Tuesday, October, 7	Mr. Emmanuel Ziramba (UNISA / University of Pretoria) "Optimal Public Policy with Endogenous Mortality."
Tuesday, October, 14	"Early Researcher Career Meeting."
Tuesday, October, 21	Dr. Ruthira Naraidoo (University of Pretoria) "Modelling Monetary Policy in South Africa: Inflation Targeting in Practice."

Tuesday, October, 28 (13:00)	Prof. Eric Schaling (University of Pretoria) "Why Speed Doesn't Kill? Learning to Believe in Disinflation."
Tuesday, November, 4	Workshop on Non-Parametric Econometrics
Tuesday, November, 11	
Tuesday, November, 18	Prof. Steve Koch (University of Pretoria) "Applied Microeconomics: Some Related Household Analyses."
Tuesday, November, 25	Prof. Rangan Gupta (University of Pretoria) "Public and Private Expenditures on Health in an Endogenous Growth Model."

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Thursday, February, 12	
Thursday, February, 19	Dr. Daniela Casale (UKZN) "The Gender Incidence of Indirect Taxes in South Africa."
Thursday, February, 26	Prof. Niek Schoeman (University of Pretoria) "Budget 2009."
Thursday, March, 5	Prof Derick de Jongh (Director: Centre for Responsible Leadership, University of Pretoria) "The Purpose of Business...."
Thursday, March, 12	
Thursday, March, 19	Dr. Shakill Hassan (University of Cape Town) "Market Power and Commodity Price Processes."
Thursday, March, 26	Miss. Roula Inglesi (University of Pretoria) "Estimating Technological Progress in South Africa: 1980-2006."
Thursday, April, 16	Mr. Samuel Jibao (University of Pretoria) "Moving Towards Sustainable Fiscal Policy in Sierra Leone."
Thursday, April, 23	
Wednesday, April, 29 (13:00)	Dr. Alain Kabundi (University of Johannesburg) "The Basics of Dynamic Factor Model."
Thursday, May, 7	Prof. Ben Smit*, Mr. Rudi Steinbach** and Miss Patience Mathuloe** (*Stellenbosch University and **South African Reserve Bank) "An Open Economy New Keynesian DSGE model of the South African Economy."
Thursday, May, 14	
Thursday, May, 21	Mr Gauthier kashalala (University of Pretoria) "Causality between Reproductive Health and Labor Market Outcomes."
Thursday, May, 28	Miss Monet Durieux (University of Pretoria) "The Role of Fiscal Policy Determining Economic Growth in the Context of African

	Countries: A Panel Data Approach. "
Thursday, June, 4	Dr. Ruthira Naraidoo (University of Pretoria) "Forecasting Performance of Monetary Policy Rules in South Africa. "
Wednesday, June, 24(10:00-11:00)	Mr. Warren Lopes (Pearson Education South Africa) "Introduction to MyEconLab."

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Date	Presenter, Affiliation and Topic
Tuesday, February, 3 (Ph.D. Defense)	Mr. Emmanuel Ziramba (UNISA) "Essays on Public Finance and Growth Using Dynamic General Equilibrium Models."
Tuesday, February, 10	
Tuesday, February, 17	Prof. Steve Koch (University of Pretoria) "Inflation and the Household: Towards a Measurement of the Welfare Costs of Inflation."
Tuesday, February, 24	Dr. Ruthira Naraidoo (University of Pretoria) "Asymmetric Preferences in a New Keynesian Model with Unemployment."
Tuesday, March, 3	Dr. Olufunke A. Alaba (University of Pretoria) "On Health Insurance and Household Decisions: An Econometric Policy Analysis."
Tuesday, March, 10	Early Research Careers Meeting
Tuesday, March, 17	Dr. Soumyananda Dinda (Madras School of Economics) "Factors Attracting FDI to Nigeria: An Empirical Investigation."
Tuesday, March, 24	Dr. Michiel Kayzer (Director, Centre for the World Food Studies, Free University) "Optimal Calibration and Control of 3D-Dynamic Economy-Hydrology Model for the Incomati Basin. "
Tuesday, March, 31	
Tuesday, April, 14	Mrs. Yolande Jordaan (University of Pretoria) "Finding the Optimum Level of Taxes in South Africa: A Balanced Budget Approach."
Tuesday, April, 21	Mr. Reyno Seymore (University of Pretoria) "The Competitiveness Effects of Electricity Generation Taxes: A Computable General Equilibrium Analysis."
Tuesday, April, 28	Dr. Francis Kemegue (University of Pretoria) "Comparison of the Effects of Geographic and Economic Neighbours on US FDI Flows."
Tuesday, May, 5	Mr. Nicholas Ngepah (CSIR)

	"Inequality, Land Redistribution and Agricultural Production in South Africa."
Tuesday, May, 12	<p>Prof. Rangan Gupta (University of Pretoria)</p> <p>"Comparing South African Inflation Volatility across Monetary Policy Regimes: An Application of Saphe Cracking."</p>
Tuesday, May, 19	<p>Miss. Josine Uwilingiye (University of Pretoria)</p> <p>"Evaluating the Inflation Targeting Regime of South Africa."</p>
Tuesday, May, 26	<p>Mr. Ayo Akanbi (University of Pretoria)</p> <p>"A Macroeconometric Model of the Nigerian Economy: Growth-Poverty Gap Analysis."</p>

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Thursday, July, 16	
Thursday, July, 23	
Thursday, July, 30	Prof. Roy Bahl (Georgia State University) "A New Paradigm for Property Taxation in Developing Countries."
Thursday, August, 6	
Thursday, August, 13	IIPF Conference
Thursday, August, 20	
Friday, August, 21 (10:00-11:00)	Mr. Eric Weese (MIT) "Political Mergers as Coalition Formation: Evidence from the Heisei Municipal Amalgamations."
Thursday, August, 27	Mr. Koen Smet (Vienna University) "A Clockwork Economy: A Three-Dimensional Trade Model."
Wednesday, September, 2 (13:30-14:30, L1-56, Graduate Centre) [Jointly hosted with CEEPA]	Dr. Kirk Hamilton (The World Bank) "World Development Report 2010 on Development in a Changing Climate: Implications for Environmental Management."
Thursday, September, 3	Prof. Steve Koch (University of Pretoria) "Examining the Welfare Costs of Inflation."
September, 7- September, 9	ESSA Conference
Thursday, September, 10	Dr. Mare Sarr (University of Cape Town) "Resources, Conflict and Development Choice: Public Good Provision in Resource Rich Economies."
Thursday, September, 17	Dr. Albert Touna Mama (University of Cape Town) "Who is Credit Constrained among Denied and Discourage Borrowers? "
September, 24 - October, 4	September Recess
Thursday, October, 8	Mr. Antony Cooper (CSIR, Pretoria)

	"An Overview of Bloodstain Pattern Analysis from the Perspective of a Computer Scientist."
Thursday, October, 15	Dr. Peter Schmitz (CSIR, Pretoria) "Data Logistics."
Thursday, October, 22 (12:00)	Mrs. Monique Reid (Stellenbosch University) "Loud and Clear: Can We Hear when the SARB Speaks?"
Thursday, October, 29	
Thursday, November, 5	Mr. Kevin Kotze (Stellenbosch University) "The Role of the Exchange Rate in a South African New Keynesian DSGE model."
Thursday, November, 19	Prof. Jean-Luc Demonsant (University of Guanajuato) "Koranic Schools in Senegal: A Real Barrier to Formal Education?"

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Tuesday, July, 14	
Tuesday, July, 21	
Tuesday, July, 28	Prof. Sijbren Cnossen (University of Maastricht) "A Primer on VAT as perceived by Lawyers, Economists and Accountants."
Tuesday, August, 4	
Tuesday, August, 11	
Tuesday, August, 18	
Tuesday, August, 25	ESSA Presentations
Tuesday, September, 1 (9:00-10:00, Conference 100, Graduate Center)	Prof. Dominick Salvatore (Fordham University) "Globalization, International Competitiveness and Growth."
September, 7- September, 9	ESSA Conference
Tuesday, September, 15	Mr. Kasai Ndahiriwe (University of Pretoria) "Analysis of Policy Rules in South Africa and Rwanda."
Tuesday, September, 22	Mr. Leroi Raputsoane (University of Pretoria) "Monetary Policy Preferences and Inflation Targeting Rules."
September, 24 - October, 4	September Recess
Tuesday, October, 6 (10:00-11:00)	Mrs Annari De Waal (University of Pretoria) "Financial Shocks and Monetary Transmission Mechanisms."

Tuesday, October, 13	<p>Mr. Patrick Kanda (University of Pretoria)</p> <p>"Trade Creation and Trade Diversion: A Gravity Model Approach for South Africa."</p>
Tuesday, October, 20	<p>Dr. Manoel Bittencourt (University of Pretoria)</p> <p>"Inflation and Economic Growth: Panel Time-Series Evidence from Latin America."</p>
Tuesday, October, 27	<p>Dr. Ruthira Naraidoo (University of Pretoria)</p> <p>"Financial Market Conditions, Real Time, Nonlinearity and European Central Bank Monetary Policy: In-Sample and Out-of-Sample Assessment."</p>
Tuesday, November, 3	<p>Prof. Rangan Gupta (University of Pretoria)</p> <p>"Forecasting the US House Price: DSGE versus VARs."</p>
Tuesday, November, 10	<p>Ms Roula Inglesi (University of Pretoria)</p> <p>"Developing Incentives to Mainstream Demand-Side Management: Towards an Energy Efficiency Cap-and-Trade Model."</p>

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Monday, February, 1	Mr. Julius Agbor (University of Cape Town) "A Theory of Colonial Governance."
Monday, February, 8	Dr. Milan Vodopivec (World Bank) "Incentive Effects of Unemployment Insurance Savings Accounts: Evidence from Chile."
Monday, February, 15	No Seminar
Monday, February, 22	No Seminar
Monday, March, 1	No seminar, VCs visit to the Department
Monday, March, 8	Ms. Marina Marinkov (University of Cape Town) "Inflation Targeting and Inflation Performance in South Africa."
Monday, March, 15	Prof. Stan du Plessis (Stellenbosch University) "The Adjustment of Current Account (Im-)balances in Africa."
Monday, March, 22	No Seminar.
Monday, March, 29	Dr. Alfredo Cuevas (IMF) "Monetary Policy and Relative Price Shocks in South Africa and other Inflation Targeters."
Monday, April, 12	Dr. Neil Rankin (University of Witwatersrand) "Export Destination, Product Quality and Wages in a Middle-Income Country. The Case of South Africa."
Tuesday, April, 20	Prof. Alexander Zimmer (University of Witwatersrand) "General Equilibrium Theory and No-Trade Results without Rational Expectations."
Monday, April, 26	No seminar
Monday, May, 3	Mr. Leon du Toit (Stellenbosch University) "Exchange Rate Regimes and Current

	Account Adjustment."
Monday, May, 10	Ms. Farayi Gwenhamo (University of Cape Town) "The Composition of Foreign Capital Stocks in South Africa: The Role of Institutions, Domestic Risk and Neighbourhood Effects."
Monday, May, 17	Dr. Giampaolo Garzarelli (University of Witwatersrand) "Decentralization in Firm and State."

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Wednesday, February, 3	No seminar
Wednesday, February, 10	Dr. Francis Kemegue (University of Pretoria) "Neighborhood Games."
Wednesday, February, 17	Mr. Reyno Seymore (University of Pretoria) "Reversed Border Tax Adjustments"
Wednesday, February, 24	Prof. Nicola Viegi (University of Pretoria) "The Risks of Interdependence: An Analysis of Fiscal Imbalance in a Monetary Union."
Wednesday, March, 3	Extraordinary Prof. Sijbren Cnossen (University of Pretoria) "Coordination of Indirect Taxation in the Southern African Development Community (SADC): Lessons from European Experience."
Wednesday, March, 10	Prof. Jeremy Magruder (University of California, Berkeley) "High Unemployment Yet Small Firms: The Role of South African Labor Regulations."
Wednesday, March, 17	Prof. Renee van Eyden (University of Pretoria) "Africa: Catching up or Falling Further Behind?"
Wednesday, March, 24	Prof. Rangan Gupta (University of Pretoria) "Forecasting the South African Economy with a SOENKDSGE-BVAR Model."
Wednesday, April, 14	Prof. Stephen G. Hall (University of Leicester) "Generalised Cointegration: A Non-linear Concept."
Wednesday, April, 21	Dr. Ruthira Naraidoo (University of Pretoria) "Financial Markets and The Response of Monetary Policy to Uncertainty: Evidence for South Africa."
Wednesday, April, 28	Mr. Gauthier Kashalala (University of Pretoria) "Explaining Trends in Household Tobacco Expenditure: The Non-Price Effects."
Tuesday, May, 4	Prof. Johann Fedderke

	(Penn State University) "Diagnosing the Source of Financial Market Shocks: An Application to the Asian Financial Crisis."
Wednesday, May, 12	Dr. Manoel Bittencourt (University of Pretoria) "Finance and Economic Growth: Some Evidence from Latin America."
Wednesday, May 26	Mr. Tanka Tlelima (University of Cape Town) "Floating Against Predominant Foreign Disturbances: Can Lesotho Afford Independent Monetary Policy?"

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Monday, July, 19	<p style="text-align: center;">Prof. Martin Wittenberg (University of Cape Town)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">"Nonparametric Estimation when Income is Reported in Bands and at Points."</p>
Monday, July, 26	<p style="text-align: center;">Mr. Johan Fourie (Stellenbosch University)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">"Settler skills and Colonial Development: The case of the French Huguenots in Dutch South Africa."</p>
Monday, August, 2	<p style="text-align: center;">Dr. Dhesigen Naidoo (University of Pretoria)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">"South Africa's New Intellectual Property Regime: Is there an Elephant in the Room?"</p>
Tuesday, August, 9 - Thursday, August, 12	<p>External Evaluation of the Department. No Seminars.</p>
Friday, August, 13 (9:00)	<p style="text-align: center;">Prof. Stephen M. Miller (University of Nevada, Las Vegas)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">"Short- and Long-Run Differences in the Treatment Effects of Inflation Targeting on Developed and Developing Countries."</p>
Monday, August, 16	<p style="text-align: center;">Mr. Kasai Ndahiriwe (University of Pretoria)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">"Testing the Opportunistic Approach to Monetary Policy and Financial Market Conditions."</p>
Monday, August, 23	<p style="text-align: center;">Dipl. Phys. Co-Pierre Georg (University of Jena)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">"Assessing Systemic Risk in South Africa."</p>
Monday, August, 30	<p style="text-align: center;">Mr. Leroi Raputsoane (University of Pretoria)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">"The Response of Monetary Policy to Uncertainty with Asymmetric and Zone Targeting Preferences."</p>
Thursday, September, 2	<p style="text-align: center;">Prof. Peter Pauly (University of Toronto)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">"Macroeconometric Modeling After the Crash."</p>
Monday, September, 6	<p style="text-align: center;">Prof. Steven F. Koch (University of Pretoria)</p>

	"Multinomial Fractional Logit with an Application to Expenditure Shares."
Monday, September, 13	
Monday, September 20- Thursday, September 23	Workshop on Non-Linear Econometrics by Prof. Mehmet Balcilar (Eastern Mediterranean University)
Monday, October, 4	Prof. Jan van Heerden (University of Pretoria) "General Discussion of UP's Long-Term Plans: Economic Environment 2025."
Monday, October, 11	Prof. Fiona Tregenna (University of Johannesburg) "How Significant is Intersectoral Outsourcing of Employment in South Africa?"
Monday, October, 18	Dr. Martine Mariotti (The Australian National University) "Estimating the Elasticity of Substitution in the South African Manufacturing Industry During Apartheid, 1950-1985."
Monday, October, 25	Dr. Manoel Bittencourt (University of Pretoria) "Has Democracy Got Anything to Do with Government Size? Evidence from Latin America."
Monday, November, 1	Prof. Philippe Burger (University of the Free State) "Fiscal Sustainability and Fiscal Reaction Functions in Five OECD Countries."
Monday, November, 8	Dr. Vimal Ranchod (University of Cape Town) "Household Responses to Adverse Income Shocks: Pensioner Out-Migration and Mortality in South Africa."
Monday, November, 15	Dr. Jacques Kibambe (University of Pretoria) "Information Processing in Population Economics: Case of the U.S. Union Army."
Monday, November, 22	Prof. Rangan Gupta (University of Pretoria) "Endogenous Fluctuations in Endogenous Growth Models."

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Wednesday, July, 21	Prof. Rangan Gupta (University of Pretoria) "Tax Evasion, Financial Development and Inflation: Empirical Evidence and Theory."
Wednesday, July, 28 (SRC Hall, 16:30, Public Lecture)	Prof. Roy Bahl (Georgia State University and University of Pretoria) "Tax Assignment."
Wednesday, August, 4	Mr. Dambala Gelo (University of Pretoria) "Essays in Mechanism Design, Program Evaluation and Non-Market Valuation: Applications to Forestry Programs in Ethiopia."
Tuesday, August 9 - Thursday, August, 12	External Evaluation of the Department. No Seminars

Wednesday, August, 18	Prof. Riel Franzsen (University of Pretoria) "Property Taxation in Africa: Trends and Challenges."
Wednesday, August, 25	Dr. Howard White (International Institute for Impact Evaluation) "Theory-based Impact Evaluation."
Wednesday, September, 8	No Brownbag. Spring Day.
Wednesday, September, 15	Prof. Nicola Viegi (University of Pretoria) "Exchange Rate Volatility and Monetary Policy in South Africa."
Monday, September 20- Thursday, September 23	Workshop on Non-Linear Econometrics by Prof. Mehmet Balcilar (Eastern Mediterranean University)
Wednesday, October, 6	Ms. Roula Inglesi (University of Pretoria) "A Benchmark-and-Trade System for Electricity Intensity in South Africa."
Wednesday, October, 13	Prof. Alain Kabundi (University of Johannesburg) "Three Cycles: Housing, Credit, and Real Activity."
Friday, October, 29 (10:00, Ph.D. Defense, Room EMS 4-4)	Ms. Josine Uwilingiye (University of Pretoria) "Evaluating the Inflation-Targeting Regime of South Africa."
Wednesday, November, 3	Mr. Emmanuel Owusu-Sekyere (University of Pretoria) "Foreign Inflows into Sub-Saharan Africa: Focus on Remittances."
Wednesday, November, 10	Mr. Samuel S. Jibao (University of Pretoria) "Fiscal Regime Changes and the Sustainability of Fiscal Imbalance in South Africa: A Smooth-Transition Error Correction Approach."
Wednesday, November, 17	Dr. Ruthira Naraidoo (University of Pretoria) "A Model of the Real Exchange Rate for South Africa: A Non-Linear Time Series Approach."

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Monday, January, 31	<p style="text-align: center;">Prof. Nicolas Depetris Chauvin (Dubai School of Government and Oxford Centre for the Analysis of Resource Rich Economies) "Market Competition in Export Cash Crops and Farm Income."</p>
Monday, February, 28	<p style="text-align: center;">Dr. Shakill Hassan (University of Cape Town) "The Rand as a Currency Speculation Target."</p>
Monday, March, 7	<p style="text-align: center;">Mr. Andrew Duncan (University of Johannesburg) "Volatility Spillovers across South African Asset Classes during Financial Crises."</p>
Tuesday, March, 8	<p style="text-align: center;">Prof. Robert Lawrence (Harvard University) "AGOA: Promoting Trade without Development."</p>
Thursday, March, 10 - Friday, March, 11 (SARB Conference Centre)	<p style="text-align: center;">ERSA and University of Pretoria Workshop "Monetary Economics and Macroeconomic Modelling."</p>
Monday, March, 14	<p style="text-align: center;">Dr. Asha Sundaram (University of Cape Town) "Estimating the Impact of Export Deterrents: An Analysis of US High- technology Export Controls."</p>
Monday, March, 28	<p style="text-align: center;">Dr. Lukasz Grzybowski (University of Cape Town) "Determinants of Retail Margins on Fuels in the European Union."</p>
Monday, April, 4	<p style="text-align: center;">Dr. Julius Agbor (University of the Western Cape) "How Does School Education Matter for Conflict Mitigation in Africa?"</p>
Monday, April, 11	<p style="text-align: center;">Mr. Seedwell Hove (University of Cape Town) "Terms of Trade Shocks and Inflation Targeting in Emerging Market Economies."</p>

Monday, April, 18	Dr. Alfredo Cuevas (International Monetary Fund) "SACU Transfer Volatility."
Tuesday, May, 3	Dr. Admasu Shiferaw (University of Goettingen) "Which Firms Invest Less Under Uncertainty? Evidence from Ethiopian Manufacturing."
Monday, May, 9	Prof. Neil Rankin (University of Witwatersrand) "No Chinese Jackets Required: Clothing Quotas, Consumer Prices and Import Quality in South Africa".
Monday, May, 16	Mr. Volker Schoer (University of Witwatersrand) "Wage Effects of Social Contact Involvement at Different Stages of the Matching Process."
Monday, May, 23	Dr. Sandeep Mahajan (World Bank) "Politically Realistic Solutions to South Africa's Unemployment and Service Delivery Problems."
Monday, May, 30	Dr. Ronelle Burger (University of Stellenbosch) " Receive Grants or Perish? Investigating Survival Prospects of African NGOs."
Friday, June, 17 (11:00)	Dr. Jonathan Munemo (Salisbury University) "Foreign Aid, Domestic Private Investment, and Welfare in Africa."
Thursday, July, 7 (10:00-12:00)	Dr. Dimitris Korobilis (Center for Operations Research and Econometrics, Universite Catholique de Louvain) "Large-Scale Time Varying Models for Analysis of Monetary Policy and Forecasting."

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Thursday, February, 10 (Leadership Center, 11:00, Ph.D. Defense)	Mr. Albert Makochekanwa (University of Pretoria) "Gravity Approach for Modeling Botswana's Export Trade Flows."
Wednesday, February, 16	Mr. Dylan van Wyk (University of Pretoria) "The Role of Psychic Distance in Financial Crises."
Wednesday, February, 23	Quantec: Data Description
Wednesday, March, 2	Dr. Jaques Kibambe (University of Pretoria) "Some Advances in Marshallian Modeling with Application to the U.S. Science Sector."
Wednesday, March, 16	Prof. Niek Schoeman (University of Pretoria)

	"The Budget."
Wednesday, March, 30	Dr. Ruthira Naraidoo (University of Pretoria) "Asymmetric Preferences in a New Keynesian Model of Unemployment."
Wednesday, April, 6	Ms. Mampho P. Modise (University of Pretoria) "South African Stock Return Predictability in the Context of Data Mining: The Role of Financial Variables and International Stock Returns."
Wednesday, April, 13	Prof. Nicola Viegi (University of Pretoria) "Business Cycle Accounting in South Africa."
Wednesday, April, 20	Dr. Stefano Colombo (University of Insubria) "Taxation and Predatory Prices in a Spatial Model."
Thursday, April, 21 (11:00, Ph.D. Defense)	Ms. Maylene Damoense-Azevedo (University of Pretoria) "Economic Analysis of Intra-Industry Trade: The Case of South Africa's Automotive Industry".
Wednesday, May, 4	Ms. Annari de Waal (University of Pretoria) "A VECX* Model for South Africa."
Wednesday, May, 11	Dr. Manoel Bittencourt (University of Pretoria) "Financial Development, Inflation and the Informal Economy: Some Evidence."
Thursday, May, 19	Prof. Renee van Eyden (University of Pretoria) "The Predictive Ability of Competing Models for South African Business Fixed Investment Spending."
Tuesday, May, 24 (Leadership Center, 12:30, Ph.D. Defense)	Mr. Leroy Raputsoane (University of Pretoria) "Monetary Policy Preferences and Inflation Targeting Rules."
Wednesday, May, 25	Prof. Rangan Gupta (University of Pretoria) "Reconsidering the Welfare Cost of Inflation."
Thursday, June, 23 (13:00, Ph.D. Defense)	Mr. Kasai Ndahiriwe (University of Pretoria) "Analysis of Monetary Policy Rules for South Africa."
Monday, July, 11 (Ph.D. Defense)	Mrs. Roula Inglesi-Lotz (University of Pretoria) "A Sectoral Benchmark-and-Trade System to Improve Electricity Efficiency in South Africa."

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Thursday, July 21 (13:00-14:00)	Prof. Robert Weaver (Pennsylvania State University) "Pricing Perishables under Uncertainty: Scenario-Based Information."
Monday, July, 25 (15:00, Ph.D. Defense)	Mr. Reyno Seymore (University of Pretoria) "The Competitiveness Effects of Electricity Generation Taxes: A Computable General Equilibrium Analysis."
Monday, August, 1	Dr. Francis Kemegue (University of Pretoria) "Law of One Price During The Crisis: Freeze and Restoration Across Equity Markets."
Monday, August, 15	Prof. Alain Kabundi (University of Johannesburg) "Time-Varying Volatility Co-Movement in World Equity Markets: A Dynamic Factor Analysis."
Monday, August, 22	Dr. Giovanni Ricco (London Business School) "Government Spending Reloaded: A Bayesian VAR Approach to Heterogeneous Spending Shocks."
Monday, August, 29	Mr. Dieter Von Fintel (University of Stellenbosch) "Returns to School Quality and Confidence: Understanding Pre-Labour Market Discrimination in South Africa."
Monday, September, 5	No Seminar. ESSA Conference.
Monday, September, 12	Prof. Philippe Burger (University of Free State) "A Flexible Fiscal Rule in an Uncertain World."
Tuesday, September, 12 - Wednesday, September 13	Mr. Co-Pierre Georg (Universitat Jena) "Workshop on Banking and Modern Financial Economics."
Monday, September, 19	Mr. Co-Pierre Georg (Universitat Jena)

	"Systemic Interaction Risk."
Monday, September, 26	Dr. Patrizio Piraino (University of Cape Town) "Marital Sorting and Intergenerational Mobility in South Africa."
Monday, October, 3	Spring Recess
Monday, October, 10	Ms. Marisa Coetzee (University of Stellenbosch) "Calculating the Benefit of Linking Ties: The Case of Domestic Workers in South Africa."
Monday, October, 17	Mr. Gideon Du Rand (University of Stellenbosch) "Evaluating Political Decision-Making Mechanisms Under Fundamentally Incomplete Information."
Monday, October, 24	Dr. Ruthira Naraidoo (University of Pretoria) "Fiscal Stimulus, Distortionary Taxes and Financial Contagion in a Small Open Economy."
Monday, October, 31	Prof. Dori Posel (University of KwaZulu-Natal) "Relative Income, Income Mobility and Subjective Well-Being in South Africa."
Wednesday, November 2- Friday, November 4	Prof. Dipak K. Dey (University of Connecticut) "Bayesian Econometrics Workshop1."
Monday, November 7	Prof. Jim Fairburn (University of KwaZulu-Natal) "Emerging Microeconomics."
Monday, December 5- Friday, December 9	Prof. Hedibert F. Lopes (University of Chicago) "Bayesian Econometrics Workshop2."

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Wednesday, July, 27 (12:00-13:00)	"First Year Text Book Presentations by Publishers."
Wednesday, August, 3	Dr. Heinrich Bohlmann (University of Pretoria) "Impact of a Policy-Induced Cut in Illegal Immigration to South Africa: A CGE Analysis."
Tuesday, August, 16	Mr. Danie Malan (University of Pretoria) "Information about E-Books and Incite."
Wednesday, August, 17	Mr. Monaheng Seleteng

	(University of Pretoria) "Inflation and Economic Growth Nexus in the SADC Region: A Panel Data Investigation."
Wednesday, August, 24	Prof. Steve Koch (University of Pretoria) "The Consistency of Merger Decisions in a Developing Country: Considering the South African Competition Commission."
Wednesday, August, 31	Mr. Laban K. Chesang (University of Pretoria) "Optimal Monetary Policy and the Implications of Asymmetric Aversion to Inflation."
Wednesday, September, 7	No Brownbag. ESSA Conference.
Wednesday, September, 14	Mr. Samuel Jibao (University of Pretoria) "The Asymmetric Response of the Shadow Economy to Direct Tax Changes: Evidence from South Africa."
Wednesday, September, 21	Prof. Alexander Zimper (University of Pretoria) "Volatile collusion structures and the price-dividend ratio."
Wednesday, September, 28	Ms. Esti van Wyk de Vries (University of Pretoria) "Intertemporal Portfolio Allocation and Hedging Demand: An Application to South Africa."
Wednesday, October, 5	Prof. Rangan Gupta (University of Pretoria) "Could We Have Predicted the Recent Downturn in US GDP?"
Tuesday, October, 11 Ph.D. Defense (IT 3/58, 14:00)	Mr. Abebe Beyene (University of Pretoria) "Rural Energy, Forest Dependency and Covariates of Fuel Saving Technologies in Ethiopia."
Wednesday, October, 19	Dr. Malcolm Keswell (University of Cape Town) "Intra-Household Resource Allocation and Pareto Efficiency: Evidence from a Quasi-Natural Experiment."
Wednesday, October, 26	Dr. Manoel Bittencourt (University of Pretoria) "Economic Growth and Government Debt: Some Evidence from Latin America."
Tuesday, November, 1	Ms. Chitalu Chama (University of Pretoria) "Utilisation of Antenatal Care in Zambia: A Microeconomic Approach."
Wednesday, November, 30 Ph.D. Defense (14:00)	Mr. Emmanuel Owusu-Sekyere (University of Pretoria) "Foreign Inflows of Remittances into Sub-Saharan Africa."
Wednesday, December, 7 (L1-64, Graduate Center)	Prof. Hedibert F. Lopes (University of Chicago) "Bayesian Instrumental Variables."

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Monday, January, 9 - Tuesday, January, 10 (9:30-17:00, Graduate Center, L1-76)	Dr. Christiane Baumeister (Bank of Canada) "Workshop on Time-Varying Vector Autoregressive Models."
Monday, February, 27	Prof. Nicholas Odhiambo (University of South Africa) "Is Interest Rate Liberalization a Myth or a Reality? A Theoretical Construct."
Thursday, March, 1- Friday, March, 2 (South African Reserve Bank)	2nd Workshop on Monetary Economics and Macroeconomic Modeling
Monday, March, 5	Mr. Seedwell Hove (University of Cape Town) "Monetary Policy and Commodity Terms of Trade Shocks in Emerging Market Economies."
Monday, March, 12	Mr. Christopher Robert (Harvard University) "Moral Hindrance: Sub-Optimal Risk Under Excessive Liability."
Monday, March, 19	Dr. Monique Reid (Stellenbosch University) "Talking to the Inattentive Public: How the Media Translates the Central Bank's Communications."
Monday, March, 26	Prof. Jenny Hoobler (University of Illinois) "A Trickle-Down Model of Abusive Supervision."
Monday, April, 2	Prof. Jeff Bookwalter (University of Montana) "Understanding Life Satisfaction Changes in Post-Apartheid South Africa Using the Oaxaca Decomposition."
Monday, April, 16	Mr. Haakon Kavli (University of Cape Town) "Spillovers in the Foreign Exchange Market: A Study of Volatility and Returns in Emerging Market Currencies."
Monday, April, 23	Mr. Charl Jooste (National Treasury) "South Africa's Fiscal Policy Shocks."

Monday, May, 7	Prof. Neil Rankin (University of Witwatersrand) "Wage Subsidies and Youth Employment in South Africa: Evidence from a Randomised Control Trial."
Monday, May, 14	Dr. Miquel Pellicer Gallardo (University of Cape Town) "Electoral Rules and Clientelistic Parties: A Regression Discontinuity Approach."
Monday, May, 21	Dr. Aylit Romm (University of Witwatersrand) "An Interpretation of Focal Point Responses as Non-Additive Beliefs."
Monday, May, 28	Prof. Stan du Plessis (Stellenbosch University) "The Bubble Act, the Subprime Bubble and the Risks of Modern Banking."
Monday, June, 11	Ms. Marina Marinkov (Financial and Fiscal Commission) "Fiscal Decentralisation and Economic Growth in South Africa."
Tuesday, June, 12 (11:00-12:00)	Prof. Dominick Salvatore (Fordham University) "Economic Outlook for Europe in the Context of the Global Financial Crisis."

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Wednesday, January, 11 (10:00-11:00, Graduate Center, L1-76)	Dr. Christiane Baumeister (Bank of Canada) "Unconventional Monetary Policy and the Great Recession."
Tuesday, January, 31 (Ph.D. Defense, 16:30-17:30, Blue Room, Old Chemistry Building)	Mr. Dambala G. Kutela (University of Pretoria) "Econometric Analysis of the Welfare and Distributional Outcomes Associated with Common Property Right Forestry Programs."
Wednesday, February, 29	Dr. Heinrich Bohlmann (University of Pretoria) "ESKOM Price Path and Funding Scenarios."
Wednesday, March, 7	Dr. Manoel Bittencourt (University of Pretoria) "Yet Another Look at the Modernisation Hypothesis: Evidence from Latin America."
Wednesday, March, 14	Dr. Roula Inglesi-Lotz (University of Pretoria) "Does Research Output Affect Economic Growth in South Africa? An ARDL Application."
Wednesday, April, 4	Mr. Chance Mwabutwa (University of Pretoria) "Financial Reforms and Consumption Behaviour in Malawi."
Wednesday, April, 11	Mr. Gauthier Kashalala (University of Pretoria) "Household Fertility Behaviour: Conceiving Under Uncertainty."
Wednesday, April, 18	Ms. Nonophile P. Nkambule (University of Pretoria)

	"Social Costs of Coal-Based Electricity Generation in South Africa: A Life-Cycle and System Dynamics Approach."
Wednesday, April, 28	Prof. Ruthira Naraidoo (University of Pretoria) "Fiscal Policy in a Two-Country Open Economy Model."
Wednesday, May, 2	Ms. Annari de Waal (University of Pretoria) "The Monetary Transmission Mechanism in South Africa: A VECM Augmented with Foreign Variables."
Wednesday, May, 9 (Job Market Candidate Seminars, 12:30-14:30)	Mr. Adam Blott (Clemson University) "Gender, Occupational Choice, and Flexible Work Schedules." and Mr. Matthew Clance (Clemson University) "Trade Costs and Margins of Trade."
Wednesday, May, 16	Ms. Mampho P. Modise (University of Pretoria) "Out-of-Sample Equity Premium Predictability in South Africa: Evidence from a Large Number of Predictors."
Wednesday, May, 23	Ms. Beatrice D. Simo-Kengne (University of Pretoria) "Does Monetary Policy Have an Asymmetric Effect on South African House Prices?"
Wednesday, May, 30	Prof. Rangan Gupta (University of Pretoria) "Social Status, Inflation, and Endogenous Growth in a Cash-in-Advance Economy: A Reconsideration."
Wednesday, June, 6	Dr. Dambala G. Kutela (University of Pretoria) "Common Property Rights Forestry and the Distribution of Welfare Impacts: Evidence from Ethiopian Villages."

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Thursday, August, 2 (12:30, Graduate Centre, Room 1-56)	Prof. Eckhard Janeba (University of Mannheim) "From the Maastricht Treaty to the Fiscal Compact: Will Hard Budget Constraints Solve the European Crisis?"
Monday, August, 20	Prof. Alain Kabundi (University of Johannesburg) "Inflation and Inflation Expectations in South Africa: An Attempt at Explanation."
Monday, August, 27	Prof. Mehmet Balcilar (Eastern Mediterranean University) "Asymmetric and Time-Varying Causality between Inflation and Inflation Uncertainty in G-7 Countries."
Tuesday, August 28	Dr. Francis Kemegue (Framingham University) "African Monetary Unions: Do they work?"
Monday, September, 3	Mr. Andre Hofmeyr (University of Cape Town) "Real-Time Elicitation and Estimation of Preferences with a Mobile Experimental Lab."
Monday, September, 10	Prof. Guangling Liu (University of Stellenbosch) "Financial Frictions and Business Cycles: The Equity Price Channel Perspective."
Monday, September, 17	Dr. Alain Pholo Bala (University of Johannesburg) "Social Capital as an Engine of Growth: Multisectoral Modelling and Implications."
Tuesday, Septemeber, 25 - Thursday, September, 27	Dr. Giovanni Ricco (London Business School) "The Econometrics of Fiscal Policy."
Monday, October, 1	Prof. Paul J. Dunne (University of Cape Town) "Military Spending and Growth."
Monday, October, 8	Dr. Daniela Casale

	(UKZN) "Language Proficiency, Language Policy and Earnings in South Africa."
Monday, October, 15	Prof. Stephen M. Miller (University of Nevada, Las Vegas) "The Effect of Growth Volatility on Income Inequality."
Monday, October, 22	Mr. Rulof Burger (University of Stellenbosch) "The South African Schooling-Productivity Profile: Estimates from a Production Function Approach."
Monday, October, 29	Mr. Kevin Kotze (University of Cape Town) "The Forecasting Performance of Nonlinear DSGE and Bayesian Stochastic Variable Selection Models."
Thursday, November, 15 (14:30)	Prof. Jeffrey S. Racine McMaster University "Spline Regression in the Presence of Categorical Predictors."

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Wednesday, July, 25	Prof. Eckhard Janeba (University of Mannheim) "Research in Public Finance."
Wednesday, August, 15	Mr. Gauthier Kashalala (University of Pretoria) "Family Planning Under Uncertainty."
Wednesday, August, 22	Dr. Heinrich Bohlmann (University of Pretoria) "Are the National Development Plan Objectives for Employment Creation Attainable Under the Constraints of Adjustments to a Decent Living Wage?"
Wednesday, August, 29	Dr. Jacques Kibambe (University of Pretoria) "Bifurcation Boundaries in Economic Models: A Solution Framework."
Wednesday, September, 5	Dr. Reyno Seymore (University of Pretoria) "A Greenhouse Gas Inventory for South Africa: A Comparative Analysis."
Tuesday, September, 11	Ms. Beatrice D. Simo-Kengne (University of Pretoria) "House Prices and Balance of Trade Dynamics in South Africa: Evidence from an Agnostic Identification Procedure."
Wednesday, September, 19	Dr. Manoel Bittencourt (University of Pretoria) "Economic Growth and Inequality: Evidence from the Young Democracies of South America."
Wednesday, September, 26	Prof. Steven F. Koch (University of Pretoria) "The Impact of Free Curative Care: A Needle in a Haystack?"
Wednesday, October,	Prof. Nicola Viegi

10	(University of Pretoria) "Savings, Social Security and Growth in a Divided Society."
Wednesday, October, 17	Prof. Alexander Zimper (University of Pretoria) "The Minimal Confidence Levels of Basel Capital Regulation."
Wednesday, October, 24	Mr. Laban K. Chesang (University of Pretoria) "Broad versus Targeted Government Spending and Fiscal Response."
Wednesday, October, 31	Prof. Rangan Gupta (University of Pretoria) "Is the Relationship between Openness and Growth Nonlinear?"
Thursday, November, 1 (Ph.D. Defense, 12:00)	Mr. Monaheng Seleteng (University of Pretoria) "Inflation and Economic Growth in the SADC: A Panel Data Investigation."
Wednesday, November, 7	Ms. Chitalu Chama-Chiliba (University of Pretoria) "Impact of the Abolition of User Fees on Institutional Deliveries in Zambia."
Wednesday, November, 14	Mr. Chance Mwabutwa (University of Pretoria) "Monetary Policy Response to Capital Flows in Terms of Foreign Aid in Malawi."

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Monday, January, 28 - Wednesday, January, 30	Prof. Domenico Giannone (Universite' Libre de Bruxelles) "ERSA Macro Training Workshop on Now-Casting Economic Variables in South Africa."
Monday, February, 18	Prof. Waldo Krugell (North-West University) "Chalk Dust to Star Dust: How Social Media can Improve Your Research."
Monday, February, 25	Mr. Mdu Biyase (University of Johannesburg) "The Effect of Remittances on Poverty in South Africa: An Instrumental Variables Analysis."
Tuesday, March, 5	Dr. Juergen Meinecke (Australian National University) "The Labour Market Return to Academic Fraud."
Monday, March, 11	Dr. Modeste Some (University of Johannesburg) "A Dynamic General Equilibrium Analysis of Term-Structure of Interest Rates."
Monday, March, 18	Prof. Andrea Saayman (North-West University) "Tourism Demand Modelling: Can the Rotterdam Model Outperform the AIDS?"
Monday, April, 15	Dr. Biniam Bedasso (Economic Research Southern Africa) "Can Education Lead to Stable Property Rights?"
Monday, April, 22	Prof. Tony Leiman (University of Cape Town) "Fracing?"
Monday, April, 29	Prof. Lorenzo Fioramonti (University of Pretoria) "The Dark Side of GDP and Why It Matters for Africa."
Monday, May, 6	Mr. Camilo Ramada

	(Growth Alliance) "The Economics of Local Market Economy."
Monday, May, 13	Prof. Dori Posel (University of KwaZulu-Natal) "Measured as Poor versus Feeling Poor: Comparing Objective and Subjective Poverty in South Africa."
Monday, May, 20	Prof. Justine Burns (University of Cape Town) "Ethnolinguistic Diversity and Public Goods Provision."
Monday, May, 27	Prof. Alexander Zipmer (University of Pretoria) "Implementing Optimal Allocations through Asset Markets in Diamond-Dybvig Economies."

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Wednesday, February, 20	Mr. Gauthier Kashalala (University of Pretoria) "Option Value, Earnings and Family Planning."
Wednesday, February, 27	Ms. Beatrice D. Simo-Kegne (University of Pretoria) "Macro Shocks and House Prices in South Africa."
Wednesday, March, 6	Mr. Mulatu F. Zerihun (University of Pretoria) "A Greek Wedding in SADC? Testing for Structural Symmetry Towards SADC Monetary Integration."
Wednesday, March, 13	Mr. Lardo Stander (University of Pretoria) "Tax Evasion, Financial Development and Inflation: Theory and Empirical Evidence."
Wednesday, March, 20	Dr. Heinrich Bohlmann (University of Pretoria) "Computable General Equilibrium Modelling: Historical Analysis of the South African Economy (2006-2012)."
Thursday, April, 11	Dr. Roula Inglesi-Lotz (University of Pretoria) "Estimating Elasticities of Demand for Electricity: Change of Behaviour due to TOU Structures?"
Wednesday, April, 17	Ms. Mampho P. Modise (University of Pretoria) "Does the Source of Oil Price Shocks Matter for South African Stock Returns? A Structural VAR Approach."
Wednesday, April, 24	Prof. Ruthira Naraidoo (University of Pretoria)

	"Fiscal Policy in a Two-Country World."
Friday, April, 26 (14:00, PhD Defense)	Ms. Beatrice D. Simo-Kegne (University of Pretoria) "Essays on the Determinants and Spillovers of the South African Housing Market."
Wednesday, May, 8	Mr. Chance Mwabutwa (University of Pretoria) "Evaluating the Monetary Policy Transmission Mechanism in Malawi."
Wednesday, May, 15	Ms. Carolyn Chisadza (University of Pretoria) "Modernisation Hypothesis in sub-Saharan Africa? Really??"
Wednesday, May, 22	Prof. Andre Jordaan (University of Pretoria) "Regional Integration in Africa Versus Higher levels of Intra-Africa Trade."
Wednesday, May, 29	Prof. Rangan Gupta (University of Pretoria) "DSGE Model-Based Forecasting of Non-Modeled Variables: The Case of South Africa."
Thursday, June, 6 (11:30, PhD Defense, Venue: Video Conference Centre: IT Building)	Mr. Samuel S. Jibao (University of Pretoria) "Enhancing Sustainable Fiscal Policy in South Africa."
Tuesday, June, 11 (13:00, PhD Defense)	Ms. Mampho P. Modise (University of Pretoria) "Essays on Determinants, Spillovers, and Predictability of South African Stock Returns."
Wednesday, June, 12	Dr. Christiane Baumeister (Bank of Canada) "The Role of Time-Varying Price Elasticities in Accounting for Volatility Changes in the Crude Oil Market."

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Monday, August, 5 (13:30)	Prof. Mehmet Balcilar (Eastern Mediterranean University) "Do Global Shocks Drive Investor-Herds in Oil-Rich Frontier Markets?"
Monday, August, 12	Prof. David Lam (University of Michigan) "Credit Constraints and the Racial Gap in Post-Secondary Education in South Africa."
Thursday, August, 29 - Friday, August, 30 (South African Reserve Bank)	Third Annual Monetary Economics Workshop ("The Future of Monetary Policy")
Monday, September, 2	Ms. Marisa Coetzee (Stellenbosch University) "Measuring the Effect of School Quality on the Performance of Disadvantaged Learners: The Case of South Africa."
Monday, September, 9	Mr. Richard Charlton (University of Cape Town) "Ergodic Chaos in a Model of Money in the Utility Function."
Monday, September, 16	Dr. Mare Sarr (University of Cape Town) "What Shall We Do with the Bad Dictator?"
Monday, September, 30	Dr. John WM. Mwamba (University of Johannesburg) "An Unbiased Bayesian Loss Distribution Approach to Operational Risk."
Tuesday, October, 1 (13:30)	Dr. Yoseph Getachew (Durham University) "Infrastructure, Inequality and Growth."
Monday, October, 7 - Tuesday, October 8 (13:00-16:15)	Prof. Alexander Ludwig (University of Cologne) "Heterogeneous Agent Models: Topics in Labor, Human Capital and Health Economics."
Monday, October, 14	Prof. Alain Kabundi (University of Johannesburg)

	"Monetary Policy and Balance Sheets."
Monday, October, 21	Dr. Asha Sundaram (University of Cape Town) "Buyer-Seller Relationships in International Trade: Do Your Neighbors Matter?"
Thursday, October, 24	Prof. Remi Jedwab (George Washington University) "Urbanization with and without Industrialization."
Monday, October, 28	Ms. Nonophile P. Nkambule (University of Pretoria) "Coal-Based Power and Social Cost Assessment Model (COALPSCA): Baseline Results."
Tuesday, November, 5 (11:00-12:00)	Dr. Jorg Decressin and Dr. Reinout de Bock (International Monetary Fund) "World Economic Outlook"

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Date	Presenter, Affiliation and Topic
Wednesday, September, 4	Mr. Laban K. Chesang (University of Pretoria) "Bank Lending Shocks and Macroeconomic Outcomes in South Africa: A Markov-Switching Structural VAR."
Wednesday, September, 11	Ms. Kirsten Thompson (University of Pretoria) "Identifying a Financial Conditions Index for South Africa."
Wednesday, September, 18 (11:00)	Mr. Nicholas H. Kilimani (University of Pretoria) "Water Resource Accounts for Uganda: Use and Policy Relevancy."
Wednesday, October, 2	Prof. Jan van Heerden (University of Pretoria) "Dutch Disease in Uganda."
Wednesday, October, 9	Prof. Alexander Ludwig (University of Cologne) "A Life-Cycle Consumption Model with Ambiguous Survival Beliefs."
Wednesday, October, 16	Prof. Manoel Bittencourt (University of Pretoria) "Democracy and Education: Evidence from the SADC."
Tuesday, October, 22 (15:00, PhD Defense)	Mrs. Chitalu Chama-Chiliba (University of Pretoria) "An Economic Analysis of Maternal Health Care in Zambia."
Wednesday, October,	Prof. Ruthira Naraidoo

23	(University of Pretoria) "International Business Cycles, Banking and Aggregate Risk."
Wednesday, October, 30	Prof. Renee van Eyden (University of Pretoria) "Time-Varying Linkages between Tourism receipts and Economic Growth in South Africa."
Wednesday, November, 6	Ms. Naomi Tlotlego (University of Pretoria) "Trends and Inequities in Health Insurance Coverage: Evidence from Household Surveys."
Wednesday, November, 13	Prof. Rangan Gupta (University of Pretoria) "Socio-Political Instability and Growth Dynamics."
Friday, November, 29 (12:30, PhD Defense)	Ms. Yolande Jordaan (University of Pretoria) "Personal Income Tax Reform to Secure the South African Revenue Base Using a Microsimulation Tax Model."

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Monday, February, 17	<p style="text-align: center;">Dr. Isaac K. Kanyama (University of Johannesburg)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">"Variable Preferences and Time-Varying Elasticities: A Comparison of the Performance of an Almost Ideal Demand System and the Rotterdam Model."</p>
Monday, February, 24	<p style="text-align: center;">Prof. Manoel Bittencourt (University of Pretoria)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">"Education and Fertility: Evidence from Southern Africa."</p>
Wednesday, February, 26	<p style="text-align: center;">Dr. Ashok Pathre (University of Pune)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">"Growth and Entrepreneurial Potential of Small Sector: Experience of India vis-a-vis South Africa."</p>
Monday, March, 3	<p style="text-align: center;">Prof. Eddy van Doorslaer (Erasmus School of Economics)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">"Rising Inequalities in Income and Health in China: Who is Left Behind?"</p>
Monday, March, 10	<p style="text-align: center;">Prof. Alexander Zimmer (University of Pretoria)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">"Do We Need Country-Specific Formulas for the Basel Accord?"</p>
Monday, March, 17	<p style="text-align: center;">Dr. Nonso Obikili (Economic Research Southern Africa)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">"An Examination of Sub-National Growth in Nigeria: 1999-2012."</p>
Monday, March, 24	<p style="text-align: center;">Ms. Shaista Amod (South African Reserve Bank)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">"Are Emerging Market Currencies Excessively Volatile under Inflation Targeting?"</p>
Monday, April, 7	<p style="text-align: center;">Dr. Patrizio Piraino (University of Cape Town)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">"Preferences for Redistribution in South Africa: Evidence from a Randomised Survey Experiment."</p>
Monday, April, 14	<p style="text-align: center;">Dr. Matthew Clance (University of Pretoria)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">"HMR and Multilateral Resistance."</p>
Monday, May, 5	<p style="text-align: center;">Prof. Katja Seim (University of Pennsylvania)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">"Drip Pricing When Consumers Have Limited Foresight: Evidence from Driving School Fees."</p>
Thursday, May, 8	<p style="text-align: center;">Dr. Axel Schimmelpfennig</p>

(16:00)	(International Monetary Fund) "Regional Economic Outlook: Sub-Saharan Africa."
Monday, May, 12	Mr. Vincent Dadam (University of Pretoria) "Monetary Policy in an Economy with High Structural Unemployment."
Thursday, May, 15 - Friday, May, 16	Fourth Annual Workshop on Monetary Economics and Macroeconomic Modelling
Monday, May, 19	Prof. Rangan Gupta (University of Pretoria) "Predicting Growth in South Africa Using a DSGE-Based Decomposition of the Term-Structure: Evidence from the Frequency Domain."
Tuesday, May, 20 (10:30-11:15, Thuto 3-1)	Prof. Dominick Salvatore (Fordham University) "Growth Prospects in Africa, With a Focus on South Africa."
Monday, May, 26	Prof. Alfonso Herranz-Loncan (University of Barcelona) "Big Push or Big Grab? Railways, Government Activism and Export Growth in Latin America, 1865-1913."

Student Seminars

Date	Presenter, Affiliation and Topic
Friday, February, 14 (12:30, Ph.D. Defense)	Ms. Annari De Waal (University of Pretoria) "The Impact of Global Economic Shocks on South Africa Amid Time-Varying Trade Linkages."
Wednesday, March, 12	Dr. David Garber (Economic Research Southern Africa) "Recurrent Property Rates - The Search for a Fair Tax Conducive to Growth."
Wednesday, March, 19	Dr. Ma Wei (University of Pretoria) "Misspecification in Bayesian Learning under Ambiguity."
Wednesday, April, 2	Ms. Kirsten Thompson (University of Pretoria) "Testing the Asymmetric Effects of Financial Conditions in South Africa: A Nonlinear Vector Autoregressive Approach."
Wednesday, April, 9	Mr. Charl Jooste (University of Pretoria) "The Effects of Fiscal Foresight."
Wednesday, April, 16	Ms. Carolyn Chisadza (University of Pretoria) "Education and Fertility in Sub-Saharan Africa."
Wednesday, April, 23	Mr. Haakon Kavli (University of Pretoria) "Are Determinants of Portfolio Flows Always the Same?"

Wednesday, May, 14	Ms. Kafayat Amusa (University of Pretoria) "The Determinants of Foreign Direct Investment in Sub-Saharan Africa: The Role of Foreign Aid."
Wednesday, May, 21	Ms. Naomi Tlotlego (University of Pretoria) "Analysing Financial Protection of Private Household Out-of-Pocket Health Spending: The WHO Methodology."
Tuesday, July, 1 (12:30, PhD Defense)	Ms. Kirsten Thompson (University of Pretoria) "Essays on Financial Conditions Index for South Africa."
Tuesday, July, 15 (12:30, PhD Defense)	Mr. Chance Mwabutwa (University of Pretoria) "Essays on Financial Reforms and Monetary Policy in Malawi."