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Gender, Social Inequality and Survival in the Neoliberal Era

Presented by Dr. Ida Susser, Professor of Anthropology at the Graduate Center of the City University of New York and Chair, Department of Anthropology, Hunter College

Date: Wednesday, 24 July 2013

Time: 11:30-13:00

Venue: Humanities Building, Level 7, Room 7-14, University of Pretoria, Hatfield

The lecture will focus on the survival strategies that are employed by poor and working class people when confronted with the social, political and economic effects of neoliberal globalization. Building on extensive fieldwork in the United States, Puerto Rico and South Africa, Professor Susser will focus on how the social impact of fiscal austerity has produced unequal effects as seen through the prism of gender. The ethnographic content of this lecture will build upon recent fieldwork conducted in New York following the rise of the Occupy Wall Street movement and on data gathered over the past decade on women's experiences confronting the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Southern Africa.

Professor Susser has recently published an updated version of *Norman Street: Poverty and Politics in an Urban Neighborhood* (Oxford University Press 2012). The publication of this volume comes on the heels of her book on the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Southern Africa: *AIDS, Sex and Culture: Global Politics and Survival in Southern Africa* (Wiley-Blackwell 2009). Professor Susser served as co-chair of the Social Science Track for the 2008 Mexico City International AIDS Society Conference, co-chair of the AAA Commission of World Anthropologies and is a founding member of the steering committee of Athena: Advancing Gender Equity and Human Rights in the Global Response to HIV/AIDS.

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