

THE HUMAN SCIENCES RESEARCH COUNCIL AND THE POVERTY AND INEQUALITY INITIATIVE AT UCT INVITE YOU TO A PUBLIC LECTURE BY **PROF CRAIN SOUDIEN**, CEO OF THE HSRC

# POVERTY AND INEQUALITY: DIAGNOSIS, PROGNOSIS AND RESPONSES

OPENING AND WELCOME: PROFESSOR MAMOKGETHI PHAKENG, VC  
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“Let there be justice for all. Let there be peace for all. Let there be work, bread, water and salt for all. Let each know that for each the body, the mind and the soul have been freed to fulfill themselves.”  
— Nelson Mandela

“The country was very unequal in 1994 [at the end of apartheid] and now 25 years later South Africa is the most unequal country in the world,”  
— World Bank 2018

In his lecture **Prof Crain Soudien** will show that the complexities of inequality and poverty in South Africa require explanations that acknowledge the power of economic structures but are able to engage with the full range of forces, including the ideological, that are at work in keeping South Africans poor and unequal. The lecture will describe how poverty and inequality come together and can be understood across a range of structural, psychosocial and cultural dimensions of the South African social experience. The analysis will reference some of the key questions the country is facing: employment, access to education, sharing of spaces, dignity and respect for identities. His arguments will engage with the work of Thomas Piketty and Göran Therborn, and refer to both longitudinal and quantitative surveys and micro-qualitative studies of smaller social units of analysis.

This lecture is the first one in a series of four as part of the HSRC 50/90 Anniversary Commemoration in 2018-19.

Refreshments will be served.

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**KRAMER LECTURE THEATRE 2, UCT CAMPUS**

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