The Roosevelt House Public Policy Institute at Hunter College is pleased to host a two-day conference marking the 20th anniversary of the end of Apartheid and the establishment of South Africa’s constitutional democracy. The conference will consider the last 20 years and issues facing South Africa today including human rights, governance, politics, economic development and inequality, social movements, identity, and international relations.

**DAY 1 – Thursday, September 14th**

**PROGRAM**

**5:30 pm** Welcoming Remarks
Jennifer J. Raab, President of Hunter College

Introductory Remarks
David N. Dinkins, Former Mayor of New York City (1990–1993)

Conference Introduction
Larry Shore, Associate Professor of Film & Media Studies, Hunter College

**6:00 pm** Panel I – Contemporary Social Movements
Moderator: Ida Susser, Professor of Anthropology, Hunter College

Panelists:
Patrick Bond, Director of the Centre for Civil Society, University of KwaZulu Natal
Kate Doyle Griffiths-Dingani, PhD Candidate in Anthropology, CUNY Graduate Center
Suren Pillay, Associate Professor and Senior Researcher at the Centre for Humanities Research, University of the Western Cape
Nomazamo Zondo, Attorney, Socio-Economic Rights Institute of South Africa (SERI)

**7:30 pm** Reception

**DAY 2 – Friday, September 19th**

**PROGRAM**

**9:00 – 9:30 am** Coffee & Registration

**9:30 am** Opening Remarks:
Jack Rosenthal, Interim Director, Roosevelt House Public Policy Institute at Hunter College
Lawrence Moss, Distinguished Lecturer and Rita E. Hauser Director of the Human Rights Program, Hunter College

**9:45 am** Panel II – Citizenship, Youth, & Identity
Moderator: Sean Jacobs, Assistant Professor of International Affairs, The New School

Panelists:
Hlonipha Mokoena, Associate Professor of Anthropology, Columbia University
Ronaldah Lerato Karabo Ngidi, Attorney and Extraordinary lecturer, Centre for Child Law, University of Pretoria, South Africa
Mandisa Shandu, Legal Researcher, Ndifuna Ukwazi (NU)
Antina von Schnitzler, Assistant Professor in the Graduate Program of International Affairs, The New School; Visiting Fellow at the Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame

**11:30 am** Panel III – Politics & Democracy
Moderator: Carolyn Somerville, Chair and Associate Professor of Political Science, Hunter College

Panelists:
Lisa Draga, Attorney, Equal Education Law Centre (EELC)
Sayi Nindi, Attorney, Legal Resources Centre (LRC)
Ted Powers, Assistant Professor of Anthropology, University of Iowa
Larry Shore, Associate Professor of Film & Media Studies, Hunter College

**12:45 – 2:00 pm** Lunch
Ahmed Bawa is a theoretical physicist and currently holds the position of Vice-Chancellor and Principal of the Durban University of Technology. Until August 2010 he was a faculty member of the Department of Physics and Astronomy at Hunter College and a member of the doctoral faculty at the Graduate Center, City University of New York. He has previously held the position of Deputy Vice-Chancellor at the University of Natal and then at the University of KwaZulu-Natal. He has served as the Program Officer for Higher Education in Africa with the Ford Foundation and during this time led and coordinated the Foundation’s African Higher Education Initiative. Ahmed Bawa holds a Ph.D. in Theoretical Physics from the University of Durham. He is Fellow of the Royal Society of South Africa as well as the Academy of Science of South Africa of which he was one of the inaugural vice-presidents.

Patrick Bond combines political economy and political ecology in his research and applied work. He is senior professor at the University of KwaZulu-Natal School of Built Environment and Development Studies where since 2004 he has directed the Centre for Civil Society. Patrick’s books include: *South Africa — Present as History* (with John Saul, James Currey Press, 2014), *Elite Transition: From Apartheid to Neoliberalism in South Africa* (Pluto Press, 2014); *Politics of Climate Justice: Paralysis Above, Movement Below* (UKZN Press, 2012); and *Zuma’s Own Goal: Losing South Africa’s 'War on Poverty'* (co-edited, Africa World Press, 2011).
BILL FREUND
Bill Freund was educated at the University of Chicago and Yale University. He has taught and done research in several African countries. He was Professor of Economic History at the University of Natal, now Emeritus at the University of KwaZulu-Natal and Visiting Professor in the School of Business and Economics at the University of the Witwatersrand. He is the author of amongst others *The Making of Contemporary Africa*, *The African City: A History* and *The African Worker* and most recently co-edited *Development Dilemmas in Post-Apartheid South Africa*. For the *Review of African Political Economy*, he has recently written a study of the struggles over economic policy during the transition twenty years ago as well as an obituary for Nelson Mandela. He is a founding editor of the journal *Transformation*.

KATE D. GRIFFITHS-DINGANI
Kate D. Griffiths-Dingani is a doctoral candidate at the CUNY Graduate Center in the Department of Anthropology, and a Dissertation Fellow at the Center for Place Culture and Politics. She is completing a dissertation entitled “Precarious States: Women Work and the Politics of South Africa’s Care Economy.” Her academic work focuses on theories of social reproduction, class consciousness, household economies, South African health systems and politics.

PEGGY HICKS
Peggy Hicks is global advocacy director at Human Rights Watch, where she is responsible for coordinating Human Rights Watch’s advocacy team and providing direction to its advocacy worldwide. Hicks previously served as director of the Office of Returns and Communities in the UN mission in Kosovo and as Deputy High Representative for Human Rights in Bosnia and Herzegovina. She has also worked as the Director of Programs.
for the International Human Rights Law Group (now Global Rights), clinical professor of human rights and refugee law at the University of Minnesota Law School, and as an expert consultant for the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights. Hicks is a graduate of Columbia Law School and the University of Michigan and is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations.

**Fiyola Hoosen-Steele**

Fiyola Hoosen-Steele is an international relations strategist specializing in international human rights and human rights law with a strong focus on the United Nations (UN) system and processes. She has over 17 years experience in international relations and foreign policy having served as a South African diplomat to the UN in both New York and Geneva, and thereafter as Head of UN Office and UN Representative for the non-governmental organization, Plan International. She is an Adjunct Professor at Columbia University and an Adjunct Associate Professor at Hunter College in the Human Rights Program. She holds a Bachelor of Law degree and a Bachelor of Arts Honors degree in International Relations from the University of the Witwatersrand in South Africa, and a Master of Arts degree in International Relations from the University of Sussex in the United Kingdom.

**Sean Jacobs**

Sean Jacobs is on the Faculty of The New School in Manhattan. He is finishing a book on post-apartheid media and cultural politics. A native of Cape Town, he also founded the website *Africa is a Country*, that is not about famine, Bono or Barack Obama.

**Donna Katzin**

Donna Katzin is the founding Executive Director of Shared Interest. From 1986 until July of 1994, she served as Director of South Africa and International Justice Programs for the Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility. In that capacity she worked with religious bodies, institutional investors and community organizations to exert economic pressure to end apartheid, promote responsible reinvestment after apartheid, and to advance social criteria for domestic and international lending. She holds a master’s degree in Community Organization and Planning, and a doctorate in Human Services Education and Development. She is a board member of the Thembani International Guarantee Fund, and Housing for HIV.

**Janet Love**

Janet Love is the national director of the Legal Resources Centre (LRC) in South Africa. As an anti-Apartheid activist, Love was involved in the trade union movement and the ANC before and during ten years spent in exile, and during four years as a member of the ANC underground. She serves as a commissioner on the South African Human Rights Commission, was involved in the negotiation and drafting of the final Constitution of South Africa, and was a member of the 22-person Constitutional Committee of the Constitutional Assembly. Love worked in the South African Reserve Bank for five years as head of strategic analysis and support in the currency department.

**Hlonipha Mokoena**

Hlonipha Mokoena received her Ph.D. from the University of Cape Town in 2005. She is currently an associate professor of Anthropology at Columbia University in the City of New York. She recently published a book, titled *Magemu Fuze: The Making of a Kholwa Intellectual*, which is about Magema Magwaza Fuze, the first Zulu-speaker to publish a book in the language.
**Lawrence Moss**

Lawrence Moss is a Distinguished Lecturer at Hunter College and the Rita E. Hauser Director of Hunter’s Human Rights Program. Before coming to Hunter in January 2013, he represented Human Rights Watch at the United Nations for seven years, including negotiations to create the UN Human Rights Council, the annual elections of Council members, reform of the treaty monitoring body system, and advocacy on crisis situations at the Security Council. He also administered the Hellman/Hammett grants for writers around the world facing persecution.

**Wayne Ncube**

Wayne Ncube is a candidate attorney for Lawyers for Human Rights (LHR), an independent human rights organisation with a 30-year track record of human rights activism and public interest litigation in South Africa. He has worked in LHR’s Detention Monitoring Unit since 2011 and currently heads the unit. He has also worked in LHR’s Environmental Rights Programme and Refugee and Migrant Rights Programme. He received his LLB degree at the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University after which he completed his LLM at the University of Witwatersrand.

**Sayi Nindi**

After obtaining her law degree and LLM in human rights, child law and international law from the University of Pretoria, Sayi gained extensive experience in human rights law practice, working for a variety of organizations. Once she completed her articles, Sayi litigated on behalf of commercial clients, frequently appearing in the Magistrates and High Courts. Her main focus area was in third party litigation. Sayi joined the LRC’s Constitutional Litigation Unit in 2010 and was the instructing attorney in our recently settled case against Anglo American South Africa (Blom & others v Anglo American SA). She is currently also the instructing attorney in a case representing thousands of former miners in their class action against Anglo American for contracting an incurable disease called silicosis (B Nhala & Others v Harmony Gold mine & Others). Sayi’s practice also includes a number of land matters. She also regularly presents papers and her cases at various human rights law conferences.

**Ronaldah Lerato Karabo Ngidi**

Karabo holds an LLB; Certificate in Advanced Labour Law and an LLM in Child Law from the University of Pretoria. She is currently studying towards an LLM in Constitutional and Administrative Law. Karabo is an attorney at the Centre for Child Law, University of Pretoria, where she specialises in child law and children’s rights impact litigation. She appears regularly in the High Court litigating for the advancement of children’s constitutional rights. Karabo teaches child law and human rights and has also published in these fields.

**Lungisile Ntsebeza**

Lungisile Ntsebeza is a Professor and the AC Jordan Chair in the Centre for African Studies at the University of Cape Town. He is also the holder of the National Research Foundation (NRF) Research Chair in Land Reform and Democracy in South Africa. He has conducted extensive published research on the land question in South Africa around themes such as land rights, democratisation, rural local government, traditional authorities and land, and agrarian movements. His book, *Democracy Compromised: Chiefs and the Politics of Land in South Africa* was published by Brill Academic Publishers, Leiden in 2005 and the HSRC Press in 2006. Prof Ntsebeza has also co-edited two books: *The Land Question in South Africa: the Challenge of Transformation and*
Graeme Reid, director of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Rights Program, is an expert on LGBT rights. He has conducted research, taught and published extensively on gender, sexuality, LGBT issues, and HIV/AIDS. Before joining Human Rights Watch in 2011, Reid was the founding director of the Gay and Lesbian Archives of South Africa, a researcher at the Wits Institute for Social and Economic Research and a lecturer in Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Studies at Yale University.

Antina von Schnitzler received her PhD in anthropology from Columbia University. She is an assistant professor in the Graduate Program of International Affairs at The New School and currently a Visiting Fellow at the Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame. She is completing a book manuscript on citizenship and the technopolitics of infrastructure in South Africa, based on archival and ethnographic research in Johannesburg and Soweto.

Mandisa Shandu is an attorney currently working as a legal researcher at Ndifuna Ukwazi. Loosely translated, Ndifuna Ukwazi means “Dare to Know,” an NGO that partners with social justice organizations and uses research and strategic litigation to campaign for justice and equality in poor and working class communities. Prior to working at Ndifuna Ukwazi, Mandisa worked as a candidate attorney at a commercial law firm, Edward Nathan Sonnenbergs and was admitted as an attorney in February, 2014. She is a University of Cape Town graduate holding a B.Soc.Sci degree in political science and an LLB.
degree. Her research at Ndifuna Ukwazi includes urban land reform and participatory local government budgets. She is also a member of the Social Justice Coalition’s secretariat, which is a community-based organisation working in Khayelitsha’s informal settlements.

**Larry Shore**

Larry Shore grew up in Johannesburg and graduated with a BA from the University of the Witwatersrand where he was active in NUSAS. He emigrated to the US in 1973. He received a PhD from Stanford University. He was active in the US Anti-Apartheid Movement in the 1980’s. In 1990 he founded the South African-American Organization. He is an associate professor in the Department of Film & Media Studies at Hunter College where he also team teaches a course on South Africa in the Honors Program. He produced and co-directed the documentary film “RFK in the Land of Apartheid: A Ripple of Hope.” His South African research interests focus on the South African political system.

**Carolyn Somerville**

Carolyn Somerville’s participation in Human Rights at Hunter College dates back to the early 1990s when a group of faculty from various disciplines (History, Sociology, Political Science, Women’s Studies, etc.) organized a Hunter College faculty seminar on human rights at Hunter. She has published in a number of scholarly publications such as *Sex Roles: A Journal of Research*, the *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, and *The Oxford Bibliographies in Political Science*. In addition to journal publications, our co-authored fourth edition of *Women’s Realities, Women’s Choices*, published by Oxford University Press, has just been published.

**Ida Susser**

Ida Susser, professor of anthropology at Hunter College and CUNY Graduate Center, has conducted ethnographic research in the U.S., Southern Africa and Puerto Rico, with respect to urban social movements and the urban commons, gender, the global AIDS epidemic and environmental movements. Her book *AIDS, Sex and Culture: Global Politics and Survival in Southern Africa* (Wiley-Blackwell 2009) which was awarded the Eileen Basker Memorial Prize for research in women and health, by the Society for Medical Anthropology (2012), draws on medical anthropology, science studies, global studies, as well as research on class, gender and race. Susser received an award for Distinguished Achievement in the Critical Study of North America from the Society for the Anthropology of North America, and is past President of the American Ethnological Society and founding President of the Society for the Anthropology of North America.

**Nomzamo Zondo**

Nomzamo Zondo is the Director of Litigation at the Socio-Economic Rights Institute of South Africa (SERI). She joined SERI because of the opportunity to work with exploited communities, using the law to balance the scales of social justice. Nomzamo works mainly on housing rights cases, defending communities threatened with eviction and litigating for the provision of basic services in informal settlements. Nomzamo is also involved in the Marikana Commission of Inquiry, where she acts as the attorney for the families of the deceased miners. Nomzamo recently represented informal traders in a ‘David vs Goliath’ duel between traders and the City of Johannesburg, after the latter took a decision to ban street trading in the Central Business District (CBD), using the police to physically remove traders.
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