



# Economic Society of South Africa

## 2025 Centenary Conference Programme

8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Lord Charles Hotel



8:00-9:00	Registration
9:00-9:20	Welcome by Daniela Casale, ESSA President (Grand Ballroom) Address by Ayanda Seboni, PPS, Conference Sponsor (Grand Ballroom)
9:20-10:20	Keynote Address: Dr James Thurlow, Research Director, International Food Policy Research Institute (Grand Ballroom)
10:20-10:50	Tea (30 mins)

## 10:50-12:10 PARALLEL SESSIONS A

Venue	Grand Ballroom	Somerset Suite 1	Somerset Suite 2	Somerset Suite 3	Vergelegen	Lourensford
<b>Theme</b>	<b>A1 – DataFirst Special Session: In Pursuit of Precision: Honouring Martin Wittenberg's Legacy – Research on Survey Measurement and Plans for DataFirst</b>  Organisers: Cally Ardington & Nicola Branson Chair: Cally Ardington	<b>A2 – UJ Special Session: Industrialisation and Structural Change in Africa: Emerging Issues</b>  Organisers: Fiona Tregenna & Elvis Korku Avenyo Chair: Elvis Korku Avenyo	<b>A3 – Monetary and Forecasting</b>	<b>A4 – Topics in Macroeconomics</b>	<b>A5 – Agriculture, Trade and Prices</b>	<b>A6 – Recreation and Regional Development</b>
<b>Paper 1</b>	Professor Martin Wittenberg, 1962-2024  <i>Taryn Dinkelmann</i> <i>Andrew Kerr</i> <i>Jesse Naidoo</i>	Overview of DSI/NRF South African Research Chair in Industrial Development (SARCHI-ID)  <i>Elvis Avenyo</i>	The Effects of SARB's Published Forecasts on the Market Consensus Forecasts  <i>Pontsho Mathebula</i>	Effects of Monetary and R&D Policies on Inequality and Growth: The Case of South Africa  <i>Yoseph Getachew</i> <i>Richard Kima</i> <i>Nyemwerera Matshaka</i>	How ENSO Events Shape Maize Price Transmission Between the US and South Africa  <i>Anmar Pretorius</i> <i>Mariëtte Geysler</i>	Learning City of Richards Bay Local Economy: The Case of Umhlathuthuze Local Municipality  <i>Lorrian Greyling</i> <i>Kehinde D. Ilesanmi</i> <i>Thobani Gwala</i>
<b>Paper 2</b>	How Many People in South Africa Are Really Working?  <i>Andrew Kerr</i> <i>Amy Thornton</i> <i>Peris Wachira</i>	Structural Change in Sub-Saharan Africa: An Open Economy Perspective  <i>Gaaitzen de Vries</i> <i>Hagen Kruse</i> <i>Emmanuel Buadi Mensah</i> <i>Yabo Vidogbena</i> <i>Kei-Mu Yi</i>	Evaluating the Monetary Conditions Index with Time-Varying Weights: Insights for Policy Across Different Repo Rate Regimes in South Africa  <i>Eugene Buthelezi</i>	Navigating The Impact of Technological Innovation on Unemployment in BRICS Countries  <i>Sithelo Vincent Mngomezulu</i> <i>Kehinde D. Ilesanmi</i> <i>N Nxumalo</i>	Investigating the Long-term Sustainability of South Africa's Proposed Large Scale Sugarcane-based Bioethanol Industry  <i>Lungani Mvelase</i> <i>Stuart Ferrer</i>	Applying the HRV Framework to Local Economies: Case Study of Two Municipalities  <i>Edward Blight</i>
<b>Paper 3</b>	Internal Inconsistencies in the 2022 South African Census Household and Individual Mismatches  <i>Joshua Budlender</i> <i>Amy Thornton</i>	Gendering Structural Change and Green Transition in Africa: Implications of Transformative Policies  <i>Gideon Ndubuisi</i> <i>Elvis Korku Avenyo</i> <i>Shingie Chisoro</i>	Monetary and Macro-Prudential Policy Dynamics in South Africa: Assessing Spillovers and Interactions  <i>Kanayo Ogujuba</i> <i>Lethabo Maponya</i>	The Impact of Current Account Balance on Economic Growth in South Africa  <i>Nkosinathi Monamodi</i>	Liquidation Bias in SAFEX-listed White and Yellow Maize Futures  <i>Ayesha Sayed</i> <i>Christo Auret</i>	South Africa Gambling Industry Socio Economic Impact Study: Evidence from KwaZulu-Natal Province  <i>Motlatjo Moholwa</i> <i>Elton Chinyanga</i>
<b>Paper 4</b>	The Study of Household Dynamics Using Health and Demographic Surveillance System Data  <i>Martin Wittenberg</i> <i>Mark Collinson</i>	The Environmental Effect of Manufacturing: Evidence from Country Spatial Dependence in Africa  <i>Santos Bila</i>	Prediction and Forecasting in Economics  <i>Raymond Parsons</i> <i>Waldo Krugell</i>	Estimating the Macroeconomic Costs of Power Outages in South Africa  <i>Richard Kima</i> <i>Kabelo Makhanya</i> <i>Malope Mampholo</i> <i>Abrams Tagem</i>	The Role of Rebates on Essential Foods in the Context of Supply Shocks  <i>Andre Frauenknecht</i> <i>Amy Wagner</i> <i>Cassandra Pengelly</i> <i>Paul-John Moses</i>	

12:15-13:15 PARALLEL SESSIONS B						
Venue	Grand Ballroom	Somerset Suite 1	Somerset Suite 2	Somerset Suite 3	Vergelegen	Lourensford
<b>Theme</b>	<b>B1 – PPS Special Session: Perspectives on Non-Communicable Disease and its Risk Factors, Economic Impact, and Economic Policy Responses</b>  Organiser & chair: Frikkie Booysen	<b>B2 – Special Session: Gender Inequality Over the Life Course</b>  Organiser & chair: Daniela Casale	<b>B3 – Trade Integration and Competitiveness in Africa: Evidence from Policy and Practice</b>	<b>B4 – Public Expenditure</b>	<b>B5 - Transport Economics</b>	<b>B6 – Economic History</b>
<b>Paper 1</b>	Introduction  <i>Frikkie Booysen</i>	Fixing the Leaky Pipeline: Insights from a Randomised Trial on Gender Equity in Economics  <i>Antoinette Van der Merwe</i> <i>Carike Claassen</i> <i>Debra Shepherd</i> <i>Marlize Van Staden</i>	Evaluating South Africa's Role in African Pharmaceutical Trade: An Analysis of Comparative Advantage and Trade Complementarity  <i>Nwabisa Malimba</i> <i>Tsitsi Effie Mutambara</i> <i>Juniours Marire</i>	The Relationship Between Government Spending on Education and Economic Growth in South Africa  <i>Tshepang Selebano</i> <i>Realeboga Mmarakau</i> <i>Mahapa</i>	CGE Analysis of Road Infrastructure and Funding Model Reforms  <i>Jessika Bohlmann</i> <i>Heinrich Bohlmann</i> <i>Margaret Chitiga-Mabugu</i> <i>Getrude Njokwe</i> <i>Mark Zuidgeest</i> <i>Pine Pienaar</i> <i>Wessel Pienaar</i>	Forty Years of the SAJE: A bibliometric analysis  <i>Jen Snowball</i> <i>Neil Kramm</i>
<b>Paper 2</b>	The (Un)conditional Distribution of Alcohol Consumption in South Africa: Accounting for Zeroes, Participation and Binging  <i>Steve Koch</i> <i>Naiefa Rashied</i>	Gendered labour market outcomes among South African technical and vocational education and training (TVET) completers  <i>Tamaryn Friderichs</i> <i>Michael Rogan</i>	Quantifying Tariff Revenue Losses from the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA)  <i>Lawrence Edwards</i> <i>David Fadiran</i> <i>Godfrey Kamutando</i> <i>Matthew Stern</i>	Dynamic Interplay Between Government Expenditure and the Private Sector in South Africa's Economy: Crowding-In Versus Crowding-Out Effects  <i>Bongumusa Prince Makhoba</i>	Cycling Networks in Urban Areas: A Longitudinal Study of New Zealand's Major Cities  <i>David Dyason</i> <i>Clive Coetzee</i> <i>Ewert Kleynhans</i>	An Investigation into South Africa's Impact on the International Monetary System During the Interwar Gold Standard  <i>Christie Swanepoel</i>
<b>Paper 3</b>	Modelling the Potential Impact of a Tax on Fruit Juice in South Africa: Implications for the Primary Prevention of Type 2 Diabetes and Health Financing  <i>Micheal Kofi Boachie</i> <i>Karen Hofman</i> <i>Susan Goldstein</i> <i>Evelyn Thsehla</i>	Examining Intra-Couple Wealth Inequality in South Africa  <i>Daniela Casale</i> <i>Adeola Oyenubi</i>	Quantile Gravity: Economic Integration Agreements, Less Developed Economies, and Least Traded Goods  <i>Jeffrey Bergstrand</i> <i>Matthew Clance</i>	Assessing the Efficiency of Public Health Resourcing in South Africa: A District-Level Analysis Using Data Envelopment Analysis  <i>Fouché Venter</i> <i>Anja Smith</i>	An Assessment of Port Authority Pricing in South Africa  <i>Simóne Huskisson</i> <i>Mihalis Chasomeris</i> <i>Stephan Krygsman</i>	ISiNtu-Understood Social Norms and Networks: A Case Study of Amagqobhoka (School People)  <i>Qaqambile Mathentamo</i>
13:15 -14:05	Lunch (50 mins)					

14:05-15:25 PARALLEL SESSIONS C						
Venue	Grand Ballroom	Somerset Suite 1	Somerset Suite 2	Somerset Suite 3	Vergelegen	Lourensford
<b>Theme</b>	<b>C1 – ACEIR Special Session: Introduction to the African Centre of Excellence for Inequality Research (ACEIR)</b>  Organiser & chair: Vimal Ranchhod	<b>C2 – Special Session: Creative Economies in Africa: Cultures, Innovation and Sustainability</b> Organiser: Jen Snowball, on behalf of ARUA/The Guild Cluster of Research Excellence (CoRE) in Creative Economies: Cultures, Innovation and Sustainability Chair: Jen Snowball & Andrea Saayman	<b>C3 – Topics in Macroeconomics and Finance</b>	<b>C4 – Schooling in SA: Measurement and Infrastructure</b>	<b>C5 - Experimental Economics and Risk</b>	<b>C6 – Crises and Food Security</b>
<b>Paper 1</b>	Introduction to ACEIR <i>Murray Leibbrandt</i>	A Cultural Satellite Account: A Panoramic Perspective of South Africa's Culture and Creativity <i>Andre Gouws</i>	The Mediation and Moderation Effect of Risk Preferences on Time Preferences and Financial Literacy <i>Blessing Katuka</i>	Assessing the Relationship Between School-Based Assessment and Matric Performance in Mathematics: A Quantitative Analysis of Poor Schools in Limpopo <i>Janke Claassen</i> <i>Servaas van der Berg</i>	The Role of Risk and Temporal Preferences in Altruistic Behaviour: A South African Experimental Study <i>Celeste Campher</i> <i>Sevjas Guvuriro</i> <i>Frikkie Booysen</i>	The Impact of Climate Change on Food Security and Macroeconomic Uncertainty in South Africa. <i>Sebenzile Hlatswayo</i> <i>Devi Tewari</i>
<b>Paper 2</b>	Racial Divides in Housing in South Africa <i>Arindam Jana</i> <i>Vimal Ranchhod</i>	Creative Fashion Entrepreneurship and Side-Hustles: A Mainstream Dual-Employment Strategy for Enhancing Income and Sustainable Growth in Ghana's Fashion Industry <i>Lilian Ama Afun</i>	Investigating the Drivers of the South African Rand <i>Luyanda Matomane</i>	High-Level Mathematics Skills in South Africa: The Reliability of the Data, Quantifying the Under-Supply, and Opportunities for Projecting the Future <i>Martin Gustafsson</i>	Estimating Higher Order Risk Preferences with a Flexible Utility Function: The Bézier Curve <i>Andre Hofmeyr</i> <i>Brian Albert Monroe</i>	The Combined Effect of Pandemics and Economic Uncertainties on Household Consumption in Sub-Saharan Africa <i>Shelter Thelile Nene</i> <i>Kehinde D. Ilesanmi</i>
<b>Paper 3</b>	An Application of the Uncentered Principal Components Analysis for Poverty Measurement in Kenya <i>Susan Kamundia</i> <i>Murray Leibbrandt</i>	The Determinants of Lost Income During the COVID-19 Pandemic: The Case of South Africa's Precarious Freelance Creative Labour Market <i>Fiona Drummond</i>	Dissecting the Role of Democracy on Fiscal Space Creation in Africa <i>Blessing Katuka</i> <i>Calvin Mudzingiri</i> <i>Regret Sunge</i>	Small Schools in South Africa: Infrastructure, Educational Outcomes, and the Impact on Learners When Schools Are Closed <i>Stephen Taylor</i> <i>Lunga Swelindaw</i> <i>Zamangwe Zwane</i> <i>Kholosa Nonkenge</i>	Beyond Nash: Learning to Cooperate in a Regulated Social Dilemma – Theory and Experiment <i>Dambala Gelo</i>	Impacts of Income Shocks and Social Protection on Rural Households' Food Insecurity Experiences During the COVID-19 Pandemic in Conflict-Affected States in Northern Nigeria <i>Abayomi Samuel Oyekale</i> <i>Thonaeng Charity Molelekwa</i>
<b>Paper 4</b>	Intergenerational Education Mobility in Ghana: Assessing Policy Reforms Over Time <i>Nicola Branson</i> <i>Emma Whitelaw</i>	Adapting to the Digital Shift: A Case of Women Film Producers in Kumasi and the Evolving Creative Economy <i>Wilhemina Tetteh</i>	Aligning the Stars: Monetary-Fiscal Coordination When Debt Is Rising <i>Roy Havemann</i> <i>Hylton Hollander</i>	Discrepancies Between Population Estimates and Official Enrolment Data and the Implications of This for Across-Province Funding Equity <i>Martin Gustafsson</i>	Corrupt Behaviour: Information Provision and Information Avoidance <i>Mpoifeng Molefinyane</i> <i>Nicky Nicholls</i>	
15:25-15:55	Tea (30 mins)					

15:55-17:15 PARALLEL SESSIONS D						
Venue	Grand Ballroom	Somerset Suite 1	Somerset Suite 2	Somerset Suite 3	Vergelegen	Lourensford
Theme	<b>D1 – SARB Special Session: Central Bank Communication and Monetary Policy</b>  Organiser & chair: Konstantin Makrelow	<b>D2 – LEAP Special Session: South African Economic History</b>  Organiser & chair: Johan Fourie	<b>D3 – Macroeconomic Impacts of Climate Change: Growth, Stability, and Inequality</b>	<b>D4 – Education and Labour Market Outcomes</b>	<b>D5 - Wellbeing and Informal Work</b>	<b>D6 – Political Economy and Development: Governance, Risk, and Inequality</b>
Paper 1	Panel Discussion  <i>Nicola Viegi</i> (SARB Chair in Monetary Economics, University of Pretoria)  <i>Thoraya Pandey</i> (SARB)	Economic History in South Africa Over a Century  <i>Johan Fourie</i> <i>Lisa Martin</i>	The Impact of Climate Change on Financial Stability in South Africa (1991–2022)  <i>Siyabonga Mbothe</i> <i>Sheunesu Zhou</i>	Educational Attainment, Skills Mismatch, and Informality in Zimbabwe: An Empirical Analysis  <i>Getrude Njokwe</i> <i>Margaret Chitiga-Mabugu</i> <i>Jessika A. Bohlmann</i>	The Effects of Income and Socio-economic Related factors on Health Outcomes of South African Individuals.  <i>Thamsanqa Mtshengu</i>	How Do Political Dynamics Influence the Design, Allocation, and Implementation of Financial Mechanisms for Managing Climate-Induced Disasters?  <i>Sarah Mokwebo</i>
Paper 2	<i>Andrea Masia</i> (RMB Morgan Stanley)	Wealth, Altruism, and the Economics of Manumission: Evidence from the Cape Colony  <i>Lauren Stevens</i> <i>Calumet Links</i>	The Non-Linear Impact of Financial Development and Climate Change on Inequality in Africa  <i>Sheunesu Zhou</i>	Trends in Education and Labour Market Dynamics in Ghana: Evidence from Harmonised Cross-Sections  <i>Emma Whitelaw</i> <i>Nicola Branson</i>	Analysis of Self-Rated Health Reporting in South Africa  <i>Josue Mbonigaba</i>	The Analysis of the Relationship Between Good Governance and Economic Development: A Panel Autoregressive Distributed Lags Approach  <i>Amahle Madiba</i> <i>Ferdinand Nijimbanira</i>
Paper 3		No Church in the Wild? Mission Stations and Literacy in Cape Colony 1849  <i>Gabriel Brown</i> <i>Lisa Martin</i>	Economic Growth in South Africa: Climate Change Implications  <i>Harold Ngalawa</i> <i>Neo Matsoso</i>	A Paradox of Progress: Rising Education and Unequal Labour Market Returns in Post- Apartheid South Africa  <i>Timothy Köhler</i>	Informal Employment and Working Poverty in Three South African Mining Towns  <i>J-P Geldenhuys</i>	The Nexus of Political Regime and Income Inequality in South Africa: A Complex Interplay  <i>Lindokuhle Talent Zungu</i> <i>Shelter Nene</i> <i>Bongumusa P Makhoba</i>
Paper 4		Political Influence and Private Enterprise in the Cape Colony, 1892-1902  <i>Johan Fourie</i> <i>Edward Kerby</i> <i>Munashe Tazorodzwa Chideya</i>		Catalysing Social Mobility Through Higher Education  <i>Nicola Branson</i> <i>Emma Whitelaw</i>	Employment in the Informal Sector: Getting Beyond Measurement to Doing Something – The Good Money Habits Project  <i>Frederick Fourie</i>	
18:00	Welcome cocktail party (open to all delegates) (Foyer and courtyard)					

8:00-9:00	Registration					
9:00-10:20	<b>PARALLEL SESSIONS E</b>					
<b>Venue</b>	<b>Grand Ballroom</b>	<b>Somerset Suite 1</b>	<b>Somerset Suite 2</b>	<b>Somerset Suite 3</b>	<b>Vergelegen</b>	<b>Lourensford</b>
<b>Theme</b>	<b>E1 – EERU, UP Special Session: Household Dynamics in the Energy Transition: Understanding Demand, Migration, and Inequality in South Africa</b>  Organisers: Roula Inglesi-Lotz & Jessika Bohlmann Chair: Roula Inglesi-Lotz	<b>E2 – Social Security and Labour Market Policies</b>	<b>E3 – Currencies and Investment</b>	<b>E4 – Topics in Macroeconomics and Development</b>	<b>E5 – Mental Health</b>	<b>E6 – Behavioural Economics: Preferences and Choice</b>
<b>Paper 1</b>	Examining the Role of the Energy Transition as a Driver to Intra and Inter-Country Migration Patterns  <i>Fritz Shongwe</i> <i>Roula Inglesi-Lotz</i>	Social Security Coverage among the Working-Age Population in South Africa  <i>Haroon Bhorat</i> <i>Timothy Köhler</i> <i>Jabulile Monnakgotla</i>	Central Bank Digital Currency: The Relevance and the Challenges of Achieving the Value Propositions in Africa  <i>Meshach Aziakpono</i> <i>Wendy McCallum</i>	The Fiscal Theory of Income Distribution in Action: South African Low-income vs. High-Income Earners Response to Fiscal Policy Shocks  <i>Talent Zungu</i>	Formal Housing and Mental Health in South Africa  <i>Tsepang Khumalo</i> <i>Marisa Von Fintel</i> <i>Ronelle Burger</i>	Interdependence of Social Preference Types: Insights from Economic Experiments  <i>Celeste Campher</i> <i>Sevias Guvuriro</i> <i>Frikkie Booyen</i>
<b>Paper 2</b>	South Africa's Energy Transition: Regional Economic Impacts  <i>Jessika Bohlmann</i> <i>Heinrich Bohlmann</i> <i>Roula Inglesi-Lotz</i>	The Long-Run Effects of Cash Transfers on Labour Market Outcomes  <i>Neryvia Pillay</i> <i>Chloe Allison</i> <i>Kathryn Bankart</i>	Delistings from the JSE: Determinants and Drivers  <i>Leigh Neethling</i> <i>Ayesha Sayed</i>	Income Poverty Decomposition and Pro-Poor Growth in South Africa Using the General Household Survey (2010–2022)  <i>Thonaeng Charity Molelekoa</i> <i>Abayomi Samuel Oyekale</i>	An Investigation of the Debt-Depression Relationship Using South African Panel Data  <i>Tsholofelo Setati</i>	Investigating Behavioural Predictors of Healthcare Decisions  <i>Sizakele Muyedzwa</i>
<b>Paper 3</b>	Estimating Residential Electricity Demand in South Africa  <i>Yuxiang Ye</i>	Six Years On: Evaluating the Labor Market Effects of South Africa's National Minimum Wage  <i>Haroon Bhorat</i> <i>Benjamin Stanwix</i> <i>Timothy Köhler</i>	Investment Portfolio Optimization: A Comparative Analysis of Traditional and Machine Learning methods  <i>Takudzwa Makuwa</i> <i>Meshach Aziakpono</i> <i>Delon Tarentaal</i>	Duration of Unemployment and Economic Growth in South Africa: An ARDL Analysis  <i>Reotshepile Lofedi</i> <i>Kebitsamang Sere</i>	Gendered Effects of Household Income Loss on Mental Health: Exploring Heterogeneity and Mechanisms in a Developing Country Context  <i>Uma Kollamparambil</i> <i>Adeola Oyenubi</i>	An Evolutionary Perspective on Good and Bad Reputations in the Ultimatum Game  <i>Melt van Schoor</i>
<b>Paper 4</b>	Measuring Required Energy in South Africa  <i>Blessings Nkuna</i> <i>Steve Koch</i> <i>Yuxiang Ye</i>		The Application of Machine Learning to Sovereign Credit Ratings Prediction: A Comparative Analysis  <i>Christian Timmerman</i> <i>Krige Siebrits</i>	Institutions, Infrastructure Investment and Economic Growth in the Southern African Development Community  <i>Gabila Nubong</i> <i>Lerato Ntuli</i>	Divergence in the size and composition of the race gap in mental health: Evidence from South Africa  <i>Dorrit Posel</i> <i>Adeola Oyenubi</i>	Social Discounting Dynamics and Subject-Recipient Characteristics: A Comparative Study of Staff and Students  <i>Celeste Campher</i> <i>Sevias Guvuriro</i> <i>Frikkie Booyen</i>
10:20-10:50	Tea (30 mins)					

10:50-12:10 PARALLEL SESSIONS F						
Venue	Grand Ballroom	Somerset Suite 1	Somerset Suite 2	Somerset Suite 3	Vergelegen	Lourensford
<b>Theme</b>	<b>F1 – RESEP Special Session: New Insights into Educational Outcomes in South Africa Using Routinely Collected Data</b>  Organisers: Gabrielle Wills & Servaas van der Berg Chair: Gabrielle Wills	<b>F2 – Energy and Water</b>	<b>F3 – Banking</b>	<b>F4 – Topics in Macroeconomics</b>	<b>F5 - Competition and Industry</b>	<b>F6 – Determinants of Export Success: Firms, Institutions, and Global Shocks</b>
<b>Paper 1</b>	Can Quality Early Learning Programmes Attenuate Socioeconomic Effects on Child Cognitive Outcomes in South Africa?  <i>Jesal Kika-Mistry</i>	Exploring the Nexus Between Financial Development and Renewable Energy Consumption in South Africa  <i>Halefang Khobai Anton Van Wyk</i>	Estimating Bank Substitutability in the Personal Transactional Account Market in SA  <i>Dumakude Nxumalo Steve Koch</i>	Donations And Tax Incentives. Evidence From South Africa  <i>Fadzayi Chingwere Nicky Nicholls Eleni Yitbarek</i>	How Institutional Quality Affects Informal Competition's effect on Input-Output Innovation of Manufacturing Firms in Sub-Saharan Africa?  <i>Ariel Herbert Fambeu</i>	Export Market Selection and Challenges: A Study of South African Firms  <i>Ingrid Jenserud Ernie Steenkamp Sonja Grater</i>
<b>Paper 2</b>	An Inefficient Intervention or a Necessary Catch-Up Opportunity? Estimating the Causal Impact of Early Grade Repetition in South Africa  <i>Ros Clayton</i>	Spatial Disparity in Water Service Preferences: Evidence from Townships and Suburbs in Durban, South Africa  <i>Genius Murwirapachena Johane Dikgang</i>	Trends in Bank Selection Criteria  <i>Johan Coetzee</i>	Public Debt Valuation Puzzle in the Context of an Emerging Market: South Africa  <i>Mzuvukile Skwatsha</i>	Sustainability, Competition, and Decision-Making Under Uncertainty: A Bayesian Approach to Green Merger Analysis in South Africa  <i>Katherine Stainton Willem Boshoff</i>	Determinants of Export Survival: Analysing the Effect of Trade Potential in South Africa  <i>Mariska Aucamp Ernie Steenkamp Carli Bezuidenhout</i>
<b>Paper 3</b>	Greater Than, Less Than, or Equal To? Investigating Gender Achievement Gaps in Secondary School Mathematics Before, During, and After the COVID-19 Pandemic  <i>Angela Euston-Brown</i>	Access to Electricity and Household Air Pollution: Evidence from the Western Cape Province, South Africa  <i>Marisa von Fintel Ronelle Burger Jack Grimston</i>	The Impact of Economic Policy Uncertainty and Bank Competition on the South African Banking Sector and Financial Stability  <i>Sibusiso Mthembu Kehinde D. Ilesanmi</i>	The Effect of Interest Rates on the Demand for Mortgage Credit in South Africa  <i>Allan Davids Gemma Earl</i>	Issues of Gender Within the Public Interest Sphere in South African Merger Reviews  <i>Anton van Wyk Anmar Pretorius Derick Blaauw</i>	Institutional Dynamics and Trade: Examining the Role of Governance Quality in Lesotho's Export Performance within a Globalized Framework  <i>Adelakun Ojo Johnson Ntsoakie Suzan Kholumo</i>
<b>Paper 4</b>	Matric Achievement in South Africa: What Determines It, and Can We Explain Its Changes Over Time?  <i>Rebecca Selkirk</i>					
12:15-13:15	<b>Presidential Address and ESSA Biennial General Meeting</b>					
13:15-14:05	Lunch (50 mins)					

14:05-15:25 PARALLEL SESSIONS G					
Venue	Grand Ballroom	Somerset Suite 1	Somerset Suite 2	Somerset Suite 3	Vergelegen
<b>Theme</b>	<b>G1 – ERSA Special Session: Merger Control, Innovation and Industrial Policy</b>  Organiser: Fouché Venter Chair: Willem Boshoff	<b>G2 – DPRU Special Session: Growth, Employment and Welfare Challenges in South Africa: A Selected Economic Policy Overview</b>  Organisers: Haroon Bhorat & Benjamin Stanwix Chair: Haroon Bhorat	<b>G3 – Topics in Monetary and Macroeconomics</b>	<b>G4 - Sustainable Finance, Corporate Responsibility, and Investment</b>	<b>G5 - Time Use, Gender and Motherhood</b>
<b>Paper 1</b>	Presentation  <b>Justus Haucap</b> (Düsseldorf Institute for Competition Economics, Heinrich-Heine University of Düsseldorf)	Low Value Cash Transfers in a High Unemployment Environment  <i>Tim Köhler</i> <b>Benjamin Stanwix</b>	State Dependence of the Phillips Curve: What Does This Mean for Monetary Policy?  <b>Anis Foresto</b> <i>Monique Reid</i> <i>Jeffrey Rakgalakane</i>	Towards Sustainable Finance: Exploring the Impact of Investor Sentiment on Volatility Dynamics in ESG Markets  <b>Damilola Aboluwodi</b> <i>Bomi Nomlala</i> <i>Paul-Francois Muzindutsi</i>	Role of Gender and Motherhood on Rural-Urban Migration Decisions in South Africa: A Panel Data Analysis  <b>Rubina Jogee</b> <i>Uma Kollamparambil</i>
<b>Paper 2</b>	Panel Discussion  <b>Nicola Theron</b> (FTI Consulting; Stellenbosch University honorary professor)  <b>Pamela Mondliwa</b> (Head: Research and Information, Industrial Development Corporation)	Low Informality Amidst High Unemployment: The Case of South Africa  <b>Haroon Bhorat</b> <i>Ravi Kanbur</i> <i>Tim Köhler</i> <i>Benjamin Stanwix</i>	Inflation Targeting and Macroeconomic Policy Coordination Under Information Frictions  <i>Hylton Hollander</i> <b>Clinton Joel</b>	An Investigation into the Role of ESG on Firm Financial Performance in South Africa  <b>James Jere</b> <i>Meshach Aziakpono</i> <b>Nwabisa Malimba</b>	Sequencing and Clustering: Identifying Distinct Typologies of Time Poor Men and Women in South Africa  <b>Priyanka Harrichurran</b> <i>Claire Vermaak</i> <i>Colette Muller</i>
<b>Paper 3</b>		The Economic Complexity of Regional Economies in South Africa  <b>Francois Steenkamp</b>	Macroeconomic Effects of Lowering South Africa's Inflation Target: A SVAR Analysis  <i>Richard Kima</i> <b>Keagile Lesame</b>	Examining the Impact of Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) Practices on Corporate Financial Performance: Evidence from Selected JSE-Listed Firms  <i>Justin Bendeman</i> <b>Sibanisezwe Khumalo</b>	Heterogeneity of Time Use Among Young NEETs: A South African Perspective  <i>Sanesh Sewsanker</i> <b>Claire Vermaak</b>
<b>Paper 4</b>		From Coal to Chlorophyll: Identifying Green Job Opportunities for Youth during South Africa's Just Transition  <i>Robert Hill</i> <b>Leigh Neethling</b> <i>Morné Oosthuizen</i>	Distributional Impact of Monetary Policy in South Africa  <b>Dawie van Lill</b>	Circular Economy Disclosures and Social Media Communications by South African Listed Companies  <b>Manuela Ender</b>	Estimating the Correlates of Time Poverty in South Africa: A Comparison between Objective and Subjective Measures  <b>Priyanka Harrichurran</b> <i>Claire Vermaak</i> <i>Colette Muller</i>
15:25-15:55	Tea (30 mins)				

15:55-17:15 PARALLEL SESSIONS H (note the Grand Ballroom is not in use for this parallel)					
Venue	Somerset Suite 1	Somerset Suite 2	Somerset Suite 3	Vergelegen	Meet in Library
<b>Theme</b>	<b>H1 – ERSA Special Session: Writing, Speaking, Publishing: Communicating Research Effectively</b>  Organiser: Fouché Venter Chair: Steve Koch	<b>H2 – Intergenerational Education and Earnings Mobility</b>	<b>H3 – Innovation and Firm Studies</b>	<b>H4 – Finance</b>	<b>H5 - Heads of School/ Department Meeting</b>  <b>Chair: Jen Snowball</b>
<b>Paper 1</b>	Presentation  <b>Steve Koch</b> (University of the Pretoria; ERSA; Editor of SAJE)	The Introduction of the Free Primary Education Policy and Intergenerational Mobility: Evidence from Ethiopia  <b>Megan Shongwe</b> Eleni Yitbarek Matthew Clance	Innovation and E-Commerce as Resilience Strategies: Firm-Level Evidence in Sub-Saharan Africa During the COVID-19 Crisis  <b>Ariel Herbert Fambeu</b> Patricia Tchawa Yomi	The Impact of Financial Innovation on Economic Growth in Sub-Saharan African Countries  <b>Rachel Macauley</b> Haim Abraham Lebogang Mateane	
<b>Paper 2</b>	Panel  <b>Dorrit Posel</b> (University of the Witwatersrand)  <b>Yonas Alem</b> (University of Cape Town; ERSA)	A Seven-Decade Analysis of Intergenerational Education Mobility in South Africa: Patterns by Population Group  <b>Nicola Branson</b> Hagos Ressonm	Impact of Automation on Firms and Labor Markets in Emerging Economies: Evidence from South Africa  <b>Michael Kilumelum</b> Justice Mensah Kunal Sen	Beyond Integration: Evaluating the Financial Deepening and Growth Effects of FDI inflows into the BRICS+ Economies  <b>Kholiswa Malindini</b>	
<b>Paper 3</b>	<b>Phillipe Burger</b> (University of the Free State)	Intergenerational Educational Mobility and Black Tax in South Africa  <b>Letshego Mancoe</b> Eleni Yitbarek Yoseph Getachew	Spatial Modelling of Innovation Activities of Micro-Manufacturing Firms in Johannesburg, South Africa  <b>Kabeya Clement Mulamba</b>	Financial Stress in Emerging Markets: The Tail-Risk Trade-Offs Between Growth and Financial Stability Policies  <b>David de Villiers</b> Hylton Hollander Dawie van Lill	
<b>Paper 4</b>			Innovation and Transition to 'Formality': Econometric Analysis of Micro, Small, and Medium Manufacturing Enterprises in Johannesburg  <b>Elvis Korku Avenyo</b> Fiona Tregenna	The Effect of Exchange Rate on Economic Growth in Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa (BRICS) Countries: Panel ARDL Approach  <b>Goitsemodimo Abel Molocwa</b> <b>Ireen Chaga</b>	
18:45 for 19:00-22:00	Gala Dinner (for those who registered) (Grand Ballroom)				

8:00-9:00	Registration				
9:00-10:20	<b>PARALLEL SESSIONS I</b>				
<b>Venue</b>	<b>Grand Ballroom</b>	<b>Somerset Suite 1</b>	<b>Somerset Suite 2</b>	<b>Somerset Suite 3</b>	<b>Vergelegen</b>
<b>Theme</b>	<b>11 – SALDRU Special Session</b> Organisers: Vimal Ranchhod & Reza Daniels Chair: Vimal Ranchhod	<b>12 – Monetary Macroeconomics</b>	<b>13 – Unemployment and Work-Seeking Strategies</b>	<b>14 – Environmental and Resource Economics</b>	<b>15 - Financial Macroeconomics</b>
<b>Paper 1</b>	Surviving in the Dark: The Mortality Effects of Reducing Rolling Blackouts  <i>Joshua Budlender</i>	The Impact of Basel III Implementation on Bank Lending in South Africa  <i>Xolani Sibande</i> <i>Alistair Milne</i>	Examining Discouraged Workseekers in the South African Labour Market  <i>Jay-Dee Sauls</i> <i>Derek Yu</i> <i>Rochelle Beukes</i>	Green Technological Innovation and Carbon Dioxide Emissions in SSA: Does Global Uncertainty Matter?  <i>Witness Nyasha Bandura</i> <i>Senia Nhamo</i>	The Exchange Rate Instability During the Fixed Exchange Rate Regime in South Africa  <i>Simiso Msomi</i>
<b>Paper 2</b>	Tracking Progress Towards Gender Equity in the South African Academic Economics Pipeline  <i>Nicola Branson</i> <i>Emma Whitelaw</i>	The Macroeconomic Relevance of Mobile Money  <i>Mphatso Elias Ackim</i> <i>Nicola Viegi</i> <i>Omogolo Mighty Maripe</i> <i>Marietta Mpingasa</i>	Does Moving Between Cities Pay Off? Economic Outcomes for South Africa's Intercity Migrants  <i>Takudzwa Mutize</i> <i>Justin Visagie</i>	Re-Examining the Natural Resource Curse: Is Resource Abundance a Blessing or a Curse?  <i>Sarah Wilhelmi</i> <i>Gavin Keeton</i>	Market Uncertainty and the Exchange Rate-External Debt Nexus: Evidence from Sub-Saharan Africa  <i>Kwame Osei-Assibey</i>
<b>Paper 3</b>	Own- and Cross-Price Elasticities of Married Women's Labour Supply in South Africa  <i>Amy Thornton</i>	Redefining the Transmission Mechanism of Monetary Policy: A Structural Analysis of SACU Economies in an Era of Global Uncertainty  <i>Adelakun Ojo Johnson</i>	Transitioning Beyond Matric in South Africa  <i>Gabrielle Wills</i>	South Africa's Vehicle Carbon Tax and Its Impact on Automotive Sector Performance  <i>Esona Jara</i> <i>Syden Mishi</i>	The Relationship Between Oil Prices and Exchange Rate In South Africa  <i>Confidence Nthebe</i>
<b>Paper 4</b>	The Effect of Household Pension Loss on Working-Age Members' Employment Outcomes  <i>Gabriel Espi-Sanchis</i>	Predicting Balance of Payment (BOP) Crisis, The Case for Zimbabwe  <i>Tapfumanei Chikosha</i>	Evaluating the Impact of Affordable, Fast, Uncapped Internet on Low-Income Households  <i>Helanya Fourie</i> <i>Debra Shepherd</i>	The Moderating Role of Digital Technologies on the Effect of Tourism and Trade Openness on Environmental Sustainability in SADC Economies  <i>Lovemore Taonezvi</i> <i>Gomolemo Gashiten</i>	Financial Sector Development and Central Bank Credibility Nexus: An Analysis of the Linkages  <i>Nkhame Raphaela</i> <i>Sibanisezwe Khumalo</i> <i>Meshach Aziakpono</i>
10:20-10:50	Tea (30 mins)				

10:50-12:10 PARALLEL SESSIONS J					
Venue	Grand Ballroom	Somerset Suite 1	Somerset Suite 2	Somerset Suite 3	Vergelegen
<b>Theme</b>	<b>J1 – SA-TIED Special Session: Balancing Fiscal Policy, Climate Sustainability, and Social Equity in South Africa</b>  Organisers: Kezia Lilenstein, Abena Larbi-Odam & Philippe Burger Chair: Philippe Burger	<b>J2 – Monetary Macroeconomics</b>	<b>J3 – Education and Health Outcomes in Childhood</b>	<b>J4 – Labour Markets and Structural Adjustment</b>	<b>J5 - Prices, Households and Wellbeing</b>
<b>Paper 1</b>	The Sustainability of South African Fiscal Policy  <i>Philippe Burger</i>	Evaluating the SARB's New Inflation Target in Context of the Inflation-Thresholds-Growth Relationship: A Rolling Regressions Approach  <i>Andrew Phiri</i> <i>Asanda Fotoyi</i>	Investigating Cognitive Gains from Attending Early Childhood Development (ECD) Centres with Improved Data  <i>Servaas van der Berg</i>	Import Penetration, Labour Market Rigidity, and Labour Market Adjustments: Evidence from South Africa  <i>Raynold Runganga</i>	Living Income Benchmarking for Rural Households: The Case of Umhlabuyalingana Local Municipality  <i>Mbongeni Zwelakhe Ngubane</i> <i>Irshaad Kaseeram</i>
<b>Paper 2</b>	Towards Implementation: Aligning Just Transition Finance with South Africa's NDC Commitments  <i>Georgina Ryan</i>	Alternatives to Price Control and Queflation  <i>Darrol J. Stanley</i> <i>Jannie Rossouw</i>	Understanding the Roles of Age, Gender, and Grade R Attendance in Academic Progression and Performance from Grades 1 to 4  <i>Bianca Böhmer</i>	The Impact of Capital Flight on Unemployment Rate in South Africa: An Autoregressive Distribution Lag Approach  <i>Naledi Pila</i>	The Prices of Healthy and Unhealthy Foods in South Africa  <i>Waldo Krugell</i> <i>Christine Taljaard-Krugell</i>
<b>Paper 3</b>	Financing Sustainable Infrastructure with Limited Resources: Local Government Financial Sustainability and Vulnerability in the Context of South Africa's Just Energy Transition  <i>Julia Tatham</i>	How Does Inflation Momentum & Inflation Expectations Drive Current Inflation in South Africa: Application of the HNKPC Framework?  <i>Amon Magwiro</i>	Measurement invariance testing of Social-Emotional Learning skills: Evidence from TIMSS and PIRLS Grade 5 and Grade 9 learners in South Africa  <i>Glen Takalani</i>	The Productivity Effects of Intermediate Imports and Absorptive Capacity in South Africa  <i>Brian Tavonga Mazorodze</i>	Inflation's Fine Print: How Price Stability Shapes Well-Being Across Households in South Africa  <i>David de Villiers</i> <i>Andrew Phiri</i>
<b>Paper 4</b>	The Economic Context of the Realisation of Socio-Economic Rights  <i>Philippe Burger</i>	The Role of the South African Reserve Bank in South Africa's Monetary Architecture  <i>Chantal Naidoo</i> <i>Patrick Lehman-Grube</i> <i>Yasmin Meerholz</i>	Child Heights in South Africa: 1900-1970  <i>Dieter von Fintel</i> <i>Romy Bogner</i> <i>Charl Schoeman</i>	Search Frictions and High Unemployment in the South African Labour Market  <i>Sibusiso Gumbi</i> <i>Noreen Kajugusi</i> <i>Richard Kima</i> <i>Kunal Sen</i>	Impact of Food Inflation on Household Welfare  <i>Christina Wieser</i> <i>Wondimagegn Tesfaye</i> <i>Eleni Yitbarek</i>

12:15-13:15	PARALLEL SESSIONS K				
Venue	Grand Ballroom	Somerset Suite 1	Somerset Suite 2	Somerset Suite 3	Vergelegen
Theme	<b>K1 – Special Session: International Trade and Development</b>  Chair: Lawrence Edwards	<b>K2 – The Energy Transition and Labour Market Outcomes</b>	<b>K3 – Subjective Wellbeing</b>	<b>K4 – Agriculture and Development</b>	<b>K5 - Climate Risk and Financial Stability: Evidence and Policy Approaches from South Africa</b>
Paper 1	Trade Liberalisation, Household Welfare and Earnings Inequality in South Africa  <i>Lawrence Edwards</i> <b>Refilwe Lepelle</b>	Local Job Multipliers from Mining in South Africa's Intermediate Cities  <b>Antonie Pool</b> <i>Lochner Marais</i>	Can Financial Capital Buy Happiness in South Africa?  <i>Darma Mahadeva</i> <b>Ralitza Dobрева</b> <i>Fathima Danka</i>	The Economic Feasibility and the Socioeconomic Impact of Using Sugarcane as a Feedstock for Sustainable Aviation Fuels (SAF) Production: Empirical Evidence from South Africa  <b>Lungani Mvelase</b> <i>Stuart Ferrer</i>	Climate Risk Indicators: A Contribution Towards South Africa's Prudential Authority Approach to Climate Risk Management  <i>Chantal Naidoo</i> <i>Kamleshan Pillay</i> <i>Pierre Monnin</i> <i>Matt Huxham</i> <i>Ailly Sheehama</i> <i>Theresa Mazarire</i> <i>Rabia Parker</i> <b>Yasmin Meerholz</b>
Paper 2	The Empirical Investigation of the Effects of Trade Openness on Poverty in South Africa and Lesotho  <b>Zimvo Mtolo</b>	Jobs and Complexity: Potential Avenues for Driving the Growth of the Renewable Energy Industry in South Africa  <b>Tsungai Kupeta</b>	The Nature, Magnitude and Determinants of Socio-Economic Inequality in Family Functioning in South African Households Living in Gauteng Province  <b>Frederik Booyesen</b>	Gender Disparities in Water Access and Its Effect on Welfare Outcomes Among Smallholder Irrigators in the Eastern Cape and KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa  <b>Sandile Phakathi</b>	Exploring the Asymmetric Impact of Climate-Related Risk on Public Debt: An Econometric Analysis from South Africa  <b>Thembeqa Qhubekani Mchunu</b> <i>Kehinde D. Ilesanmi</i>
Paper 3	The Consumer Price Effects of Specific Trade Policy Restrictions in South Africa  <i>Lawrence Edwards</i> <i>Zaakirah Ismail</i> <b>Godfrey Kamutando</b> <i>Simbarashe Mambara</i> <i>Matthew Stern</i> <i>Fouche Venter</i>	Investigating the Transferability of Skills from Fossil-Intensive (Coal) Occupations to Alternative (Green) Occupations  <b>Vanray Nel</b> <i>Jen Snowball</i> <i>Mike Rogan</i>	Public Service Delivery and Life Satisfaction: A Trend Analysis and Decomposition Across Political Generations  <b>Uma Kollampambil</b> <i>Frikkie Booyesen</i> <b>Adeola Oyenubi</b> <i>Bayanda Mdlalose</i>	Minimum Wages, De Facto Private Standards and Trade Diversion in Horticulture  <i>Marlies Piek</i> <b>Dieter von Fintel</b>	Assessing the Effectiveness of Macroprudential Policies in Mitigating Climate Risks: The Case of South Africa  <b>Mary Toluwani Adebayo</b> <i>Kehinde D. Ilesanmi</i> <i>Sheunesu Zhou</i>
13:15-14:05	Lunch (50 mins)				