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THOUGHTS FROM THE DIVISIONAL EXECUTIVE

On 1 April 2020, just as COVID-19 began to change our lives forever, we gave birth to a new research division at the HSRC, **Developmental, Capable and Ethical State (DCES)**. The creation of this new division emerged as result of a long period of realignment initiated by our CEO, Prof Crain Soudien, and is embedded in the HSRC's Strategic Plan 2020–2025, which will take us through the next five years of our existence of the HSRC under the sub-Department of Science and Innovation (DSI) – part of the newly aligned departmental structure introduced by President Cyril Ramaphosa.

The past four months have been tumultuous. The pandemic has led to the re-direction of government funding to COVID-19 interventions, while the science councils and universities have had their budgets

reduced substantially. As a result, the HSRC has faced a moratorium on appointments as well as other austerity measures. We have also been working from home since before 1 April, and adjusting to all the “newness” – via Zoom, mostly – has been challenging. However, despite this, DCES and its two research streams, **Peace and Sustainable Security (PaSS)** and **Democracy, Governance and Citizenship (DGC)**, have been active and impactful, with the assistance of our impact and business development team and supportive programme management and administration.

The first order of business of DCES was to conduct a survey to provide an indication of the “temperature” of the new division and how colleagues were experiencing the lockdown from a work perspective. We have included some key findings in this our very first bi-annual newsletter, something to be proud of. This first edition includes contributions that introduce us to some of our colleagues and the research foci we are pursuing. We have also included a submission from the BRICS Research Centre, which remains an important part of DCES, as do the phenomenal South African Social Attitudes Survey (SASAS) and State of the Nation (SON) flagships. The DCES contribution to COVID-19 research in partnership with the Centre for Social Change at the University of Johannesburg – the UJ/ HSRC COVID-19 democracy survey – has been well received, creating the kind of impact and visibility we want to see for DCES going forward. Round 2 of the survey began two weeks ago and our first intervention on schools has again added to the national debate in a very positive and productive way. Providing evidence for policy makers is what we do best.

High productivity despite the difficulties of working from home – home schooling, child and elderly care, connectivity issues, lack of office infrastructure, financial worries and the anxiety of living through a pandemic – attests to the character and strength of the people who make up this new division. Many colleagues have lost loved ones as the pandemic spiked after the “opening up” of the economy, and we have seen kindness and support pouring out to them during their time of pain. This is a sign of cohesion and solidarity in a division where, though we do not all know one another well, we still care and express that caring.

The **Vision** of DCES is to be a national, regional and international hub for transformative research in the interests of a just and equal society. Our **Mission** is to conduct cutting edge research in the areas of peace, human security, sustainability, democracy, governance and citizenship in an engaged manner that focuses on building a better life for all. These are noble endeavors that require us to work for the public good and to ensure that our work brings about positive change.

We have laid the foundation for success as we learn to work together despite being physically apart. As we encounter the “new normal” we shall continue to support one another, the division and the HSRC to be a world-class social sciences and humanities hub that makes a difference in rethinking poverty and inequality and the ways in which these social ills can be addressed in innovative ways to ensure that we attain the values of a constitutional democracy: dignity, equality, freedom, and ubuntu.

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I have four degrees (BJuris LLB LLM LLD), was Professor of Law at Vista University and Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University (NMMU) before joining Africa Institute of South Africa (AISA) in 2011. I am now Divisional Executive of the Developmental, Capable and Ethical State research programme at the HSRC, adjunct Professor of the Nelson R Mandela School of Law, University of Fort Hare and a Research Fellow with the Centre for Gender and Africa Studies, University of Free State. I have over 100 peer reviewed journal publications and book chapters, and have co-edited five books. I was admitted as an Advocate of the High Court in 2001 and served as presiding officer for the Private Security Industry Regulatory Authority (PSIRA) in Port Elizabeth for seven years. My research interests include international and constitutional law, human rights, democracy, governance and social justice. In 2016 I was shortlisted as one of 14 candidates for the position of Public Protector.

a. Describe yourself in 5 words

Diligent, focussed, loyal, impatient and creative.

b. What keeps you motivated

The potentially transformative nature of the work we do, that we work for the public good, and that we have the ability to make a difference. The work we do is meaningful.

c. How did you get into research

I couldn't get a job at a law firm (thank goodness). After six months of searching for a job I bumped into former varsity friends of mine at a pub and they told me about a vacancy at Vista University and that was the beginning of my journey into research at the Missionvale Campus in Port Elizabeth.

d. Please give us a bit of background on your career in research

I really became engrossed in research when I was working on my doctorate. I starting delving into philosophical aspects of the law and justice that I wasn't taught while studying law. Horizons opened and I got lost in a new world. That time was magical. Now I work in a far more practical environment, but those years of reading and thinking formed the foundation of what I know and do as a researcher now, focussing on evidence-based policy making.

e. Did you always want to be a researcher?

No. I wanted to be a journalist. Both my parents where old school investigative journalists. I guess that is a form of research. My dad forbade it because I would be limiting my future prospects, so I ended up studying law. When I graduated I wanted to do my pupillage at the Bar to become an Advocate, but at that time it was two years of earning no money and I couldn't afford that. So by chance I ended up at a University and my career in research began.

f. What is the best thing about being a researcher?

Constant and life-long learning. Especially at the HSRC I have had to step out of my comfort zone and learn to work with experts in other disciplines. It's stimulating and keeps me on my toes.



g. What are things people do not know about you?

I was really into drama at school and studied it part time. My favourite memory was playing to role of Guinevere in the musical Camelot in the PE opera house. I can still remember the lyrics of all the songs.

h. Who/what inspires you most?

My father, who adopted me, passed away fifteen years ago but remains my inspiration. He believed in me and empowered me. Career wise my mentor was Olive Shisana. She was tough but fair, taught me how to take hard knocks and saw the courage in me I didn't know I had.

i. Do you have any words or advice for anyone interested in getting onto research?

Be prepared for 70 hour working weeks...

j. What do you like to do in your free time?

Go for walks, play with my cats, read fantasy and science fiction, spend time with David and paint when I can find the time. Obviously I also sit on the couch like a potato watching TV.

k. What is the hardest lesson you have learned in life?

No matter how hard you try, there are times when you will fail. Getting up again is the hardest part. The other is that there will also be people who do not like you, for whatever reason. Learning that you can't please everyone is a hard but necessary lesson.

BUILDING A BETTER WORLD WITH PEACE AND SUSTAINABLE SECURITY: GETTING TO KNOW PROF CHARLES HONGORO AND DR EMMANUEL OWUSU-SEKYERE



Prof Charles Hongoro, Strategic Lead, Developmental Capable and Ethical State, Human Sciences Research Council is an established health economics, systems and policy researcher who has worked

in both developed and developing countries for many years. Areas of interest are varied, ranging from evaluations, economic analysis, health financing and reforms, to the public-private mix in health, quality assessments and governance and service delivery. Started as a Health Economics intern in the early 1990s under the tutelage of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine health economics and policy team. As a junior researcher, led the first UNICEF funded study on the impact of user fees in Zimbabwe that demonstrated the negative impact on maternal and child care and influenced the government in 1994 to abolish user fees for

children under 5 years, pregnant women and the elderly. Since then many more studies national and multinational studies in the field of health systems, economics and policy were conducted as lead or co-lead resulting in several publications (<https://orcid.org/0000-0002-9715-4940>) and other research products. Nonetheless, he derives satisfaction in solving real problems and hence interest in getting evidence into policy and practice through involvement in national and international advisory and technical committees. For instance, he has been an advisor to the Africa Health Initiative since 2008 that seeks to strengthen African health systems and

build capacity for health systems strengthening and research; and as a Ministerial advisor on health financing in South Africa since 2009. The desire to build future leaders and researchers in health economics, systems and policy has spurred involvement at local universities as an extra-ordinary or adjunct professor at a few local universities, and hosting interns and fellowships at the HSRC.

Lately he has been co-leading a project funded by the European Union called Supporting Policy Engagements for Evidence based Decisions for Universal Coverage (SPEED) for Universal Health Coverage (UHC) in Uganda. The project seeks to support policymakers to monitor the implementation of vital programmes for the realisation of policy goals for UHC. Since the project started in 2015, a policy implementation barometer protocol has been developed and gained traction in other low and middle income countries. Charles has conducted two waves of such surveys in Uganda, produced a book on UHC in Uganda, and has convened national symposia, evidence based engagements, and presented keynote addresses, (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NzVMppse3AU&t=66s>). Additionally he has trained and supported post-graduate trainees.

With regard to technical advisory work with government, he has been Chair of the Costing Team on Prescribed Minimum Benefits (PMB) at the Council of Medical Schemes since 2017, who mandate is to develop a costing methodology and model for costing revised PMBs. To date that committee has developed the costing and affordability frameworks and started costing of the primary health care package. The work is critical to ensuring that service benefits are prioritised and are of sufficient depth and spread to contribute towards universal health coverage. The team of health actuaries, health economists,

biostatisticians and epidemiologists, clinical experts and public health experts has been able to consult widely with the industry and has collected volumes of data to support its work.

His hobbies relate to his passion for solving concrete public problems and so he is a smallholder farmer in Gauteng producing food and not just researching about food and nutrition security. Can you believe it?



Dr Emmanuel Owusu-Sekyere is an Economist and Econometrician by profession, with additional research and policy interest in inclusive growth and sustainable development, migration and development, youth development in Africa and capacity building in research. He is currently Acting Research Director for Peace and Sustainable Security in the Developmental Capable and Ethical State Unit of the Human Science Research Council. His career experience of 29 years spans across the private sector, public sector, academia and the international development community. Dr Emmanuel holds a PhD in Economics from the University of Pretoria South Africa, A Master's degree in Economic Management and Policy from Strathclyde University, Glasgow U.K., and a Bachelor of Arts Degree (Honours) in Economics and Management from the University of Ghana. He serves on advisory committees for the United Nations Economic Community for Africa, Southern

Africa Office, the International Trade Centre, Geneva, and the T20 committee on sustainable infrastructure development. He is also a Consultant to a number of United Nations departments such as the International Organisation for Migration. As Deputy Coordinator, Dr Emmanuel successfully implemented a US\$35 million US Dollars Financial Sector Reform (FSR) Programme in Ghana, which was replicated in other West African countries. The implementation of the FSR was in collaboration with the World Bank, Department for International development (DfID-UK), USAID, Agency for Development of France and the Government of Ghana, aimed at making Ghana's financial sector more facilitative of private sector led economic growth. He has extensive experience and exposure in public sector capacity building on the African continent, having trained Central Banks, Treasuries, National Development Planning Committees and Offices of the President in macroeconomic analysis, economic forecasting and econometric analysis for policy making in numerous African countries. He is external lecturer and examiner for PhD, MPhil, and Master's degree programmes in Economics, Business Management and Public Administration in University of Pretoria, University of South Africa and several other universities across the African continent. Dr Emmanuel has several research publications including peer reviewed journal articles, book chapters and policy briefs. He is passionate about Africa's industrialisation and the African Continental Free Trade Area as vehicles for inclusive growth and development in Africa.

Dr Emmanuel is a versatile guitarist and pianist, and his additional hobbies are cooking, baking, gardening and travelling to explore nature. He also serves as a Minister of the gospel in his church.

DR SHINGI MUTANGA



FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION SURVEY

Dr Mutanga is a member of the SADC Regional Vulnerability Assessment Committee under the South African Vulnerability Assessment Committee (SAVAC). During the last financial year he attended a series of workshops organised by Food Agriculture Organization (FAO), the World Food Programme (WFP) and DAFF as well national exchange visits in the SADC region. He is currently he is one of the PIs in the Food Security and Nutrition Survey, one of HSRC's largest ongoing Projects. The food insecurity and vulnerability assessments conducted by the SAVAC are aimed at understanding the livelihood systems in various Livelihood Zones, District and Local Municipalities, Provinces and at National level, to determine the extent of food and nutrition insecurity in the country.

4IR AND THE EXTRACTIVES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.



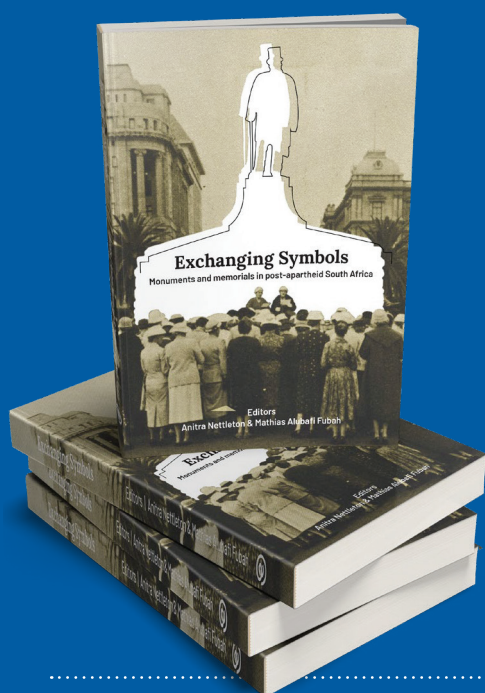
Dr Mutanga fostered collaboration with Sam Tambani Research Institute and the partnership ignited a project of which he is PI, namely *"The 4th Industrial Revolution and its Implications for mining dependent countries: The case of the Southern Africa Development Community."* Whether the 4IR can contribute substantively to broad based economic growth and income security remains a subject of intense debate. Fears around this revolution are intractable, particularly in the developing countries that face high levels of unemployment. How the 4IR is affecting

and will continue to affect the mining sector – the developmental mainstay of many countries in the region – is yet to be fully explored. The study examines the threats and opportunities along the entire mining value chain. During early 2020 together with research team from SATRI, he has been able to undertake field work in the Copperbelt Province of Zambia. The visit to Zambia has also created a conduit for a potential MoU and partnership between HSRC and the Copperbelt University in Zambia.

NEW PUBLICATION

Exchanging Symbols: Monuments and Memorials in Post-apartheid South Africa (Published by African Sun Media, March 2020). Editors: Anitra Nettleton and Mathias Alubafi Fubah

This book comprises eight essays that consider the politics and polemics of monuments in Africa in the wake of the #RhodesMustFall movement in 2015. The removal of the Rhodes Statue from UCT main campus is the pivot on which the discussion of monuments as heritage in South Africa turns. It raised a number of questions about the implementation of heritage policy and the unequal deployment of memorials in the South African and other postcolonial landscapes. The essays in this volume are written by authors coming from different backgrounds and different disciplines. They address the varied aspects of this event and its aftermath, offering some intensive critique of existing monuments, analysing the successes of new initiatives, meditating on the visual resonances of all monuments and attempting to map ways of moving forward. The authors tackle policy questions, aspects of history and some of the new monuments aimed at redress in the present South African environment. It is to be hoped that a reading of this book will inform the decisions made by politicians and culture brokers when they spend taxpayers' money on the erection of monuments. It would be refreshing if the artists commissioned to make such monuments could look at African traditions of figuration and commemoration which fall outside the monumental, and if the artists could be professionally and theoretically informed of the ways in which monuments are commissioned, planned and accessed.



FLYING THE FLAG FOR DEMOCRACY, GOVERNANCE AND CITIZENSHIP

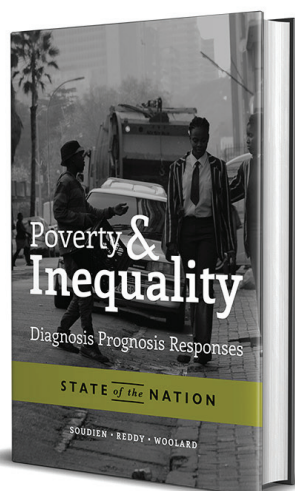
The sustainability of the Democracy, Governance & Citizenship (DGC) work stream within DCES is secured by a book series and a survey. The book series is "State of the nation"; the survey the South African Social Attitudes Survey (SASAS) – which is both an annual survey and the name given to the unit that administers it. So successful has SASAS been that the unit has become the trusted survey partner of the Electoral Commission of South Africa (the Independent Electoral Commission, or IEC).

The Democracy, Governance & Citizenship (DGC) work stream within DCES has a proud history of scholarly peer-reviewed publications and nationally representative surveys. The book series "State of the Nation" and the South African Social Attitudes Survey (SASAS) series are prime examples of DGC's publication and survey experience. SASAS is both an annual survey and the name given to the unit that administers it. So successful has SASAS been that the IEC has called upon the unit to undertake several surveys on its behalf over a number of years.

STATE OF THE NATION

State of the nation is the HSRC's flagship publication. Initiated by John Daniel and Roger Southall in 2003, the State of the nation series has become a significant resource for in-depth analysis of key political and socio-economic issues in South Africa. In each volume a range of leading scholars contribute their empirical research findings and analyses to create a picture of the complexities and challenges faced by the nation. The series provides on-going analyses of trends and challenges, while offering innovative insights into future scenarios. Through its independent views it contributes significantly to the democratic principles of free speech and robust debate.

Each volume of *State of the nation* has an overarching theme which guides the reviews of the previous year – through the lenses of politics, economics, society, health, education, the environment, and the role of South Africa in Africa and globally. Each of these lenses offers critical analyses, some with a specific focus, such as job-seeking strategies, while others provide a longitudinal perspective,



such as the trajectory from the Reconstruction and Development Programme (RDP) to the National Development Plan (NDP), South Africa's response to HIV and AIDS and, since 2018, poverty and inequality.

State of the nation 2020 provides innovative, integrated and broad analyses of poverty and inequality that reflect the latest national and international

discourses. This edition builds on preceding volumes by showcasing cutting-edge thinking about social science research on poverty and inequality. The choice of an ethical focus for this volume is strategic, coming at a time when the normative basis for addressing deep socio-economic problems is increasingly emphasised.

Current interpretations of poverty and inequality often highlight the negative impact on the growth of economies and poverty reduction. For example, Statistics South Africa's *Poverty trends in South Africa* (2017) focuses primarily on income and the economy. However, inequalities are encountered in almost all spheres – going beyond food crises, health care access, infrastructure development, and availability of resources. Inequality is embedded in political conflicts, climate change, and the inequitable treatment of capital and workers. Seminal texts like *Capital in the twenty-first century* (Thomas Piketty, 2014) and *The price of inequality* (Joseph Stiglitz, 2012) have increased public awareness of the new inequality discourse. Piketty's work demonstrates the interrelationship between the economic and other dimensions of inequality. More recently the COVID-19 pandemic and lockdown imposed by President Ramaphosa have exposed South Africa's brutal inequality.

State of the nation 2020 comprises six sections: Politics and the state; Economics; Society; Identity and well-being; Culture; and South Africa and the world. The 'Politics and the state' chapters focus on: ethics and the state; South Africa's electoral system; women and land from an ethical perspective; leadership and accountability amongst South African presidents; and measuring the minimum core of socio-economic rights.

The section on Economics comprises chapters on the minimum wage; and on taxation within a progressive economy. Under Society, there are chapters on: socio-economic rights; education and inequality; and access to healthcare (focusing on the "Esidimeni tragedy"). Section 4, Identity and well-being, has chapters on: the relationship between land and identity politics; the impact of identity on well-being; and national identity and exclusion in Europe and the US. The penultimate section

– Culture – contains chapters on: sexuality and gender; post-apartheid filmmaking; and poverty and inequality in literature. Finally, Section 6 (South Africa and the world) has chapters on: the impact of Operation Phakisa on poverty and inequality reduction; low-growth- and development investment in South Africa; international relations and foreign policy; and pan-Africanism.

SOUTH AFRICAN SOCIAL ATTITUDES SURVEY

The South African Social Attitudes Survey (SASAS) is a nationally representative, repeat cross-sectional survey that has been conducted annually since 2003. Data are collected through face-to-face interviews to yield a representative sample of 3,500 individuals older than 15 years living in private households. The results are weighted to be representative of the South African adult population. A theoretically grounded approach is advocated for designing new modules, testing notable hypotheses or relating to key conceptual constructs or national priority goals. Questionnaires are piloted and translated into all major South African languages. The SASAS research infrastructure focuses on improving methods of quantitative social measurement, and forms the basis for a more democratic means of evaluating South African society, by incorporating citizen judgments about the world in which we live.

More specifically, the survey series has been designed with trend analyses in mind and monitors change and continuity over time. The survey has been running for 17 years and has produced 218 articles (93 peer-reviewed), 49 chapters in books, 10 dissertations, 7 policy briefs and 45 research reports. A SASAS-aligned internship programme has also been created. SASAS was shortlisted, and took the first prize, for the 2016/17 and the 2017/18 NSTF-South32 Awards, which recognise excellence and outstanding contributions to science, engineering and technology and innovation in South Africa in the category "For advancing the availability, management and use of data for research".

ELECTORAL COMMISSION OF SOUTH AFRICA (IEC)

SASAS has played a key role in support of democracy, the SASAS team having been contracted for more than a decade to conduct research surveys for the IEC. The Commission places great emphasis on increasing voter registration and turnout by investing in civic education and outreach programmes to encourage citizens to register and ultimately to vote. In order to understand their constituents better and to maximise outreach, the IEC follows a specific framework of survey-based research

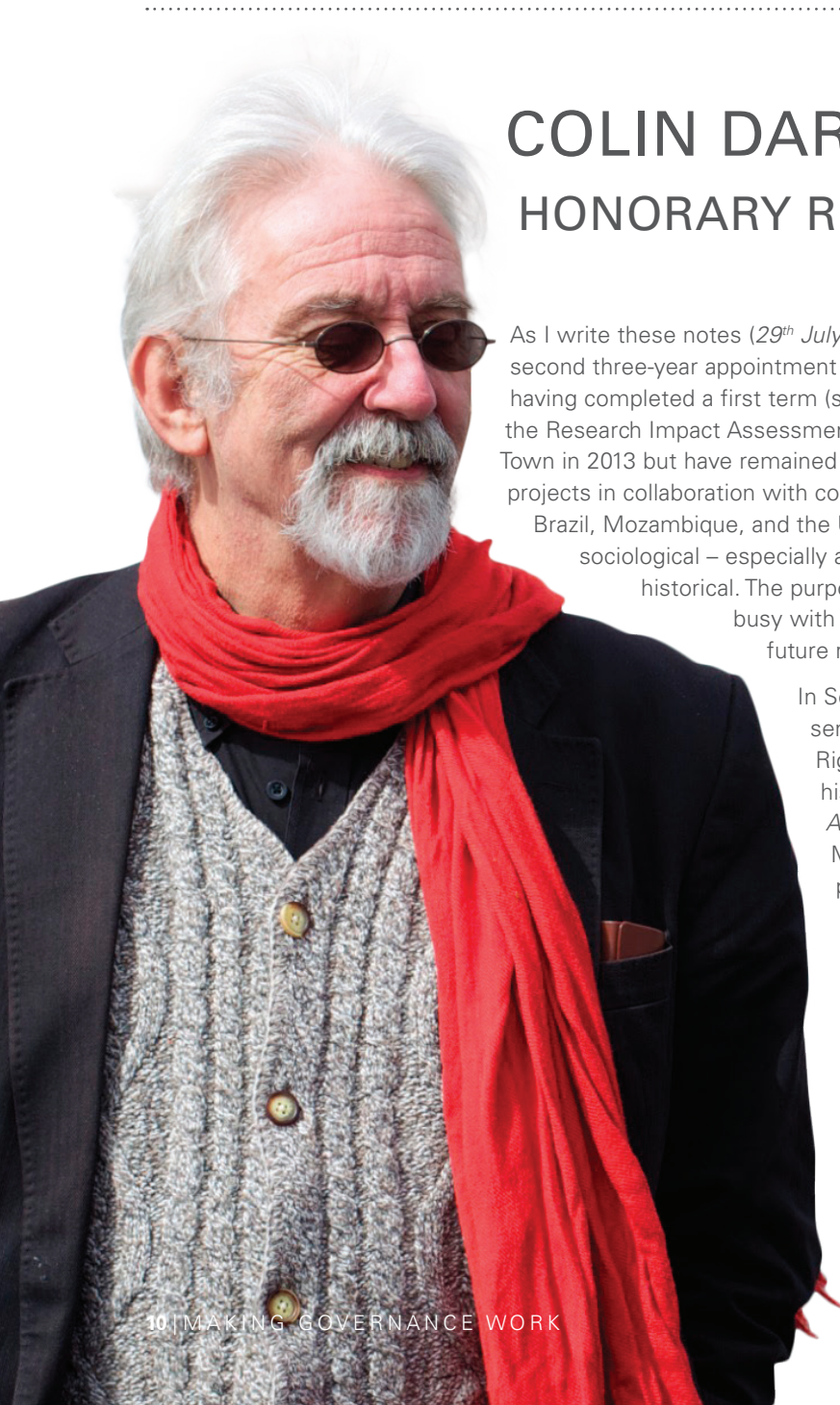
on electoral matters. This survey framework includes a pre-election survey – the Voter Participation Survey (VPS) – and a post-election survey – the Elections Satisfaction Survey (ESS). Both surveys are nationally representative.

The VPS enables the IEC to obtain an overview of the socio-political landscape ahead of an election in order for a national election to be declared free and fair. The ESS seeks to determine the operational efficiency of the IEC on Election Day. Since 2010, DGC has successfully undertaken voter participation and election satisfaction surveys – in the context of the 2011 and 2016 municipal elections as well as the 2014 national and provincial elections. A contract has recently been secured with the

IEC to curate all election surveys conducted by DGSD on its behalf.

The HSRC is currently negotiating a five-year research project plan with the IEC. A variety of projects will be undertaken including: a VPS, an ESS, a typology of spoilt balloting (an analysis of voter dynamics, attitudes and preferences in the context of municipal by-elections in South Africa); a survey to inform the advertising and communication strategy for the 2021 local government elections and 2024 national and provincial elections; a political party funding study; a study to determine the impact of COVID-19 on elections; and other ad hoc studies which the IEC deems relevant.

COLIN DARCH, HONORARY RESEARCH FELLOW



As I write these notes (29th July 2020, Day 95 of Lockdown), I'm just starting a second three-year appointment as an Honorary Research Fellow at the HSRC, having completed a first term (starting in February 2017) in what was until recently the Research Impact Assessment Unit. I retired from the University of Cape Town in 2013 but have remained academically active, continuing various research projects in collaboration with colleagues in South Africa elsewhere, particularly in Brazil, Mozambique, and the United Kingdom. My research interests are both sociological – especially around the political economy of information – and historical. The purpose of this short text is to share what I've been busy with in the last three and a half years, and my plans for future research.

In September 2017 I delivered a short lunchtime seminar on "The Diffusion of Intellectual Property Rights around the World" which was based on an historical chapter that I had contributed to the book *A Critical Guide to Intellectual Property*, edited by Mat Callahan and Jim Rogers. However, the first project that I was involved in that arose directly out of my connections with colleagues at HSRC was the writing of a chapter with Rachel Adams and Ke Yu on "Deconstructing the Paradoxes of South Africa's Emerging Discourse and Framework on ICTs and Internet Governance", which appeared in the book *Internet Governance in the Global South*, published by the University of São Paulo in Brazil. I have also collaborated with Ke Yu on a paper entitled "The Drivers of Creativity and Innovation in Copyright Discourse: a Value Chain Analysis Across Cultural Industries", which has

been accepted by the *Queen Mary Journal of Intellectual Property*, but has not yet appeared.

In April 2019, the HSRC generously paid my airfare to Moscow to take part in a conference to mark 90 years since the publication of Endre Sik's 1929 programme for a Marxist African studies, which I had co-translated into English and published with a commentary in the mid-1980s. My conference paper (in English) was a critique of certain aspects of Soviet and Russian African studies, and has been submitted to a Russian journal. I also contributed a chapter (on peace processes in Southern Africa in 1988-1989) to a *Festschrift* in honour of the venerable Russian academician Apollon Davidson, who I have known since the 1980s, and who was celebrating his 90th birthday.

Most recently, within the HSRC and together with colleagues Yamkela Majikizela, Rachel Adams and Stephen Rule, I was one of the authors of the pamphlet on AI, *Biometrics and Securitisation in Migration Management: Policy Options for South Africa*, jointly published by the HSRC and the Policy Action Network (PAN) as part of a series on the impact of artificial intelligence. Stephen Rule and I are also involved in a project – for which we are still seeking funding – on migrant settlement patterns in both Mozambique and South Africa. In August 2019 we visited Maputo on a preparatory trip to speak to Mozambican colleagues with whom we hope to collaborate. Lastly, HSRC Press has published a book (*Independence and Revolution in Portuguese-Speaking Africa*) that I co-edited with a Brazilian friend, Marco Mondaini, consisting of twelve texts, translated from French and Portuguese, by the Mozambican/Goan intellectual Aquino de Bragança, who was killed alongside President Samora Machel in the still-mysterious air disaster at Mbuzini in 1986.

Several of my published research outputs on Mozambican history have been published in Portuguese: for example, an essay on problems of investigating the national liberation struggle in AbeAfrica, the journal of the African Studies Association of Brazil (*Associação Brasileira de Estudos Africanos*); and a chapter on Samora Machel's "Triumphal Journey" in 1975, which appeared in a Brazilian collection on historical memory published in Salvador, Bahia. I co-authored a book in Portuguese on Samora Machel's political rhetoric, *Samora Machel: Retórica Política e Independência em Moçambique* (2018), published in the same city. The Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES), a German foundation with an office in Maputo, commissioned and published (in both English and Portuguese) a pamphlet on the historical origins of conflict in Mozambique. Drafts of the text were discussed vigorously at a couple of seminars in Maputo held under Chatham House rules. The final work

– *A Success Story Gone Wrong?* – was widely distributed by FES in government, party, and diplomatic circles, and is freely available online. A shortened version appeared in the *Southern African Security Review* for 2017.

Most importantly from my personal point of view was the completion of a five-year project to produce – in English – an *Historical Dictionary of Mozambique*, which was published in the United States in early 2019. Minor contributions along the way have included prefaces to two books, by respectively Lia Laranjeira and Carlos Quembo, on Makonde art and the liberation struggle, and on the expulsion of unemployed people from Mozambican cities in 1983-1984. In addition, I have published reviews of books by Jacimara Souza Santana on Mozambican traditional healers in the colonial period; by the late Gennady Shubin and others on the role of Soviet military specialists in the Angolan conflict in the 1980s; and by Jonathan Klaaren on the historical roots of nationality and citizenship in South Africa.

Since the start of the Corona virus pandemic, I have been asked by various Brazilian contacts to contribute popular journalistic pieces on our South African experience of lockdown. I recorded a short audio commentary for a radio station in Pernambuco, in the north-east of the country, and also spoke at a round-table organised in the context of a large online congress at the Federal University of Bahia. A recording of the event is available on YouTube. Most recently I contributed a short written text on the "Pandemia na África do Sul" to the *Blog de HCS-Manguinhos* of Fiocruz.

In the near future I hope to publish (with a colleague in Maputo) an article entitled "Liberation and Biographical Narrative in Mozambican Historiography: the Struggle in Cabo Delgado, 1962-1974", which we have completed after four years of work. I have begun work on a collection of essays by Julius Nyerere and Kwame Nkrumah, translated into Portuguese and to be published in Recife, Brazil. Last, but not least, and completely unconnected to any of the above, my book on the Ukrainian revolutionary anarchist, *Nestor Makhno and Rural Anarchism in Ukraine, 1917-1921*, a lifetime ambition that has taken me fifty years to complete, will be published by Pluto Press in London in September 2020.

I will close by saying that the great advantage of retirement is that it has liberated me from almost all bureaucratic tasks, and left me free to think and write in my own time and at my own pace. Having a base in the HSRC, with sympathetic and engaged colleagues, has been an unexpected bonus that I truly appreciate.

View the [Pandemia na África: epidemiologia e algocracia](#) on YouTube.



ENHANCING GLOBAL COOPERATION TO COMBAT COVID-19

Li Mengdi (Academy of Contemporary China and World Studies)

Dr Funeka Yazini April (Coordinator, BRICS Research Centre, HSRC)

The Coronavirus (COVID-19) has resulted not only in a public health crisis, but also mass production shutdowns and supply chain disruptions owing to port closures, causing global ripple effects across all economic sectors. COVID-19 has also exposed the need for a multilateral developmental global governance system that can effectively address pandemics and their multiple outcomes.

In order to provide a global platform to address international cooperation in combatting COVID-19, The Academy of Contemporary China and World Studies co-hosted a webinar on the 9th June 2020 with the Human Sciences Research Council of South Africa; British East Asia Council; Center for Brazil-China Studies Fundao Getulio Varga; The Bridge Tank of France; Myanmar Institute of Strategic and International Studies; and the National Research Institute of World Economy International Relations of Russia of the Russia Academy of Sciences.

Participants included Gao Anming, Vice President and Editor-in-Chief of China International Publishing Group, Du Zhanyuan, President of China International Publishing Group, Alistair M. Michie, Secretary General of the British

East Asia Council, Mushahid Hussain Sayed, Chairman of Senate Foreign Affairs Committee of Pakistan & Chairman of Pakistan-China Institute, Narnia Bohler-Muller, Divisional Executive of the Developmental, Capable and Ethical State Research Programme, Human Sciences Research Council of South Africa, Alexander V. Lomanov, Deputy Director for Scientific Work of Primakov National Research Institute of World Economy and International Relations, Russian Academy of Sciences U Nyunt Maung Shein, Chairman of Myanmar Institute of Strategic and International Studies and Yu Yunquan, President of the Academy of Contemporary China and World Studies.

Over 60 participants from 17 countries attended the sub-forum and exchanged views on addressing the challenges of COVID-19 to global public health governance, and strategies of enhancing global public health cooperation for better global governance. Participants agreed on the need for enhancing global cooperation to combat COVID-19 and building a community with a shared future for mankind

Under the framework of the forum, four additional thematic forums will be scheduled. The topics will be "global cooperation to fight the epidemic: challenges and opportunities", "public health: a new issue in global governance", "global economic recovery: new goals and new impetus" and "coordinating epidemic prevention and control with economic and social development: a Chinese perspective".

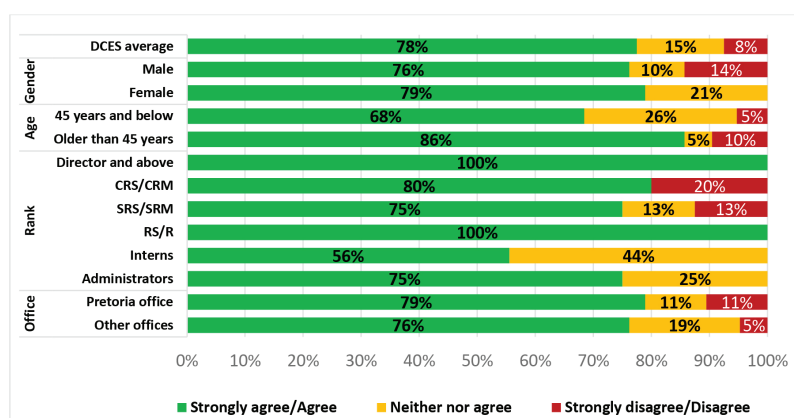


THE 'WORKING AT HOME' EXPERIENCE

Most of the DCES team participated in the 'working at home' online survey that we designed for public officials. Significant contrasts emerged between the experiences of our female and male colleagues, as well as between older and younger staff, different levels of work seniority and different cities. Some of the key insights we gained were:

- Almost everyone (95%) agreed that they would easily be able to adapt to working online more in the future, and more than half (55%) would actually prefer to continue working from home when the lockdown ends.
- In spite of the above, only 56% have home internet that is adequate for their work needs, and in general, the older (45 years +), male or senior staff have better access to the tools and resources needed to work at home than do their younger, female or less senior colleagues.
- The most common challenges are lack of a printer (29%), difficulties in collaboration and team work with colleagues (23%) and internet connectivity for work and zoom meetings (23%).
- Male, older and Pretoria-based colleagues have more easily been able to keep to a regular work schedule than have their female, younger or Cape Town/ Durban/ PE colleagues.
- Distractions while working at home have primarily been household cleaning and related chores (41%), general anxiety about the impact of COVID-19, and social media (26%), in all instances more acutely so amongst female and younger colleagues.
- The most frequent emotions experienced have been loneliness (50%) most notably amongst research interns; happiness (40%) especially amongst our CRS/CRMs; and stress (38%) which was most prevalent amongst administrators and directors, females and those aged 45 years or older.

Figure: The COVID-19 outbreak has shown me that I can effectively do my work from home



COVID-19 SCHOOL READINESS SURVEY

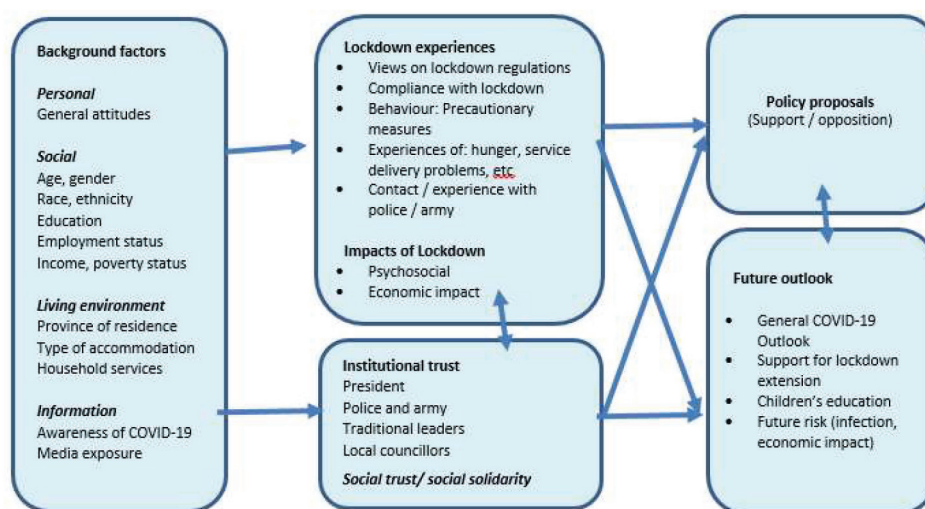
We have also been leading the survey component of the 'school readiness to reopen' project of the Department of Basic Education. This has entailed collecting data from principals of the country's 25,000+ schools. We have asked them about the provision of Covid-19 training to their teachers; the adequacy of their supplies of PPE; their arrangements for learners to be socially distanced; and their resources for providing psychosocial counselling for teachers and learners. The findings have empowered the provincial education departments to target their support interventions and guided Minister Angie Motshekga in the scheduling of school reopening for different Grades.

UJ/ HSRC COVID-19 DEMOCRACY SURVEY



The COVID-19 global pandemic is presenting societies around the world with unique sets of challenges. Of particular concern are the socio-economic impacts of both the measures taken to combat the pandemic, such as lockdown, and the impact of the pandemic itself on society. South Africa confronts these challenges from a position of intersecting vulnerabilities caused by entrenched socio-economic inequalities. The Covid-19 pandemic will have significant short and long-term consequences for human development. Interruptions to the economy and education are being felt acutely and are likely to leave long-term legacies with consequences for inter-generational and socio-economic development.

In order to capture the nature and the impact of Covid-19 on South African society, the University of Johannesburg's Centre for Social Change (CSC) and the Developmental, Capable and Ethical State (DCES) research division at the Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC) undertook the first round of an online longitudinal survey from the 13th April to 14th May 2020. The main aim of this UJ-HSRC Covid-19 Democracy Survey was to determine public perceptions of the economic, social and political impact of Covid-19 on life across the country. Conceptually, the survey questionnaire was designed to examine the themes and relationships illustrated in the conceptual diagram below:



The survey was conducted online using the Moya messaging platform, which is similar to WhatsApp and currently used by 4 million people across the country. Approximately 1,6 million people make use of the platform at least every month, and 800 000 of these use it every day. The platform is operated by biNu, which has collaborated with the HSRC on several surveys to date. In addition to Moya users, anyone with a mobile phone was able to receive and respond to the survey, whether or not they had airtime or data available.

Round One of the survey collected three waves of data (wave 1=13-18 April, wave 2=18-27 April, wave 3=27 April-14 May) with a total of 12,232 fully completed responses. The data were benchmarked to StatsSA population statistics and weighted by race, age and educational attainment, making them broadly representative of the adult population (18+ years). The initial findings were shared with the Presidency and released in a set of ten articles in the *Daily Maverick* online newspaper. A second round of the survey has subsequently run during July, as a follow-up to the findings that emerged from Round One.

OUTCOMES, OUTPUTS AND IMPACT OF THE SURVEY WERE:

1. A webinar on “Democracy and authoritarianism: Systems, ideologies, freedom and vulnerabilities in the era of COVID-19”, 15 April 2020.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iGeQOCJuqyA&t=13s>
2. An HSRC Seminar (webinar) titled “The Covid-19 Pandemic: Class, Mental Health and Human Rights” on 4 June 2020. This webinar was televised on SABC channel 404.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_n_WSagwhC0&t=36s
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pd3WfknU8dY&t=39s>

DAILY MAVERICK SERIES: WITH DCES RESEARCHERS.

[Unlocking the public's preferences: What South Africans think of lockdown and policy responses](#)

[‘We are getting cold’: Lifting of clothing-sale ban comes not a moment too soon](#)

[Up in Smoke: Public reflections on decision to extend the ban on tobacco sales](#)

[Human rights remain essential during the Covid-19 crisis](#)

[Reopening of schools: Bold leadership and planning required](#)

[Calls for bolder action as lockdown exposes fault lines of inequality](#)

[‘Hungry — we are starving at home’](#)

[President Cyril Ramaphosa's job performance](#)

[The hidden struggle: The mental health effects of the Covid-19 lockdown in South Africa](#)

<https://www.dailymaverick.co.za/article/2020-05-20-class-and-the-covid-19-crisis-questions-of-convergence-and-divergence/#gsc.tab=0>

Please complete the follow up survey with UJ by clicking on the poster below:











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