



Latest research

Why Botswana is no longer a safe haven for elephants

In October global news outlets reported that 90 carcasses of illegally killed elephants had been found around a famous wildlife sanctuary in Botswana. The elephants appeared to have been

killed for their tusks. [Read more](#)

Quietly building: South Africa's Youth Employment Initiative (YES)

YES is a welcome intervention towards addressing South Africa's youth unemployment crisis. However, its success remains questionable. [Read more](#)

Here's how South Africa can tackle homelessness

To mark World Homeless Day on 10 October, our Konrad Adenauer Foundation scholar Kate Mlauzi unpacked the definition of homelessness and ways to combat it. [Read more](#)

Ties between African countries and China are complex. Understanding this matters

Initially, 2018 was set to reaffirm the bond through the latest Forum on China-Africa Cooperation summit, but there have also been misgivings about the relationship. [Read more](#)

EU migration 'crisis' and African complicity in migration management

The spotlight on the 'EU migration crisis', and growing fear of the multitude of people moving

from Africa to Europe has distracted African and EU policy makers from devising pragmatic ways of addressing the demographic needs of both continents. [Read more](#)

Does South Africa need its own export-import bank?

As a result of globalisation and the concomitant increase in trade, countries need to find financing solutions that will ensure that their participation in the global trade arena serves their national growth agendas. [Read more](#)

Coastal tourism and economic inclusion in Indian Ocean Rim Association states

The inclusiveness of tourism development is coming under close academic and policy scrutiny, including in policy debates within the Indian Ocean region through the Indian Ocean Rim Association. [Read more](#)

Sliding towards disaster: migration in European-African relations

The debate on African-European migration is hotly contested, particularly in Europe, where some political leaders manipulate voter fears for their own political purpose while others face criticism for their failure to keep migration 'at bay'. [Read more](#)

Women and the energy value chain

This paper looks at the need for sustainable infrastructure development in Africa, as well as the meaningful role women can play through their participation in, contribution to and inclusion in the energy value chain. [Read more](#)

We need a flexible world order

A geopolitical transition is underway. The post-1945 liberal world order is fracturing and failing to deliver on critical global public goods such as climate stability and international financial stability. [Read more](#)

Mandela and military force: the moment dictated the means

This year marked the 20th anniversary of South Africa's intervention in Lesotho – the first time a democratic South Africa deployed combat troops beyond its borders. [Read more](#)

Spotlight on China-Africa ties

Podcast

Our senior researcher Dr Cobus van Staden, along with veteran Asia-based journalist Eric Olander, host a regular podcast on China's engagement across Africa. October's episodes focused on the end of China's non-intervention policy in Africa, the US challenging China's

dominance in lending to developing countries, and how media both reflects and directs increased anti-Chinese sentiment in Zambia. [Listen here](#)

In Memoriam

Mirie van Rooyen



Our dear colleague Mirie van Rooyen passed away peacefully on 15 October after a short battle with cancer. Mirie had worked at SAIIA for 15 years, building up our database from small beginnings. A database is an essential tool for any organisation and Mirie was key to keeping it updated and relevant in response to our changing policy focuses. She was also the face of the Institute's digital communications. She sent out our monthly SAIIA Dispatches and our invitations, ensuring that any queries were dealt with or passed on to the relevant people. Apart from her professional work, she was a gentle colleague with a wonderful smile, who will be sorely missed.

Latest from our youth team

Joining the #SheisEqual dialogue

In early October our youth representative Noxolo Mamvulane Ntaka participated in the Global Citizen #SheisEqual dialogue, in partnership with the Royal Danish Embassy. The topic of discussion was Equal Pay and closing the Gender Gap. [Read the full story on Instagram](#)

Upcoming events

Comparing migration trends: North America and Southern Africa

You are invited to join us for this seminar on 13 November at our head office as we host Dr Jorge Schiavon, an international expert on migration. This seminar will unpack the specific characteristics of migration in North America and Southern Africa, drawing lessons from their collective experience. [Book now](#)

Opportunities

Do you [have what it takes to join](#) our diverse, multi-disciplinary team or contribute to our research? We accept applications for fellowships and internships year-round, and regularly put out calls for research submissions.
