



EGALITARIAN LIBERALISM: WHAT ARE ITS POSSIBLE FUTURES IN SOUTH AFRICA?

Venue: Constitutional Court Auditorium, Constitution Hill, Johannesburg

Final Programme

DAY 1: 3 October 2013	
08:45 – 09:15	Arrival, Registration, and Tea
09:15 – 09:30	Welcome David Bilchitz, Faculty of Law, University of Johannesburg & Director of SAIFAC Daryl Glaser, Head of Department of Political Studies, University of the Witwatersrand
09:30 – 11:15	Session 1: What Would a Defensible Egalitarian Liberalism Look Like? Mark Rathbone, <i>'Liberty, equality and justice in the South African context'</i> Daryl Glaser, <i>'Liberal egalitarianism: essentials, parameters and point'</i> Thad Metz, <i>'How to be an egalitarian liberal in the African tradition: Bringing solidarity to bear on equality and liberty'</i> David Bilchitz, <i>'Is our Constitution a liberal egalitarian instrument?'</i>
11:15 – 11:45	Tea
11:45 – 13:15	Session 2: Is there a Left Liberal Tradition in South Africa? Saul Dubow, <i>'Egalitarian liberalism in South Africa: An historical overview'</i> Charles Simkins, <i>'Why is there no egalitarian liberalism in South Africa?'</i> Wilmot James, <i>'Inequality since 1994: Liberalism and distributive justice in South Africa today'</i>
13:15 – 14:15	Lunch
14:15 – 16:00	Session 3: Does Egalitarian Liberalism Escape the Problems of Classical Liberalism? Sanele Sibanda, <i>'On liberal assumptions, contradictions and paradoxes: The (im)possibility of an egalitarian liberal future in post-apartheid South Africa'</i> Chris Allsobrook, <i>'Non-judgmental ideology in liberal egalitarianism'</i> Dennis Davis, <i>'The plasticity of language: making of liberalism whatever we wish'</i> Richard Calland, <i>'Can freedom of information be a "subversive", progressive idea in South Africa or is it trapped in its (original) liberal genealogy?'</i>
16:00 – 16:20	Tea

16:20 – 17:30	<p>Session 4: Egalitarian Liberalism, Race and Gender</p> <p>Shireen Hassim, <i>'Gender equality and redistribution: the South African case'</i></p> <p>Carl Knight, <i>'Theories of distributive justice and post-apartheid South Africa'</i></p>
17:30 – 18:00	Transfer to Dinner Break
18:00 – 20:00	Dinner for Speakers hosted by the University of Johannesburg and the University of the Witwatersrand

DAY 2: 4 October 2013	
09:00 – 09:15	Review of Day 1
09:15 – 11:15	<p>Session 5: Can Liberal Rights be Egalitarian in Effect?</p> <p>Meghan Finn, <i>'Inequality or bargaining power: Constitutional and Rawlsian considerations'</i></p> <p>Stu Woolman, <i>'The Selfless Constitution: Experimentalism and Flourishing as Foundations of South Africa's Basic Law'</i></p> <p>Cathi Albertyn, <i>'Substantive and transformative equality in law: Exposing the limits of egalitarian liberalism?'</i></p> <p>Sandra Liebenberg, <i>'Towards an equality promoting conception of socio-economic rights in South Africa'</i></p>
11:15 – 11:45	Tea
11:45 – 13:30	<p>Session 6: Is Liberal Egalitarianism Sufficiently Democratic?</p> <p>Jeremy Cronin, <i>'Who are "we"? The constitutional-democracy compact and the challenge of social and economic transformation in SA'</i></p> <p>Peter Hudson, <i>'Can national democracy be realised via liberal democracy?'</i></p> <p>Lawrence Hamilton, <i>'Are South Africans free? Inequality and representation in South Africa'</i></p>
13:30 – 14:15	Light Lunch and Closing

