



UNIVERSITY
OF
JOHANNESBURG

Ensuring Free and Fair Elections in Africa: The Role of Electoral Commissions, the Media and the Courts

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

11 APRIL 2019 | TWITTER HANDLE: @SAIFAC_UJ

VENUE: MBOKODO CONFERENCE ROOM,
WOMEN'S JAIL, CONSTITUTION HILL

A Conference organised by the South African Institute for Advanced Constitutional, Public, Human Rights and International law (a Centre of the University of Johannesburg) in collaboration with the Department of Public Law, University of Johannesburg. The conference is generously sponsored by the Konrad Adenauer Foundation



08:30 – 09:00	ARRIVAL, REGISTRATION, TEA
09:00 – 09:15	WELCOME
	<p>Daleen Millard (Vice Dean, Faculty of Law, University of Johannesburg)</p> <p>David Bilchitz (Professor of Law, Faculty of Law, University of Johannesburg & Director, SAIFAC)</p> <p>Henning Suhr (KAS Resident Representative, South Africa)</p>
09:15 – 10:30	SESSION 1: KEYNOTE ADDRESS
	<p>Chair: David Bilchitz</p> <p>Peter Godwin (Author, and political commentator: Koepfel fellow, Wesleyan University and adjunct professor, MFA program, Columbia University)</p>
10:30 – 11:00	TEA
11:00 –12:30	SESSION 2: ELECTORAL COMMISSIONS
	<p><i>This session explores the role of electoral commissions in ensuring that elections are free and fair</i></p> <p>Chair: Raisa Cachalia (SAIFAC)</p> <p>Johann Kriegler (Retired Judge, Constitutional Court of South Africa and Former Chair, IEC)</p> <p>Mosotho Moepya (Commissioner, IEC)</p> <p>Douglas Coltart (Constitutional Lawyer, Mtetwa & Nyambirai, Zimbabwe)</p> <p>Elisha Ongoya (Kabarak University, Kenya)</p>
12:30 – 13:30	LUNCH
13:30 – 15:00	SESSION 4: THE ROLE OF THE MEDIA AND FREE SPEECH IN ELECTIONS
	<p><i>This session is intended to facilitate a discussion of the role that key actors in the media environment play in advancing free and fair elections</i></p> <p>Chair: Ylve Rodny-Gumede (University of Johannesburg)</p> <p>Ben Winks (Independent Advocate, Constitutional Law & International law)</p> <p>Siphosami Malunga (Open Society Initiative of Southern Africa)</p> <p>Sarah Findlay (Media Monitoring Africa)</p>
15:00 – 15:30	TEA
15:30 – 17:00	SESSION 4: COURTS
	<p><i>This session engages with the work of courts in ensuring free and fair elections in various African jurisdictions</i></p> <p>Chair: Swikani Ncube (University of Johannesburg)</p> <p>Nicole Fritz (Executive Officer, Freedom Under Law)</p> <p>Fadzayi Mahere (Advocate, Zimbabwe)</p> <p>Muthomi Thionkulu (Muthomi & Karanja Advocates; Lecturer, University of Nairobi School of Law)</p>
17:45	TRANSFER TO DINNER
18:00 – 20:00	DINNER