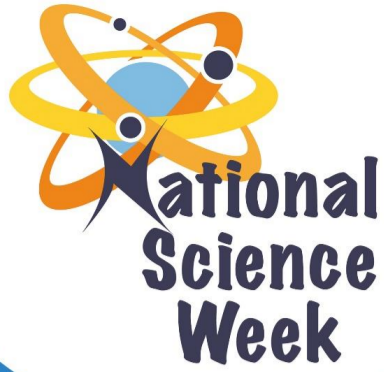




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Mechanisms, funding and state capability for poverty and inequality reduction (post-Covid) in South Africa

A summary of the highlights and outcomes of a webinar series conceptualised by the ASSAf Standing Committee on the Science for the Reduction of Poverty and Inequality (SCSfRPI).

A candid conversation reflecting on the webinars: did anything new or surprising come out of the discussions; what now and how should the country proceed?

Friday 6 August 2021 - 11h00 - 12h00

Programme

- 11h00 – 11h10** Introduction to ASSAf's role in society and the contribution of the different ASSAf standing committees, **Prof Himla Soodyall**, EO ASSAf
- 11h10 – 11h20** Background to the Webinar Series, **Prof Julian May**, UWC & Chair SCSfRPI
- 11h20 – 11h50** Discussion amongst the convenors of the Webinar Series - facilitated by Prof May)
1) Ms Isobel Frye, Studies for Poverty and Inequality Institute
2) Prof Johann Kirsten, Bureau of Economic Research
3) Prof Jimi Adesina, SARChI Chair in Social Policy
- 11h50 – 12h00** Thanks and Closure, **Prof Himla Soodyall and Prof Julian May**

Webinars being discussed

What to do to reduce poverty and inequality? (10 May 2021):

1. Dr Reza Daniels (University of Cape Town)
2. Ms Grace Bridgman (Stellenbosch University)
3. Ms Shirin Motala (Human Sciences Research Council)

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How to fund interventions to reduce poverty? (10 June):

1. Dr Gilad Isaacs (Institute for Economic Justice, Wits)
2. Prof Stan du Plessis (Stellenbosch University)
3. Prof Ingrid Woolard (Stellenbosch University)
4. Ms Mamokete Lijane (ABSA Capital)
5. Mr Edgar Sishi (National Treasury)

Moderator: Judge Dennis Davis

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What must be done if the state is to be capable of poverty and inequality reduction? (22 July):

1. Adj/Prof (UCT) Andrew Boraine (Western Cape Economic Partnership)
 2. Prof Haroon Bhorat (Development Policy Research Unit, University of Cape Town)
 3. Adj/Prof (Wits) Busani Ngcaweni (National School of Government)
 4. Prof Fiona Tregenna (SARChI in Industrial Development, University of Johannesburg)
- Moderator: Prof Steven Friedman (Centre for the Study of Democracy)

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