

**“The political economy of social change in South Africa”**  
Inaugural conference of the Harold Wolpe Memorial Trust  
1-2 April 1997

**PROGRAMME**

**Day 1 – 1 April 1997**

**8.00 – 8.50**

**Registration**

8.50 – 9.00

Prof Abrahams

Opening and welcome address

9.00 – 10.00

Dan O'Meara

The engaged intellectual and the struggle for a democratic South Africa: The life and work of Harold Wolpe

**10.00 – 10.15**

**TEA**

**Chairperson**

**Kader Asmal**

10.15 – 11.15

Neville Alexander

Language and the national question

*Zubeida Desai*

*Discussant*

11.30 – 12.30

Michael Burawoy

The relevance of Russian and Chinese models of transition for Africa

*Maxine Molyneux*

*Discussant*

**12.30 – 14.00**

**LUNCH**

**Chairperson**

**Pallo Jordan**

14.00 – 15.00

Mahmood Mamdani

Justice and reconciliation: Making sense of the African experience

*Rob Davies*

*Discussant*

**15.00 – 15.15**

**TEA**

**Chairperson**

**Jay Naidoo**

15.15 – 16.15

Blade Nzimande

The state and the national question

*Yunus Carrim*

*Discussant*

16.15 – 17.15

Henry Bernstein

Social change in the South African countryside? Land and production, poverty and power

*Helena Dolny*

*Discussant*

## Day 2 – 2 April 1997

**Chairperson**    **Naledi Pandor**

9.00 – 10.00    Eddie Webster    Knowledge, power and the university  
intellectual: The case for critical engagement

*Jakes Gerwel*    *Discussant*

### 10.00 – 10.15    **TEA**

**Chairperson**    **Naledi Pandor**

10.15 – 11.15    Sheila Meintjies    Critical perspectives on women and feminism  
in South Africa

*AnnMarie Wolpe*    *Discussant*

11.30 – 12.30    Stephen Gelb    Consolidating democracy: The state and the  
transition from Apartheid

*Derek Swartz*    *Discussant*

### 12.30 – 14.00    **LUNCH**

**Chairperson**    **Ronald Segal**

14.00 – 15.00    Gail Thomas    Race and gender relations in the US:  
Implications for the 21<sup>st</sup> century

*Rachel Sharp*    *Discussant*

### 15.00 – 15.15    **TEA**

**Chairperson**    **AnnMarie Wolpe**

15.15 – 16.15    Wally Morrow    Equity and development in education

*Saleem Badat*    *Discussant*

16.15 – 17.15    Colin Bundy    Conference themes and issues: A summary