



## **“Engaging silences and unresolved issues in the political economy of South Africa”**

The Harold Wolpe Memorial Trust 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Colloquium

**Monkey Valley, Noordhoek, Western Cape, South Africa**

**22 – 23 September 2006  
(arrival evening of 21 September 2006)**

### **ABOUT THE COLLOQUIUM**

Harold Wolpe had a lifelong passion for and commitment to a radical politics based on critical scholarship that is as rigorous as it is engaged. While operating within the Marxist paradigm, Wolpe was by no means dogmatic and was open to other perspectives and theoretical frameworks.

Wolpe’s scholarly contributions range from the character and modes of functioning of apartheid, the relationship between race and class, and strategies for defeating apartheid, to research agendas, education struggles against apartheid and educational transformation after apartheid, and the character of the transition, amongst others.

Wolpe’s legacy is also one of in-depth, theoretical analyses. His work often compelled others to look at things in different ways and to re-read their approach in the light of new phenomena in the unfolding drama of apartheid and resistance to its institutions. Wolpe also emphasised the importance of identifying contradictions and the unintended consequences of actions. He was never afraid to ask the most challenging questions, and to open up debates that had been closed or that had simply never been opened.

### **Aims of the colloquium**

In 2006, through this colloquium, the Harold Wolpe Memorial Trust marks the tenth anniversary of Wolpe’s death, and pays tribute to his formidable political and intellectual legacy. As such, the colloquium has the following aims:

- It seeks to reflect, in the spirit and manner of Harold Wolpe, on four facets of contemporary South Africa, namely, the nature and adequacy of intellectual engagement, of democracy and nation-building, of the State and society, and of class formation and capital accumulation.
- The Trust aims to stimulate dialogue and debate on the challenging questions, unresolved issues and silences around these themes in current intellectual discourse in South Africa and internationally.
- Finally, the Trust aims to make a contribution to the revival of left social science in South Africa by encouraging critical scholarship on these issues.

### **Colloquium themes**

- Intellectual engagement in post-apartheid South Africa
- Democracy and nation-building
- State and society
- Class formation and capital accumulation.

We have invited contributions that are characterised by intellectual rigour, originality, and in-depth theoretical analysis, and that try to break logjams and address complex and unresolved issues. We have also invited papers that consider any of the above themes from a gender or race perspective.

### **Format of the colloquium**

The colloquium will be a two-day event involving 50 participants, who will be drawn from the cross-spectrum of sectors, including academia, government and civil society. By and large, this colloquium is by invitation only.

Participants will be invited to **arrive at the venue by 17h00 on Thursday, 21 September 2006**, to check-in, register and join us for dinner in the restaurant. The main work of the colloquium will take place between 8.30am and 5.30pm on the 22-23 September 2006. We will host a braai/barbeque on the second evening of the event.

This is a residential colloquium and we urge all participants to stay at the venue for both nights, either in single rooms or sharing. Should anyone need to stay elsewhere, but attend the colloquium during the day, this will be accommodated.

In order to facilitate intense and serious engagement between participants, there will be no parallel sessions. The colloquium will be held at a remote venue in order to minimise distractions and to facilitate focussed dialogue. In addition, sufficient time will be allowed between the deadline for submission of papers and the time of the colloquium to give participants the opportunity to read as many of the papers as they are able to do.

In order to make a more enduring contribution to these debates, and to disseminate more broadly the ideas that emerge from the colloquium, the Trust is intending to publish, in book form, the proceedings of the event.

## **THE VENUE AND ACCOMMODATION**

The Monkey Valley Beach Nature Resort is located in Noordhoek, below the Chapman's Peak pass in the southern peninsula of the Western Cape. The resort is situated amidst one of Cape Town's oldest Milkwood forests and overlooks the 8km-long Noordhoek beach.

Two types of accommodation will be used for the colloquium:

### **1. Monkey Valley Cottages**

Most of the available accommodation is in three-bedroomed, thatched cottages nestled in the Milkwood forest. Each cottage includes the following:

- A main bedroom downstairs, with double bed and an en-suite bathroom
- Two bedrooms upstairs, each with two single beds, sharing a full bathroom
- A lounge, fire place and dining area, and kitchen where guests can help themselves to tea and coffee

### **2. Monkey Villa**

In the hotel area there are a limited number of en-suite bedrooms with a double bed and facilities for making tea and coffee.

Participants therefore have a choice of the following accommodation options:

- One person per room in the three-bedroomed cottages
- Two people sharing a room in the three-bedroomed cottages, or
- One person per room in the hotel.

Should there be any medical emergencies during the colloquium, Cape Medical Response will be on 24-hour call.

For further information about Monkey Valley, please visit the web site at <http://www.monkeyvalleyresort.com/>.

## GETTING TO MONKEY VALLEY

There is ample parking at Monkey Valley for those who will be taking their own transport to the venue. Below are the directions to the venue.

### *From Cape Town International Airport*

- Take the N2 west towards Cape Town
- Approximately 12 km, take the off-ramp onto the M3 highway towards Muizenberg
- Follow directions below

### *From Cape Town*

- Take the M3 highway towards Muizenberg
- The M3 highway ends in a T-junction. Turn right at the T-junction traffic lights
- Turn left into Ou Kaapseweg (M64) at the second set of traffic lights. Ou Kaapseweg takes you over the mountain
- After approximately 7.6km, take the first road right into Silvermine Road, which goes past Silvermine Retirement Village (there is a small signpost here for Monkey Valley)
- At the T-Junction turn right into Chapmans Peak Drive (M6)
- Pass the Noordhoek Farm Village on the right-hand side. Approximately 500m after the Farm Village, turn left into the *second* Avondrust Crescent (as Avondrust is a crescent, there are two roads bearing the name Avondrust)
- Turn first right into Beach Road
- Drive for approximately 1km after which the road forks. Take the right-hand fork (signpost for Monkey Valley)
- Follow the paved driveway and this will take you straight to the car park and reception.

## Airport transfers

Airport transfers will be available between Cape Town International Airport and the venue at a subsidised cost of R70/person one way. Please note that should you require this service, there might be a short wait at the airport. We will make every effort to co-ordinate the transfers as efficiently as possible.

## REGISTRATION AND ACCOMMODATION FEES

The residential fees quoted below include:

- The colloquium registration fee
- Two nights' accommodation
- Breakfast, lunch and supper, as well as morning and afternoon tea/coffee.

Sharing room in cottage	R1,200
Single room in cottage	R1,400
Single room in hotel	R1,600
Non-resident	R700

If you choose to share a room or cottage, there is space on the registration form to indicate with whom you would prefer to share. Otherwise, allocations will be done on the basis of sex. Rooms will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

## CANCELLATIONS

An administration fee of R100 will be charged for cancellations made before 6 September 2006. Cancellations made after 6 September 2006 will not be refunded.

## SUBSIDIES

A limited amount of funding is available to subsidise students and other delegates who are unable to raise the funds for their registration fee and/or travel costs. Letters of motivation should be sent to the National Co-ordinator of the Wolpe Trust, **no later than 14 July 2006**. The decisions of the colloquium planning committee on the allocation of subsidies are final.

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## ABOUT THE HAROLD WOLPE MEMORIAL TRUST

The Harold Wolpe Memorial Trust was established in 1996 following the untimely death of lawyer, activist and scholar, Harold Wolpe. The Trust aims to foster critical engagement between government, civil society and intellectuals on a range of socio-economic and political issues facing South Africa in this transformative era. This aim is realised through a range of activities, including the hosting of regular open dialogues in four centres around the country, the organisation of conferences and colloquia, and support for publications.

The Trust's Board of Trustees include: Prof Kader Asmal (Chairperson), Minister Naledi Pandor, Prof Brian O'Connell, Prof Saleem Badat, Ms Rozenda Hendrickse, Dr AnnMarie Wolpe, Ms Peta Wolpe, Ms Tessa Wolpe, Mr Nicholas Wolpe. The Executive Committee includes: Ms Peta Wolpe (Chairperson), Dr AnnMarie Wolpe, Ms Rozenda Hendrickse, Prof Saleem Badat, Prof Adam Habib. The patron of the Trust is Nelson Mandela.

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