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VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT

The Harold Wolpe Memorial Trust is committed to the creation of an equitable, humane and democratic society based on the principles and values of non-racism, non-sexism, freedom of expression, open and honest intellectual engagement and other basic human and social values and rights.

The Trust takes cognisance that it operates within the context of social transition in South Africa, where a social reconstruction and development and nation building project is underway under the pressures of political and economic globalisation. To this end the Trust is committed to:

- Fostering critical thinking, writing and engagement between intellectuals, decision-makers and opinion leaders in government and civil society, and scholars.
- Promoting thinking, writing and debate on the nature of critical intellectual engagement within the context of the transition in South Africa and the relationship between rigorous progressive scholarship and a transformative political engagement.
- Promoting thinking, writing and debate on issues of social structure and race, class and gender, the State,

government and politics, social justice, social stability and cohesion, the relationship between the local, the regional and the global, the new identities and social relations emerging within a changing society and polity and the theoretical frameworks and methodologies appropriate to socially engaged scholarship.

- Stimulating publication on the issues identified above, on progressive scholarship and the products of the critical, philosophical and intellectual engagement sponsored by the Trust.
- Promoting thinking and debate on critical issues and omissions and silences in contemporary intellectual discourse

The Trust believes that such initiatives would be congruent with Harold Wolpe's lifelong passion for and commitment to a radical politics based on critical theoretical scholarship that is as rigorous as it is engaged. It commits itself to the public and private pursuit of these initiatives on its own and in partnership with other bodies that share its commitments and in so far as its resources permit.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The fundamental aim of the Trust is to foster critical intellectual thinking, writing, debate and discussion on themes related to social, political, economic and cultural conditions, including their historical genesis and their change, development and transformation. In pursuit of this aim, the key objectives of the Trust are:

- To create the intellectual space for policy makers, academics, non-governmental organisations and civil society to conduct a critical dialogue, exchange ideas, and debate and discuss key issues

- To publish and disseminate the ideas and outcomes of this dialogue and exchange of ideas, and
- To support and partner projects committed to a tradition of critical inquiry and debate.

A fourth objective of the Trust is to create a sustainable organisation that is capable of contributing towards the broader aim in the future.

The Trust achieves these objectives through two inter-related programmes of activity, namely dialogue activities, and publishing and dissemination.

CHAIRPERSON'S FOREWORD

by the Chairperson of the Board of Trustees, Prof Kader Asmal

Once again we are pleased to share the activities of the Harold Wolpe Memorial Trust with a wider audience through this Biennial Report for the period April 2007 to March 2009.

The Trust has been able to host 45 dialogues, 2 Memorial Lectures and 1 colloquium over this period in Cape Town, Johannesburg, Durban and the Eastern Cape. While it has not been a very active period for our newest partners in Johannesburg and the Eastern Cape Durban and Cape Town have been busy. Attendance at these events represented a cross-section of society from decision-makers, academics and students to civil society organizations and ordinary citizens. Topics directly relevant to unfolding events in our society could be addressed in an informed, rational and evidence-based manner.



The 10-year evaluation was concluded and was helpful in consolidating the organizational structure and governance and providing indicators for the way forward.

The Trust has established its presence as an agent for critical engagement and will continue with its dialogues on a regular basis. Conferences or colloquia need to feature more often and its Memorial Lecture remains an eagerly awaited event for the year.

The Trust remains grateful to donors who have supported its work during these last two years. We express our appreciation to the Charles Stewart Mott, Ford and Rosa Luxemburg Foundations, Lonmin, Atlantic Philanthropies and especially members of the public for your most generous support.

Your comments on our activities would be welcomed.

We enter into the new year continuing the Harold Wolpe legacy of robust engagement with pertinent issues.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kader Asmal". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Professor Kader Asmal

THE TWO YEARS IN REVIEW

These two years were once again busy ones and the Trust and its partners continued to facilitate a number of dialogue opportunities on a wide range of issues and challenges affecting South Africans at this time. During the last year in particular, with so many developments nationally and internationally, the response from the audiences re-affirmed the value of creating platforms for dialogue. Audiences expressed their appreciation for the opportunity to engage with topical issues and consider it a valuable contribution in this growing phase in our democracy. The Trust has made its consistent contribution since its establishment in 1996.

The continuing interest in the Trust's work is also reflected in the ongoing requests from various quarters of the public, government and business sectors to join the mailing list and the visits to the Trust website. The Trust receives approximately 10 -15 requests a month from people to join its Cape Town list which currently stands at 3400 members.

In addition, the Trust is increasingly receiving requests from other NGOs in the sector for partnering on dialogue sessions. These requests stem from both a recognition of common interest as well as the fact that it is known that the Trust's events are well respected and well attended.

MEMORIAL LECTURE AND COLLOQUIA

THE MEMORIAL LECTURE

In 2007 Thandika Mkandawire, from the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development, shook our zones of comfort in challenging us to go *Beyond the National Question: Towards the Social Question*. Archbishop Thabo Makgoba, newly elected Anglican Archbishop of Cape Town, re-focused our attention in 2008 on that decisive document that guides our society when he spoke on *Constitution and Covenant*.

CONFERENCES AND COLLOQUIA

The Trust held a one-day colloquium in February 2008 in Cape Town. The topic was *Masculinity, Crime and Violence*. Participants came from a wide range of organisations working in this field. The colloquium resulted in stimulating discussion and meaningful conclusions. The discussions embraced the real life experiences of community members and prisoners in correctional facilities, both male and female.

OPEN DIALOGUE EVENTS

The dialogue series continued in each of the provinces, covering many topics around a broad range of socio-political and economic issues concerning South Africans at present. As in the past, these events are hosted in Cape Town, Johannesburg, Durban and the Eastern Cape. Each centre publicised their events via email databases of contacts, as well as through other distribution lists and the local press. The size and composition of the audiences vary from centre to centre. In general, audiences range from 80 to 350 people, depending on the topic and speaker(s).



CAPE TOWN

The Cape Town dialogues continued to take place at the University of Cape Town and covered a wide range of topics. The speakers have been drawn from all over the country and internationally. The attendance has remained strong, confirming the need for this platform for engagement.

2007 / 2008

- In search of South Africa's second economy *by Dr Andries du Toit*
- Tilting the Playing Field: How to Help Developing Countries Help Themselves and What Role for the State in Development? *by Professor Alice Amsden & Professor Ha-Joon Chang*
- Prophets of Africa's Renaissance? South Africa and Nigeria in Africa *by Dr Adekeye Adebajo & Prof Chris Landsberg*
- Jacob Zuma and the New Politics of Grievance *by Dr Xolela Mangcu*
- Race, class and Affirmative Action in South Africa and Rethinking the ultimate goal of affirmative action - who and what is it for? *by Prof Devan Pillay & Dr Kristina Bentley*
- The Media, Crime and Race *by Ian Glenn & Pippa Green*
- The "crisis" of capitalism and the challenge of building socialism in South Africa: The role and responsibility of a party of the working class in the NDR *by Philip Dexter*
- Crime and Criminals: Is locking them up the only solution? *by Antony Altbeker & Jean Redpath*
- The Dream Deferred, Shattered or Redeemed?: Reflections on Thabo Mbeki post-Polokwane *by Mark Gevisser, Adam Habib, Jeremy Cronin*
- Discrimination by any other name? *by Tseliso Thipanyane, Adam Haupt, Andile Mngxitama*

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- Educating for life - Are our schools failing in educating young South Africans for democracy? *by Cameron Dugmore, Jonathan Jansen and Gail Weldon*
- The Politics & Economics of China's Growing Relationship with Africa *by Dr. Martyn Davies*
- Xenophobia *by Advocate Jacob van Garderen and Duncan Breen*
- Democracy and Peace-building: Rethinking the Conventional Wisdom *by Dr. Howard Wolpe and Dr Adekeye Adebajo*
- 10 years of Liberal democracy has entrenched poverty and elites - by accident or by design? *by Tony Ehrenreich and Johan Fedderke*
- The Legacy of President Thabo Mbeki's Foreign Policy *by Dr Chris Landsberg and Prof. Robert Schrire*
- The Energy Crisis: re-imagining our future *by Peter Willis and Tasneem Essop*
Done in partnership with Sustainable Energy Africa
- The South African Electoral System *by Dr Frederik van Zyl Slabbert*
- The Global Economy: Crisis or Opportunity for South Africa? *by Jeremy Wakeford and Andrew Nash*

DURBAN

The University of KwaZulu-Natal's (UKZN) Centre for Civil Society (CCS) boasts Durban's finest lecture series since June 2002, thanks to the Harold Wolpe Memorial Trust.

In the period 2007-09, the monthly Wolpe Lecture at the UKZN's Howard College Auditorium was attended regularly by an average of 300 people, with more than 1000 participants at the most popular event in 2008, featuring Zimbabwean opposition leader Thokzani Khupe.

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- Making Real the Right to Housing *by Miloon Kothari*
This speech by the UN Special Rapporteur on Housing was published in The Mercury.
- The rise of the disciplinary University *by Jane Duncan*
Against the background of academic freedom struggles at UKZN, CCS invited Jane Duncan of the Freedom of Expression Institute for a Wolpe Lecture on this topic. It became a widely circulated and cited document.
- Mbeki Unauthorised and Third World politics
by Ben Cashdan, Waldon Bello, Moema Miranda, Virginia Setshedi
This event combined the world premiere of the documentary Mbeki Unauthorised by filmmaker Ben Cashdan, with a discussion on Third World politics featuring Walden Bello of Focus on the Global South in Bangkok; Miranda Moema of the Instituto Brasileiro de Análises Sociais e Econômicas in Rio; and Virginia Magwaza-Setshedi of the Freedom of Expression Institute
- Pan-Africanism and the 21st century *by Horace Campbell*
- Robert Mugabe, the memory of colonialism and the real neocolonial agenda *by Grace Kwinjeh*
- A Tradition of Activism *by Nozizwe Madlala-Routledge*
Having been dismissed from the cabinet by the president she addressed this topic.
- Marx at UKZN: Dennis Brutus plays Karl Marx *by Dennis Brutus*
This event took the form of a one-man play (authored by Howard Zinn). It is available on a DVD.
- The State of SA's Social movements *by Mondli Hlatsbwayo, Des D'Sa & Orlean Naidoo*
This and the next event focused attention on a very topical issue at the time.
- The World Social Forum *by Trevor Ngwane*
- To the Brink: The State of Democracy in South Africa *by Xolela Mangcu*
He could speak to the contents of a newly published book with this title.

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- Truth, Propaganda, Power *by John Pilger*
CCS also worked closely with the UKZN Centre for Creative Arts (CCA) to conduct a February 2008 film festival in honour of the great Australian documentarist John Pilger. He presented this Wolpe Lecture as part of the Time of the Writer conference. His documentary on Venezuelan democracy was included in the July 2008 Durban International Film Festival.

- Gender, States and Markets *by Eunice Sable*
This Kenyan feminist spoke to a women's only group in conjunction with ActionAid International.
- How do we solve our common problems? *by Durban Communities & Social Movements*
Late May witnessed xenophobia attacks across South Africa, and Durban was also affected. Hence the Wolpe Lecture was addressed by Baruti Amisi and Orlean Naidoo of CCS with the intention of getting dialogue opened between refugees and communities (such as Cato Manor, Chatsworth and the inner city) to understand and resist this problem.
- Now's The Time! Zimbabwe and People's Solidarity
by Mary Chipende, Joy Mabenge, Richard Smith & Judith Todd
Given the importance of solidarity with refugees from Mugabe's reign of terror and the slow reform process in the country, several Zimbabwean-oriented Wolpe Lectures were held. Zimbabwe human rights activists Mary Chipende, Joy Mabenge, Richard Smith and Judith Todd joined the Wolpe Lecture and the Zimbabwe Solidarity Forum for an important discussion, and a leading politician - Zimbabwe Movement for Democratic Change secretary Tendai Biti - joined us for a longer discussion of democratisation strategies and tactics.
- Zimbabwe Solidarity Today *by Tendai Biti & Bishop Rubin Philip*
- Zimbabwe *by Morgan Tsvangirai & Thokozani Khupe*
It was a timely event, like the preceding one, against the backdrop of negotiations towards a government of national unity in our neighbouring country.
- Water For All *by Patra Sindane, Jackie Dugard & Dale McKinley*
Two major socio-environmental lectures were given. The first by Patra Sindane of the Johannesburg-based Coalition Against Water Privatisation, Jackie Dugard of the Wits University Centre for Applied Legal Studies and Dale McKinley of the Anti Privatisation Forum, in which they reported to Durban communities on the successful lawsuit to increase Free Basic Water and ban water prepayment meters in Phiri, Soweto.
- Wasted Lives *by Muna Lakhani*
The second provided an overarching red-green analysis aimed at popularising the concept of Zero Waste, by environmentalist Muna Lakhani of the Institute for Zero Waste in Africa.
- Face to face with 'Terror' in post-Apartheid South Africa *by Mosiuoa Lekota & Ashwin Desai*
Mosiuoa Lekota of the brand new political party, COPE, met a vigorous debating opponent, Ashwin Desai, in an event excerpted on YouTube
- Civil Society Internationalism - from Lindela to Gaza to Washington
by Giyani Dube, Lubna Nadvi and Kate Griffiths, plus songs by Timothy Rukombo and Mambo Rusere
In the first half of 2009, the Wolpe lectures were initiated by Giyani Dube of the Road to Lindela Project about anti-xenophobia work by refugees, Lubna Nadvi of the University of KwaZulu-Natal on the Israeli incursion into Gaza and Kate Griffiths of the City University of New York about the Obama presidency – aided by Zimbabwean pro-democracy singers Timothy Rukombo and Mambo Rusere.

During the 2007-09 period CCS brought many thousands of Durban residents into the university, mostly from fifteen low-income communities who are CCS Wolpe Lecture partners. Their transport and an inexpensive meal were subsidised, and their regular attendance and contributions to both the Wolpe Lectures and associated events showed a strong commitment and appreciation to CCS's work. This work includes a new 'Durban Sings!' audio and website support strategy from mid-July

JOHANNESBURG

During this period there was a transition from the Edge Institute and Sociology of Work as Johannesburg to the Department of Sociology at the University of the Witwatersrand. As a result only two dialogues occurred. Since then the momentum has been regained and the dialogues now occur on a regular basis. The Johannesburg partnership dates back to February 2005.

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- The Developmental State in Africa *by Brian Raftopoulos & Vishwas Satgar*
- A New Politics? Challenges and alternatives *by Prof Erik Olin Wright*

EASTERN CAPE

The three partners University of Fort Hare (UFH), Rhodes University (RU) and the Eastern Cape Socio-Economic Consultative Council (ECSECC) formed a partnership to host the Wolpe Lectures in the Eastern Cape in February 2006. The partnership was formed to create a space for policy-makers, academics, non-governmental organisations, civil society and interested individuals in the Eastern Cape to enter into critical dialogue, exchange ideas, and debate and discuss key issues concerning the province and South Africa.

There was interest from all the three institutions to host a Harold Wolpe lecture series in the Eastern Cape and it was decided that the three institutions should collaborate and bring their different strengths into the partnership with the Harold Wolpe Memorial Trust. The partnership between the three institutions provides for a wide reach across the province and creates a space for drawing on the intellectual strengths of the universities and the practical experience of ECSECCs constituencies and development practitioners across the province.

The overall objective of the Eastern Cape Harold Wolpe lecture series is to create spaces for public discourse and dialogue and promote public awareness in the Eastern Cape. The series also aims to increase public and institutional awareness of current debates, social and socio-economic issues, development trajectories. Hopefully the series will stimulate research and publications. Currently the papers presented in the lectures are published on the UFH, ECSECC and Wolpe Trust websites.

THE PARTNERS:

The University of Fort Hare is recognised as one of the prestigious universities on the continent of Africa. It has long traditions and strong links with government and with political formations in the Eastern Cape, South Africa and on the continent. The lecture series is organised by the Faculty of Social Science and Humanities but mobilises the entire university community, particularly the Alice and East London campuses.

Rhodes University is one of the oldest Universities in South Africa and attracts students and academics from all over the globe. It is committed to teaching, research and community service, and to contributing to the advancement of international scholarship and the development of the Eastern Cape and Southern Africa. The lecture series is organised by the Faculty of Humanities but is mobilising the entire university and aims to include communities around the university.

ECSECC was started in 1995 as a multi-stakeholder council to advise the provincial government and create a common platform for debate between the various development communities of the Eastern Cape. ECSECC has been running various forms of policy dialogue, ranging from public lectures, workshops or seminars for select groups or organisations, panel debates, roundtables or more structured reference groups and the Harold Wolpe series is a continuation of this work.

2007 / 2008

- Local development planning and possibilities for popular democracy in post-1994 South Africa
by Prof Patrick Bond
The lecture was attended by about 60 people, including students from the University of Fort Hare in Alice. The event attracted media attention and was preceded by a live discussion on the local radio station Nkqubela FM.
- The Role of Intellectuals in Post-Apartheid Development and Reconstruction
by Henry Isaacs, Ashwin Desai, Ari Sitas
The event was attended by about 50 people from the Rhodes University and the Grahamstown community.
- The Concept of Leadership: in the context of succession in South Africa
by Advocate Dumisa Ntsebeza
The event attracted a large audience from Grahamstown.
- National Democratic Revolution & Socialism - Can COSATU lead a struggle for Socialism?
by Silumko Nondwango
The event attracted a large audience of trade unionists from Port Elizabeth and Uitenhage.

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Only one event was held. It took place in East London where Prof Fred Hendricks presented a paper on the Public Investment Commission (PIC). Brian Molefe, CEO of the PIC provided a response. About 40 people attended the meeting.

Since then activities have resumed in earnest.



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The staff and Executive Committee of the Trust are grateful to the Board of Trustees for their continued commitment and contribution to the work of the trust.

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The staff and Trustees would like to express thanks to the Executive Committee, which meets four times a year, and which engages regularly with the staff of the Trust, providing guidance, support and ideas, as well as access to networks and resources.

DONORS

As always, the Trust is very grateful to our donors for their financial support and partnership. In addition to the financial support from the Ford Foundation and the Atlantic Philanthropies, the Trust secured funding from the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation, Lonmin and the Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung.

STAFF

The National Director, Vanja Karth, continued to manage the affairs of the Trust during the period under review but left the Trust in May 2008. She was succeeded by Sarah Motha until February 2009.

Our thanks to both Sarah and Vanja for their excellent work in

taking the Trust forward and for their commitment to the its vision and goals. In August 2007 Juanita Julie was appointed as the Trust's Administrative and Project Assistant.

PARTNERS

Lastly, the Trust would like to extend its thanks to its formal partners around the country, who assist the Trust in extending its dialogue activities to other regions, and who bring ideas and resources to bear on the work of the Trust. Our Durban partner is the Centre for Civil Society at the University of KwaZulu-Natal. In Johannesburg, the partnership is with the Edge Institute and the Department of Sociology at the University of the Witwatersrand. In the Eastern Cape, the partnership is a three-way grouping between the Eastern Cape Socio - Economic Consultative Council, the Faculty of Humanities at Rhodes University, and the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities at the University of Fort Hare.





INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

for the year ended 31 March 2008

for the year ended 31 March 2009

	Notes	2008 R	2007 R
Income			
Grants & donations	5.	450,163	751,842
Interest received		102,772	110,222
Total Income		552,934	862,064
Expenditure		1,005,898	1,259,418
Personnel Costs			
Salaries and contributions		336,590	326,857
Staff development		-	895
Staff welfare		2,975	1,885
Recruitment		2,370	12,009
Office Operating Costs			
Accounting & audit		30,755	28,043
Bank charges		6,303	5,914
Computer & digital equipment		-	500
Depreciation		8,014	8,235
Evaluation / review process		79,774	105,038
Furniture & equipment		245	4,194
Governance costs		3,931	12,621
Insurance		1,469	1,382
Interest and penalties		1,057	23
IT support		5,104	3,876
Legal & consultancy		-	9,804
Networking		2,010	112
Postage & courier		1,519	2,528
Premises costs		67,161	41,062
Repairs & maintenance		685	418
Stationery & printing		2,683	8,126
Subscriptions		1,791	1,195
Telephone & fax		16,029	13,209
Travel		12,495	34,710
Programme Costs			
Annual report		18,011	23,793
Brochures		18,817	-
Conferences & colloquium		43,565	148,174
Cape Town dialogues		78,450	40,524
Memorial lecture		40,997	59,464
Partnerships	6.	203,339	282,000
Publications		-	42,779
Resources		-	792
Television series	7.	5,246	7,050
Website		14,512	32,207
Operating surplus/(deficit) for the year		(452,964)	(397,354)
Surplus at beginning of year		1,560,561	1,957,915
Net surplus at end of year		<u>1,107,597</u>	<u>1,560,561</u>

	Notes	2009 R	2008 R
Income			
Grants & donations	5.	1,286,403	450,163
Interest received		66,652	102,772
Insurance Claims		4,426	-
Total Income		1,357,481	552,935
Expenditure		1,166,602	1,005,898
Personnel Costs			
Salaries and contributions		240,273	336,590
Staff welfare		3,326	2,975
Recruitment		38,272	2,370
Office Operating Costs			
Accounting & audit fees		33,181	30,755
Bank charges		6,869	6,303
Depreciation		4,947	8,014
Evaluation / review process		-	79,774
Furniture & equipment		-	245
Governance costs		2,323	3,931
Insurance		1,506	1,469
Interest and penalties		-	1,057
IT support		3,588	5,104
Networking		145	2,010
Postage & courier		756	1,519
Premises costs		56,205	67,161
Repairs & maintenance		3,402	685
Stationery & printing		3,412	2,683
Subscriptions		-	1,791
Telephone & fax		15,220	16,029
Travel			
Programme Costs		4,772	12,495
Annual report		-	18,011
Brochures		-	18,817
Conferences & colloquium		2,040	43,565
Cape Town dialogues		96,040	78,450
TV Programme		500,000	5,246
Memorial lecture		15,347	40,997
Partnerships	6.	123,351	203,339
Website		11,628	14,512
Operating surplus/(deficit) for the year		190,879	(452,963)
Surplus at beginning of year		1,107,598	1,560,561
Net surplus at end of year		<u>1,298,477</u>	<u>1,107,598</u>

Full audit reports are available from the national office





Peter Steyn shares a love for owls with Harold Wolpe. His passion for observing and photographing owls goes back sixty years and the pictures in this report are reproduced with his kind permission from his recently published book *A Delight of Owls - African Owls Observed*.

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