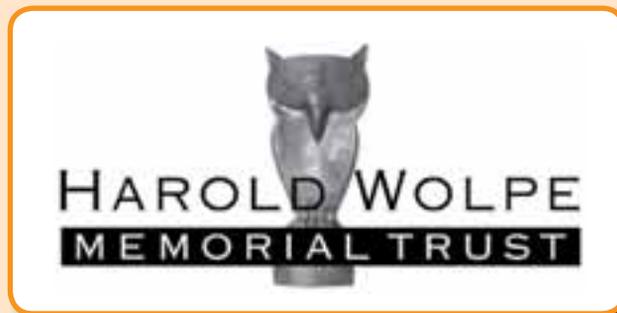


# Harold Wolpe Memorial Trust Annual Report 2009/2010





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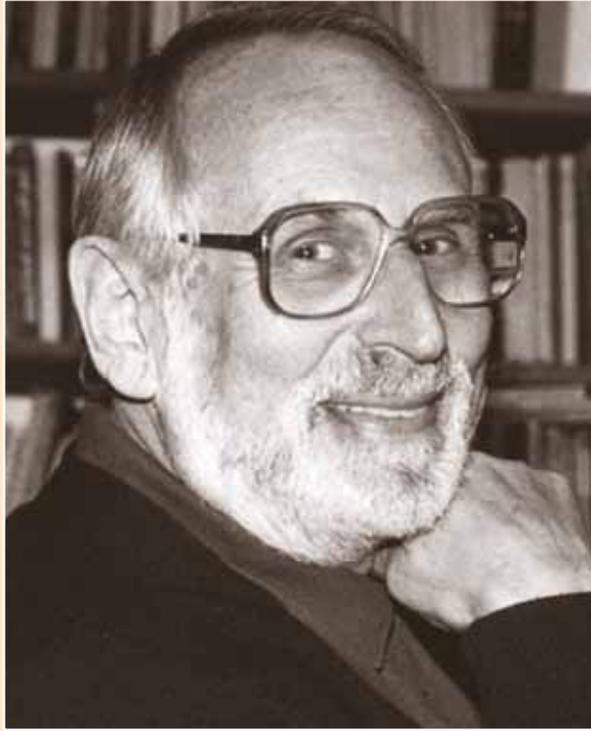
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# Vision and mission statement

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 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

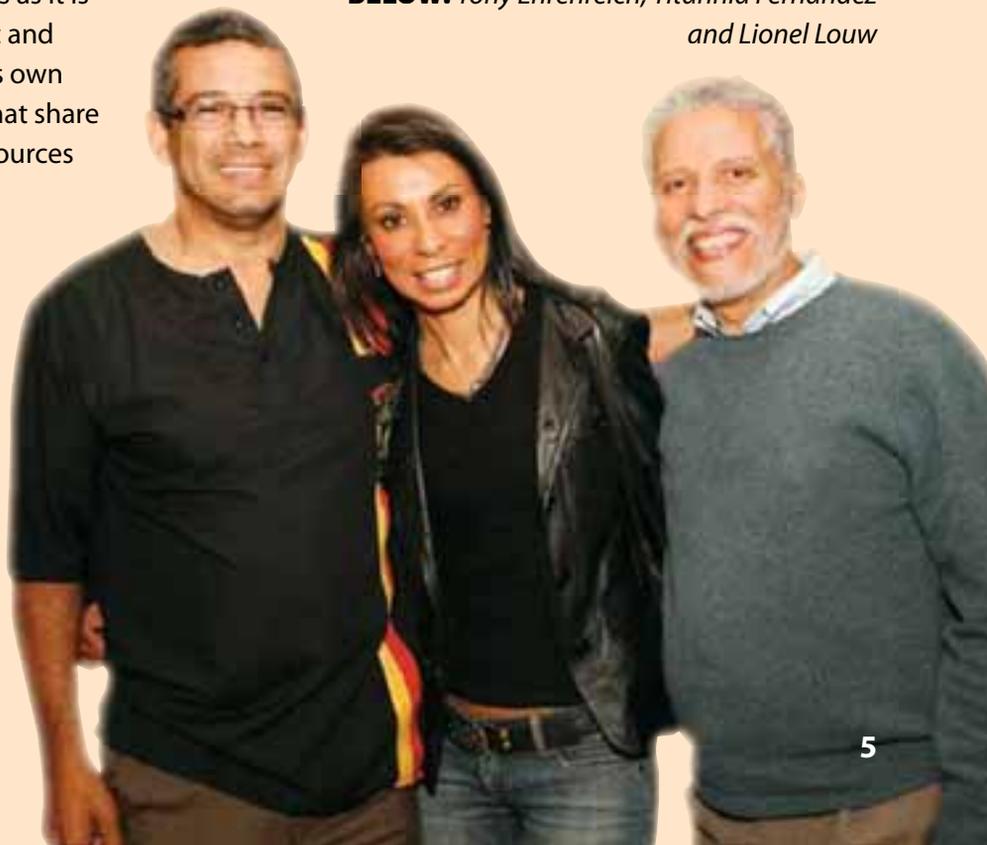
The fundamental aim of the Trust is to foster critical intellectual thinking, writing, debate and discussion on themes related to social, political, economic and cultural conditions, including their historical genesis and their

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.

**BELOW:** *Tony Ehrenreich, Titannia Fernandez and Lionel Louw*



# Acting Chairperson's Foreword

The Harold Wolpe Memorial Trust concludes another financial year reflecting extensive public engagement with a wide range of subjects in which diverse audiences participated. Since its inception in 1996 in Cape Town its public platforms for engagement with critical issues has extended to three additional provinces: Eastern Cape, Gauteng and KwaZulu-Natal. It continues to reach decision makers, academics, students, civil society organizations and the broader public through regular dialogues, a memorial lecture and a colloquium every year. This Annual Report provides

insight into the Trust's activities for the 2009-2010 financial year.

During the year there has been a turnover at both Board and management level. The chairperson stepped down after serving the Trust since its inception. We express our appreciation to Professor Kader Asmal for his dedication to the Trust for the last fourteen years. The family also adjusted its involvement in the activities of the Trust when Nicholas and Tessa Wolpe stepped down. Thank you to them for their contribution to the work of the Trust. We also have a new management team in Lionel Louw as director and Nosipho Masiza as administrative and project assistant.

The Trust remains dependent on donors for its funds. We are most grateful to the Charles Stewart Mott, Ford and Rosa Luxemburg Foundations, Investec and Old Mutual for their support during the past year. The economic environment is very tough and ongoing support a challenge. Thank you to our donors for enabling us to sustain public debate and to strengthen our democracy in the current socio-political climate.

*Ann Marie Wolpe*



# Dialogue Programme

The topics covered by the 33 dialogues, outlined below, engaged a wide range of participants in five centres of South Africa. In each case an authoritative person(s) addressed a critical issue confronting our society. While the infrastructure, financial and human resources have remained very lean, this Annual Report shows the extent to which the Trust has grown in strengthening our democracy and contributing to nation building. This platform, created in 1996, continues to attract academics, policy makers and civil society in their numbers on a regular basis to stimulate rigorous intellectual engagement and facilitate robust public debate.



## Cape Town

In Cape Town the Trust hosted dialogues on the campus of the University of Cape Town (and Iziko Museum during examination periods). Partnerships were effective with the University of the Western Cape, the Institute for Justice and Reconciliation and the United States Consulate for one dialogue each. The attendance varied from session to session and ranged from more than 300 in April to 81 in March. The diversity in the audiences was evident: racially, gender, affiliations, organizations.

The topics covered were:

- May – What will it take to meet and implement the priorities of the Jacob Zuma-led government?: Professor Adam Habib & Deputy Minister Jeremy Cronin
- July – The Democracy Gap: Dr William Gumede
- August – My Intellectual Journey: Prof Manuel Castells (in partnership with the University of the Western Cape)
- September - The global financial crisis: toxic assets and toxic ideologies: Professor Gabriel Palma  
National Health Insurance: Can it solve South Africa's Health Crisis?: Professor David Sanders & Ms Percy Moleke
- October - The Cape Town City Region: Our Current Reality and a Vision of a Preferred Future: Mr Guy Lundy & Professor Edgar Pieterse  
Expectations of the Obama Administration's Policy towards Africa: Dr Adekeye Adebajo & Dr Whitney Schneidman (in partnership with the USA Consulate in Cape Town)
- November - The Relationship between the International Criminal Court and Africa: Mr Thabo Thage & Dr Comfort Ero (in partnership with the Institute for Justice and Reconciliation)
- December - South Africa 2020 - The Dinokeng Scenarios sketch 3 futures for South Africa: Ms H el ene De Villiers
- February – The Politics of Gender and Social Movements around AIDS: Professor Ida Susser
- March – The Destructive course of European Union-Africa Partnership Agreements and an Alternative Course Towards Africa's Integration: Professor Yash Tandon



## Durban

The Centre for Civil Society (CCS) at the University of KwaZulu Natal (UKZN) is our partner in this province since June 2002. It has a distinct advantage over an ordinary academic department in that the Centre not only interacts with 15 communities on a regular basis as an integral part of its programme but it is able to host individuals from those communities as fellows in the Centre. There is, therefore, a strong structural link that enables the Trust to achieve one of the long-term outcomes of its dialogues, that being change implemented on the ground.

The monthly Wolpe Lecture at the UKZN's Howard College Auditorium was attended regularly by an average of 300 people, with more than 450 participants at the most popular event, the Wallerstein lecture in November.

William Gumede of the University of the Witwatersrand started the current series with a talk on 'The Democracy Gap', based on his new book. A year after the outbreak of xenophobic attacks in South Africa the Methodist Bishop of Johannesburg, Paul Verryn, spoke in May on his efforts to provide

space for refugees in central Johannesburg. Alex Callinicos of the University of London, engaged us in June about the world capitalist crisis and (at that stage) the ineffectual global social movement resistance.

In July, CCS turned the Wolpe Lecture over to the low-income communities who are our most regular CCS Wolpe Lecture partners, and also participants in the Durban Sings audio project and oral histories. Nigerian communications guru, Tunde Adegbola, was the main lecturer, but as recorded at <http://durbansings.wordpress.com>, the social, political, economic and environmental concerns of communities took centre stage.

In August, the Wolpe Lecturer was Norman Finkelstein, applying Mahtma Gandhi's legacy to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

The November Wolpe event was a joint conference on Crises and Commons, and also featuring the annual Wolpe Memorial Lecture by Immanuel Wallerstein. The conference began with a November 4 'Reality Tour' which took sixty conference participants on site visits in social justice conflict zones, including:

- Warwick Junction and Albert Park in the CBD,
- Wentworth in South Durban,
- Chatsworth and Bottlebrush shack settlement,
- Cato Manor, and finally
- The university, where a 'solidarity seminar' was held with BulBul rubbish dump opponents, Abahlali based Mjondolo activists and university workers facing oppression.

On November 5, the conference continued with Professor Dennis Brutus offering a moving opening mandate and poem ('Gull'). In the first main session, on Durban and South Africa, we were treated to impressive presentations from Durban residents and especially from the *Amandla* representative, Mazibuko Jara. After a long discussion the main paper on the African economic crisis was presented by Dani Nabudere, drawing on his book *The Crash of International Finance Capital*. It was followed by reports from participants from Zimbabwe, Zambia, Mozambique, Lesotho and the Democratic Republic of Congo. Later in the day the discussion turned to the environmental crises, with impressive presentations by Hazel Henderson (via skype) and two others on viewing environmental resources as a commons. This was followed by Michael Hardt's paper on the commons with Ashwin Desai as respondent. Finally, the major input of the day was the Wolpe Lecture by Wallerstein: "Crisis of the Capitalist System: Where Do We Go From Here?"

On November 6 the first conference event was a solidarity march and service delivery protest to City Hall with activists from the oppressed communities of Wentworth, Merebank and Umlazi. The conference resumed at 11h00 viewing some films of resource commoning, with Alaskan visitors showing how the

'ownership state' captured natural resources so that public not for-profit benefit could be realised. Other discussions included commoning of natural resources in the the Ecuadoran Amazon's Yasuni Park, the Niger Delta and the Xolobeni titanium fields. Further, discussions were held on local-level state service delivery (especially access to AIDS medicines) and the commoning of land, water and electricity by activists and scholars from Mzinyathi, Chatsworth and Soweto. The Global Water Commons campaign was explained by Anil Naidoo (on skype) from Ottawa. The afternoon ended with discussions of 'commoning people' via local unity activities (such as 'Durban Sings!') and anti-xenophobia activism. The evening cultural event included a celebration of regional solidarity.

The Skenjani Roji Seminar was the event at which both the commons philosophy and social movement strategies and tactics were explored in more detail, especially in break-out sessions. Ashwin Desai presented the main paper, with *Amandla's* Vishwas Satgar arguing for a South African conference of the Democratic Left and Nabudere proposing a Global Campaign for the Commons. Both were endorsed in the final plenary.

The closing day on November 7 was "Activist Strategy Day" with iKwezi Institute on Protests and Democracy in South Africa: Social Movements and the Crisis of Service Delivery plus workshops on related themes introduced by Mzwanele Mayekiso, Trevor Ngwane, Orlean Naidoo, Vishwas Satgar.

2010 kicked off in March with a day of activities paying tribute to Dennis Brutus. It ended with Professor Yash Tandon delivering the Wolpe Lecture dedicated to Dennis Brutus.





## Johannesburg

The University of the Witwatersrand (Wits) Sociology Department resumed the Wolpe Seminar Series in May 2009. It was previously under the auspices of the Edge Institute and Sociology of Work. The seminar series ran very smoothly, especially given that we were just starting off.

Between May 2009 and March 2010 seven seminars were held on the Wits campus. The audience includes both the Wits community (students and staff) as well as a number of people from the wider community. On average about 60 people attend with a few events attracting close to 100 people. We advertise the events in the *Mail and Guardian*, *Wits News Clips* and the expanding database.

The seminars held were:

- May 7- World Economic Crisis: Implications for South Africa: Patrick Bond, Seeraj Mohammed (Devan Pillay, Chair)
- May 19 - Obama and the Multiple Crises: Prof. Jensen (University of Texas, Austin) (Roger Southall, Chair)
- August 28 - The Energy Crisis and Economic Growth: Alec Erwin, David Fig (Jacklyn Cock, Chair)
- October 1 - Financialisation, Neo-Liberalism, the Crisis and Locating the Value of Labour Power: Ben Fine (Michelle Williams, Chair)
- October 15 - Corruption in Politics: The criminalization in SA politics (arms deal, nuclear deals): Terry Crawford Brown, Kwandi Kondlo (Roger Southall, Chair)
- October 29 - Crisis: What Crisis?: Immanuel Wallerstein (Eric Worby, Chair)
- March 25 – Universities in Crisis: Transformation in Higher Education: Prof Saleem Badat, Respondent: Prof Michael Burawoy

# The Eastern Cape – Grahamstown

After very few dialogues were held in this province during 2008 several events were held in both Grahamstown and East London during 2009.

The Faculty of Humanities at Rhodes University hosted 4 very successful Harold Wolpe Memorial Trust events this year.

## **THURSDAY 21 MAY 2009**

**Presenter:** Mr Colm Allan, Director, Centre for Social Accountability (CSA) (Incorporating the Public Service Accountability Monitor (PSAM))

**Discussant:** Kirk Helliker, Head of Department, Sociology

**Topic:** Social Accountability, the State and Development in Africa – The Limits of Marxism and Liberalism in realizing human rights in Africa.

**Attendees: 42**

## **THURSDAY 28 MAY 2009**

### **Panellists:**

Nomalanga Mkhize, PhD Candidate , NRF Research Chairs Initiative in Land Reform and Democracy, UCT

Femke Brandt, PhD candidate, Faculty of Social Sciences, VU University, Amsterdam

Prof Robin Palmer, Head of Department Anthropology, RU

**Topic:** Game farms and the impact on traditional agricultural labour

**Attendees: 55**

## **THURSDAY 27 AUGUST 2009**

**Presenter:** Prof Jeff Peires (ISER)

**Topic:** The Eastern Cape under its 1st three Premiers 1994 – 2008

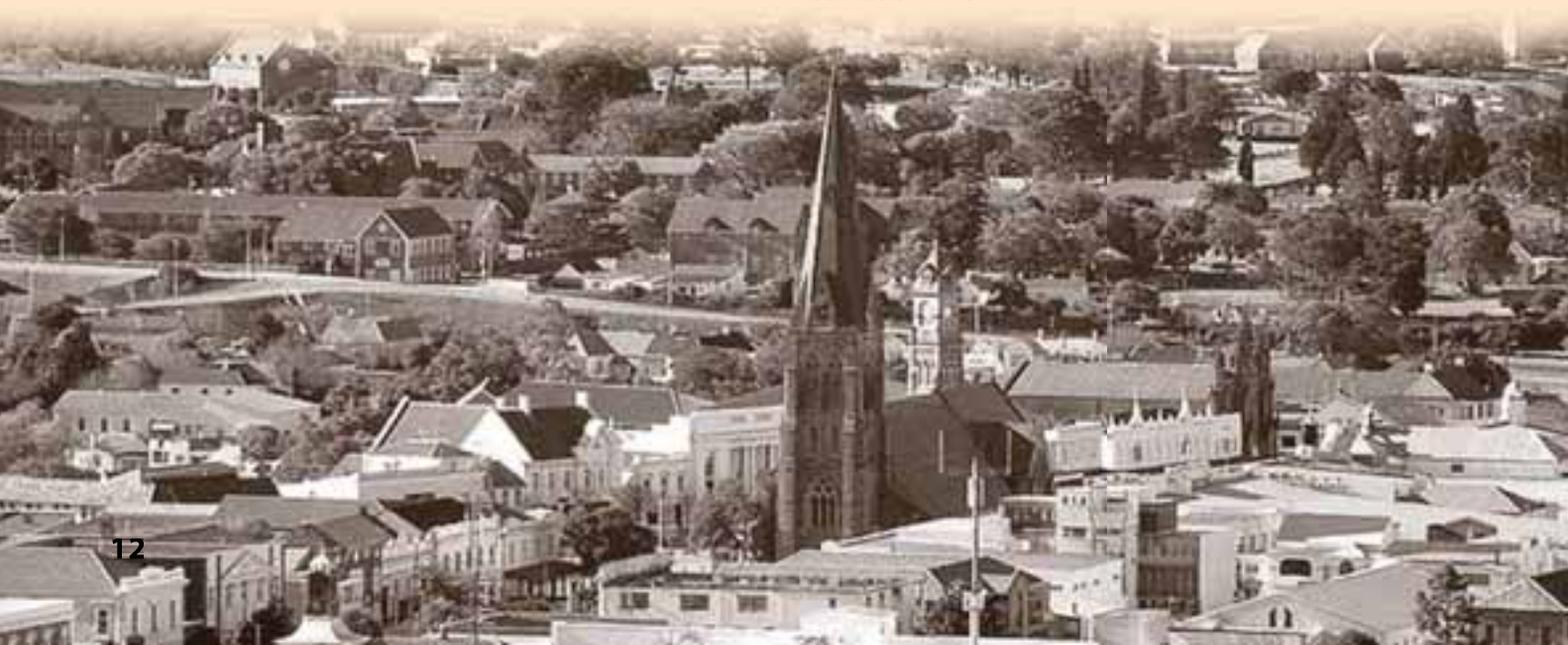
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## **MONDAY 2 NOVEMBER 2009**

**Presenter:** Prof Immanuel Wallerstein

**Topic:** Crisis of the Capitalist System: where do we go from here?

**Attendees: 160**



## East London and Alice

The Faculty of Social Science and Humanities at Fort Hare University and the Eastern Cape SocioEconomic Consultative Council (ECSECC) hosted very successful Harold Wolpe Memorial Trust events this year.

During this year ECSECC and the University of Fort Hare collaborated in the organisation of the dialogues. All dialogues were held at the East London campus of the University of Fort Hare, thus providing an opportunity for the University community to interact with policy makers and activists in the city and the nearby seat of provincial government in Bisho.

**Keynote speaker:** Dr Seeraj Mohamed, Director of the Corporate Strategy and Industrial Development Programme at the University of Witwatersrand.

**Respondent:** Mr Njabulo Sithabe, Coega Industrial Development Zone

**Chairperson:** Russell Grinker, ECSECC

**Time and venue:** 18 June 2009, 5.30pm in the Ashton Chubb Lecture Theatre, University of Fort Hare, East London Campus.

**Keynote speaker:** Lwazi Lushaba, Political Science Department, University of Fort Hare

**Chairperson:** Dr Wilson Akpan, Department of Sociology, University of Fort Hare

**Time and venue:** 28 August 2009, 15.00, Ashton Chubb Lecture Theatre, University of Fort Hare, East London Campus.

This session was co-hosted with the Eastern Cape NGO Coalition.

**Speaker: Dr. Kumi Naidoo**

Dr Naidoo is the Chair of the Global Campaign for Climate Action and Co-Chair: Global Call to Action Against Poverty, the previous Head of CIVICUS and is Incoming International Executive Director of Greenpeace

**Respondent:** Richard Pithouse, School of Politics, Rhodes University

**Chairperson:** Vijay Makanje, ECSECC

**Time and place:** Monday, 9 November (12h00 – 14h00), University of Fort Hare, Ashton Chubb Lecture Theatre, East London

It can be concluded that there is space for more frequent public debating forums in the East London area. The response to these three events show that there is a need for platforms for discussion between academics, government officials, politicians, activists, students and others on a regular basis. Consistency in hosting dialogues is expected to attract a steady following from the above mentioned communities.

## Partners

The Trust appreciates the close co-operation between the Cape Town office and partners in three other provinces: Eastern Cape, Gauteng and KwaZulu-Natal. Fruitful evaluative and strategic planning sessions were held during the year.

## Conferences and Colloquia

A successful one-day colloquium on "Rethinking the Left: A New Politics for the 21st Century" was held at Wits University during March. Participants came from across the country. Two speakers came from outside the country.

## The Memorial Lecture

The Trust feels particularly privileged to have had the global financial collapse critically analysed by the internationally acclaimed research scholar, Professor Immanuel Wallerstein, now at Yale University. His Memorial Lecture gave us insight into the crisis from a historical perspective

and pointed to the collapse of capitalism as a system.

Professor Wallerstein was able to speak to audiences in all four provinces. Audiences were enthusiastic in their response to his presentation.

## Publications

The dialogues and Memorial Lecture papers and transcripts are loaded on the website of the Trust at [www.wolpetrust.org.za](http://www.wolpetrust.org.za)

During this year the *Cape Times*, *Rapport*, *Sunday Independent* and *Mercury* provided op-ed space for Wolpe lectures to be featured. *SAfm*, *RSG* and *Radio 786* (a Cape Town community radio) and *CapeTV* featured presenters of Wolpe lectures in their programmes.

## Donors

The Trust is most appreciative of the support from the Charles Stewart Mott, Ford and Rosa Luxemburg Foundations. Without your support it would not have been able to host such a rich

programme of knowledge building, awareness raising and strengthening of the South African democracy. Thank you.

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**Annual Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March, 2010****Detailed Income Statement**

	Notes	2010 R	2009 R
<b>Income</b>			
Grants & donations	5.	1,580,213	1,286,403
Interest received		48,187	66,652
Insurance Claims		-	4,426
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>1,628,400</b>	<b>1,357,481</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
		<b>1,308,276</b>	<b>1,166,602</b>
<b>Personnel Costs</b>			
Salaries and contributions		466,011	240,273
Staff welfare		6,988	3,326
Recruitment		-	38,272
<b>Office Operating Costs</b>			
Accounting		43,956	33,181
Audit		11,792	-
Bad Debts		9,850	-
Bank charges		10,334	6,869
Computer & digital equipment		325	-
Depreciation		6,100	4,947
Governance costs		11,166	2,323
Insurance		1,734	1,506
IT support		3,887	3,588
Legal & consultancy		21,022	-
Loss on asset disposal		2,807	-
Networking		3,299	145
Office Equipment		470	-
Postage & courier		3,856	756
Premises costs		60,949	56,205
Repairs & maintenance		835	3,402
Stationery & printing		9,990	3,412
Subscriptions		3,287	-
Telephone & fax		12,514	15,220
Travel		7,699	4,772
<b>Programme Costs</b>			
Annual report		12,321	-
Conferences & colloquim		33,893	2,040
Forum Seminars		115,045	96,040
TV Programme		-	500,000
Memorial lecture		49,279	15,347
Partnerships	6.	390,580	123,351
Publications		1,447	-
Website		6,840	11,628
Operating surplus/(deficit) for the year		320,124	190,879
Surplus at beginning of year		1,298,477	1,107,598
Net surplus at end of year		<u>1,618,601</u>	<u>1,298,477</u>

*Full audit reports are available from the national office*



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