

Harold Wolpe Memorial Trust

Annual Report 2010/2011





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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.

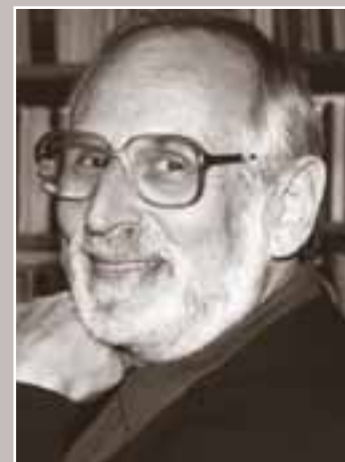
Aims and Objectives

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.



Prof Brian O'Connell (trustee), Jay Naidoo and Karl Parks (regional manager of Old Mutual)



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Prof Adam Habib – Chairperson

Chairperson's Foreword

Harold Wolpe bequeathed to us an intellectual legacy of critical analysis and robust debate. Since 1996 this Trust has advanced his legacy through a programme of dialogues, colloquia and an annual Memorial Lecture.

This *Annual Report* reflects on how this legacy was advanced during 2010-2011 in Cape Town, Durban, Johannesburg, East London and Grahamstown. Themes covered include among others, poverty and inequality, the role of social movements, global economic volatility and its impact on South Africa, and the role of the post-apartheid state. These were all issues that preoccupied the mind of Harold and his voluminous works are saturated with reflections on these issues. We carry forward these reflections, but in the new political and economic conditions of current day South Africa and the globe.

We also carry forward these debates by celebrating and reflecting the heterogeneity of the progressive movement. No one strand is endorsed in our public dialogues. Rather our purpose has been to facilitate a debate among all of the traditions within the progressive movement. Why progressive? Simply because this is who Harold was. Harold was concerned about empowering the poor, reducing poverty and inequality, and making political elites accountable to their citizenry. We unapologetically espouse these values, and we facilitate public discourse that can carry forth this agenda.

There are many individuals that have made possible these activities. Civil society organizations, decision makers, academics, students, diplomats and citizens from various walks of life participated in our activities. We thank them all for without their participation, these activities would have been all the poorer.

Donors' support was also crucial. There is a select group of donors identified in the report that have consistently stood by the Wolpe Trust and its public activities. We owe them a special debt of gratitude for without them our democracy will be less rooted and consolidated.

Finally there are my fellow Trustees and Executive Committee members who must also be thanked. Without their vigilance in meeting their governance responsibilities, the Wolpe Trust would have closed down long ago. Two special mentions in this regard must be made. The first is AnnMarie Wolpe, life-long partner to Harold, whose enthusiasm and passion for ideas



keeps Harold's spirit alive in the Trust. The second is a fallen comrade, Kader Asmal, who has passed on this year. Kader was a trustee for many years, and although ill health forced him to relinquish his position a years ago, his intellectual battles in the public arena represented the best traditions of our earlier generation of intellectuals and leaders. Kader Asmal will be sorely missed by political ally and foe alike.

May Kader's and Harold's spirit continue to prevail in our public deliberations, and I hope we at least offer you a sense of their spirit in the pages that follow.



Prof Fred Hendricks (on the right) and the speakers at a dialogue at Rhodes University

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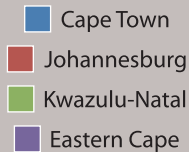




Lionel Louw – Director



Figure 1 –
Distribution of 44 Dialogues



Director's Report

Introduction:

The year in review, April 2010 to March 2011, has been a busy, stimulating and rewarding one. The Harold Wolpe Memorial Trust has continued to create the space for public engagement with the critical issues facing South African society.

In this maturing democracy, engagement with critical issues continues to be robust as observed in our dialogues, the print and electronic media and accentuated during the election campaigns for local government. The Trust's programme contributes to critical debate and public participation in nation building. The views of participants were elicited by questionnaire to identify the issues they wished to engage with and it helped greatly to shape the content of the programme.

Dialogues:

The 44 dialogues which occurred in Cape Town, Johannesburg, Durban, East London and Grahamstown, covered a wide range of topics critical to contemporary South Africa. The intellectual legacy of Harold Wolpe was advanced through the challenging presentations of distinguished speakers. The interchanges with audiences were robust and challenging. Participants were courageous in engaging with analyses which were not necessarily part of popular discourse. The scope of the topics reflects a contemporary relevance. The public nature of the debate is a decisive component in keeping the democracy vibrant and building a strong nation prepared to engage with difficult issues through dialogue. In a socio-political climate which is so dominated by electioneering and short-term gains, the Trust keeps open that public platform for debate.

These are some of the comments from participants:

- *The series is always thought provoking with speakers of quality and knowledge*
- *They are topical, informative and well selected*
- *The responding speakers (were) very to the point in different ways, good debate, good questions*

- It enforced me in a new point of view
- He speaks with authority on issues raised. Proactive and informative.
- Many questions emerged for me. Informative & accessible

The topics covered can be seen as categorised in figure 3

Colloquia and Conferences:

The Trust hosted 3 of these events during the year. In partnership with the Department of Sociology at the University of Cape Town, a one-day Colloquium was held entitled, *A Holistic Response to Gender-based Violence: Successful Interventions and Enduring Challenges*. This constituted our contribution to the 16 Days of Activism of No Violence Against Women and Children. It was attended by a cross section of civil society institutions and a Parliamentarian. The speakers were drawn from South Africa and India, and from government, academia and civil society.



Ms Koleka Lubelwana shares the podium with Professor Kalpana Kan abiram one day Colloquium – *A Holistic Response to Gender-based Violence: Successful Interventions and Enduring Challenges*.

The same partnership organized a three day conference on *New Trends in Labour Studies*. Participants came from several overseas countries and South Africa and represented academia and civil society. It is hoped that in due course curricula in different universities will be re-shaped as a result of this conference.

Participants' comments included:

- I think it highlighted for me the need for a wider discussion of what sort of society we want to be
- Thought provoking and fruitful

As there were to be municipal elections in May 2011, the Trust and Goedgedacht Forum teamed up to host a Colloquium on *The State of Local Government in South Africa*. This event created the space for academics, government and civil society to reflect critically on realities related to the

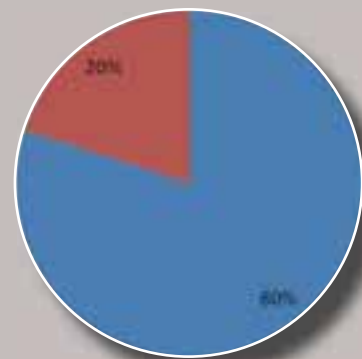


Figure 2 – Subjects Covered

- South African Issues
- International



Figure 3 – Dialogue Topics

- Development
- Economy
- Education
- Environment
- Health
- Iconic figures
- Media
- Other
- Socio-political
- World Cup 2010





Jay Naidoo delivered the 8th Harold Wolpe Memorial Lecture



third sphere of government on which considerable responsibilities are devolved to deliver basic socio-economic services to the population.

Memorial Lecture:

The 8th Harold Wolpe Memorial Lecture was delivered by Jay Naidoo. He drew on his extensive experience in the South African labour movement, government and international initiatives in challenging the state to meet the needs of people.

Publications:

The website contains papers and transcripts of dialogues. Speakers were featured in both print and electronic media. The papers of the March 2010 Colloquium, *Rethinking the Left: New Politics for the 21st Century*, will be featured in *Transformation* and *Amandla*. The Proceedings of the November Colloquium, *A Holistic Response to Gender-based Violence: Successful Interventions and Enduring Challenges*, were published in January 2011.

Partners:

Our partners outside Cape Town at the universities of Fort Hare, KwaZulu-Natal, Rhodes and Witwatersrand, play a significant role in extending the platform for public debate and nation building. They each determine the content of their programme and are also able to incorporate issues of regional relevance. In this way the reach and impact of the Trust is national. The participation of academics and students extends the reach of the dialogues to a new generation of thinkers and leaders. The partners participated in a planning exercise with the trustees during April.

Donors:

The Trust expresses its deepest appreciation to all its donors. The Ford Foundation has come to the end of its funding cycle with the Trust. The many years of support which the Harold Wolpe Memorial Trust has enjoyed from the Ford Foundation maintained its operations. The Rosa Luxemburg and Charles Stewart Mott Foundations were equally generous in their support in the midst of cutbacks in their own resources. This is highly appreciated. During this year the National Lottery Distribution Trust Fund came on board

as a new donor. The Trust also received its first donation from the Investec-Loewenstein Trust this year. We welcome this support from new donors and trust that these will be ongoing relationships in the interest of strengthening our intellectual culture, public debate and democracy.

Governance:

- The Executive Committee held quarterly meetings and monitored the operations of the Trust. The staff benefited from the committee's wise guidance and the stimulating interaction.
- The Trustees provided strategic direction and set the priorities for the Trust. Notwithstanding the busy schedules of trustees, this did not deter them from making their distinctive contribution to the work of the Trust.
- The statutory requirements to the South African Revenue Service, the Master of the High Court and the Department of Social Development were met.

Risk Policy:

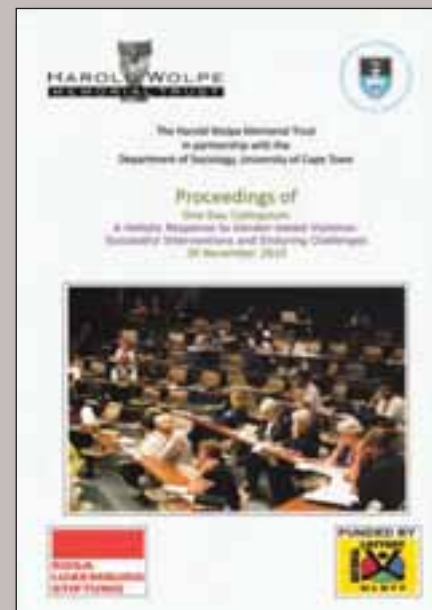
The Board of Trustees approved the risk mitigation measures implemented in respect of succession, information technology, reputation and finance.

Staff:

The Trust has been able to accomplish its achievements of the past year while maintaining a very lean staff complement of two persons: a director and administrative officer and benefitting greatly from the labour of partners in Johannesburg, Durban, East London and Grahamstown.

The Future:

The Trust will advance the intellectual legacy of Harold Wolpe through the continuation of its programme of public dialogue on critical issues facing South Africa. Its presence is now well established in five centres of the country and its events are well attended. Dependent on financial support from the public and donors, the Trust is optimistic and hopeful donor support will continue into the future.



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Dialogues: April 2010 to March 2011

Cape Town:

- 26 April – *Universities in Crisis: The Challenge of Transformation*. Professor Michael Burawoy.
- 5 May – *Current Realities in Zimbabwe*. Professor Ben Cousins, Dr Tendai Murisa, Dr Brian Raftopoulos, Professor Richard Saunders.
- 9 June – *The 2010 Legacy: Exploring the Myths and Realities*. Dr Dale McKinley.
- 22 July – *World Cup Legacy Revisited*. Professor Kamilla Swart.
- 17 August – *Media Censorship*. Speaker: Professor Pierre de Vos. Respondent: Dr Laurie Nathan.
- 7 September – *In Service of Racial Dystopia: Anxiety and Fantasy in the Figure of 'The Maid'*. Dr Shireen Ally.
- 23 September – *Corruption in our society*. Speaker: Dr Iraj Abedien. Respondents: Adv. Nelson Lolwane and Mr Tony Ehrenreich.
- 1 December – Book Launch: *The Mandela Decade: Labour, Culture and Society in Post-Apartheid South Africa* by Ari Sitas. In partnership with the Sociology Department, UCT.
- 7 February – *The Architecture of Erasure*. Professor Saree Makdisi. In partnership with the UWC Centre for Humanities Research and the District Six Museum.
- 7 March – *South Africa Pushed to the limit*. Hein Marais.

Durban:

- 2010 was kicked off in March with *A Tribute to Dennis Brutus*.
- 20 May – *World Orders*. Dr Eunice Sahle.
- 16 June – *Who Scores in 2010?* A Panel of Speakers.
- 3 July – *Never Again, Xenophobia*. A Panel of Speakers.
- 29 July – *Social Justice, Ideas in Civil Society: Global and Local*. Colin Barker and Professor Patrick Bond.

- 26 August – *Media, Information and Freedom*. Brij Maharaj, Priths Dullay, Patrick Mkhize and Angela Quintal.
- 21 October – *Indians in South Africa: 150 Years*. Professor Dilip Menon and Ms Ela Gandhi.
- 16 November – *Tribute to Professor Fatima Meyer*. Professor Ashwin Desai and Goolam Vahed.
- 20 November – *Community Building Video Workshop* facilitated by Pamela Ngwenya.
- 12 February – *Climate Justice Politics*. Bobby Peek, Siziwe Khanyile, Khadija Sharife and Blessing Karumbidza (plus others TBA)
- 3 March – *Song and Dance: Power, Consent and the ANC under Zuma and Beyond*. Hein Marais.

Johannesburg:

- 25 March – *Universities in Crisis: Transformation in Higher Education*. Dr Saleem Badat and Professor Michael Burawoy.
- 22 April – *National Health Insurance? Or National Health System?* Professor Di McIntyre and Dr Karl von Holdt.
- 26 April – *The Itinerary of Social Democracy*. Professor Donald Sassoon and Mr Firoz Cachalia. In partnership with the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung.
- 3 June – *Football's Tsars: Politics and Capital in the 2010 FIFA World Cup*. Prof Scarlett Cornelissen and Dr Dale McKinley
- 19 August – *The Politics and Economics of Food*. Prof Jacklyn Cock and Dr Simon Roberts
- 28 October – *Lessons of the Recent Strike Wave across South Africa*. Frans Baleni, General Secretary, Mine Workers Union.
- 8 March – *Song and Dance: Power, Consent and the ANC under Zuma and Beyond*. Hein Marais.
- 16 March – Book Launch: *The Mandela Decade: Labour, Culture and Society in Post Apartheid*. Prof Devan Pillay and Prof Ari Sitas.
- 24 March – *The Unmaking of Afrikanerdom*. Prof Dunbar Moodie and Prof Andre du Toit

East London:

- 12 April – *Is a national health insurance scheme a solution to the healthcare crisis?* Professor David Sanders.
- 28 April – *Are we getting the housing we deserve?* Professor Leslie Bank.
- 20 May – *Is social conservatism on the rise in South Africa?* Dr Dale McKinley.
- 14 June – *Politics of youth and youth politics*. Mr Mbulelo Mandlana and Mr Bongani Xeswi. In partnership with the Association of Sociology in South Africa.
- 29 July – *The Green Economy*. Professor Mark Swilling.
- 20 September – *Archie Mafeje: The Life and Work of an African Anthropologist and Eastern Cape Intellectual*. Dr Archie Nkonyeni, Ms Nomfundo Mafeje, Mr Ganief Hendricks, Professor Renee Hirschon, Professor Andrew Bank. In partnership with Anthropology Southern Africa.
- 08 December – *Eastern Cape at Crossroads: Development and Political Dilemmas of the Eastern Cape*. Dr Somadoda Fikeni.
- 23 February – *Uprising in Egypt, turmoil in the Arab world: is the genie of democracy out of the bottle?* Na'eem Jeenah.

Grahamstown:

- 28 April – *The Stadia and the Socio-economic and Political Impact of the 2010 World Cup*. Professor Ashwin Desai, Professor Brij Maharaj, Mr Christopher McMichael.
- 10 May – *African Soccerscapes*. Peter Alegi.
- 7 October – *Culture and Identity: Some of us choose to digress*. Ms Nonboniso Gasa
- 14 October – *Six Teaspoons of Sweetness: the Ukuthwala Custom*. Bulelwa Nosilela, Russell Kaschula and Tim Huisamen.
- 3 March – *The Political Economy of Africa*. Dr Nicolas Pons-Vignon and Prof Bill Freund.
- 29 March – *The New Arab Revolution*. Mr John Rose.

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Annual Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2011

Detailed Income Statement

Figures in Rand	Note(s)	2011	2010
Revenue			
Grants		887,775	1,572,563
Other income			
Donations		4,290	7,650
Interest received		82,680	48,187
		86,970	55,837
Operating expenses			
Accounting fees		(42,872)	(43,956)
Annual report		(6,116)	(12,321)
Auditors' remuneration	7	(12,763)	(11,792)
Bad debts		-	(9,850)
Bank charges		(13,669)	(10,334)
Conferences & colloquim		(115,402)	(33,893)
Depreciation		(6,109)	(6,100)
Employee costs		(458,457)	(466,011)
Furniture		(1,592)	(325)
Forum seminars		(84,460)	(115,045)
Governance costs		(6,431)	(11,166)
IT support		(6,703)	(3,887)
Insurance		(1,221)	(1,734)
Legal & consultancy		(3,990)	(21,022)
Loss on disposal of assets		(497)	(2,807)
Memorial lecture		(15,207)	(49,279)
Networking		(1,465)	(3,299)
Office equipment		-	(470)
Partnership		(209,450)	(390,580)
Postage & courier		(4,673)	(3,856)
Premises costs		(64,266)	(60,949)
Printing and stationery		(7,553)	(9,990)
Publications		(2,000)	(1,447)
Repairs and maintenance		(2,930)	(835)
Staff welfare		(7,791)	(6,749)
Staff development		(3,414)	(239)
Subscriptions		(1,715)	(3,287)
Telephone and fax		(18,278)	(12,514)
Travel - local		(7,705)	(7,699)
Website		(18,878)	(6,840)
		(1,125,607)	(1,308,276)
Operating (deficit) surplus	5	(150,862)	320,124
Finance costs		(32)	-
(Deficit) surplus for the year		(150,894)	320,124

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Audience at a dialogue in Grahamstown at Rhodes University



Audience at 2010 Memorial Lecture

