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**Presidential Roundtables:
Science, Scholarship and Society**

Programme

“After the Riots: What really happened? Can we Prevent a Recurrence?”

28 October 2021, 16:00

16:00

Welcome & introductions

Professor Jonathan Jansen

ASSAf President, Distinguished Professor in Education, Stellenbosch University

16:10

Opening Statements by Panelists (10 minutes per speaker)

Prof Barney Pityana

Professor Emeritus of Law, University of South Africa

Ms Palesa Morudu

Director, Clarity Global Strategic Communications

Ms Ferial Haffejee

Associate Editor, Daily Maverick

Prof Adam Habib

Director, SOAS University of London

Prof Thuli Madonsela

The Law Trust Chair in Social Justice and a Law Professor, University of Stellenbosch

17:00

Discussions and Q&A (no direct questions, participants will be asked to use the Chat/Q&A box option)

Prof Jonathan Jansen

Closing

Prof Jonathan Jansen



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BIOGRAPHIES FOR PANELLISTS

PROF BARNEY PITYANA

Prof Barney Pityana is Professor emeritus of Law, University of South Africa; Visiting Honorary Professor, Allan Gray Institute for Ethical Leadership, Department of Philosophy, Rhodes University; and Deputy President: Academy of Science South Africa (ASSAf). Professor Pityana is the former Principal and Vice-Chancellor of the University of South Africa (Unisa) as well as the former Rector of the College of the Transfiguration, Grahamstown. He was Chairperson of Higher Education South Africa and Chairman of the African Council for Distance Education.

In 2002, he was appointed as a fellow of King's College London and in the same year, he was given an honourable mention in the 2002 United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation's Prize for Human Rights Education. Throughout his life, Barney Pityana has remained focused on the fight for human rights and the battle against racism. His life reflects a determined effort to end racism and injustice. Through his endeavours and example, he has embodied an unshakeable commitment to building a free, non-racial and just society and world.

Pityana obtained his Ph.D. in Religious Studies from the University of Cape Town in 1995 and was admitted as an attorney of the High Court of South Africa in February 1996. He holds honorary degrees from Trinity College, Hartford (1996) and from the University of Buenos Aires, Argentina (1999). The Psychology Society of South Africa awarded him life membership in 2000. In 2001, he was awarded the Tribute Achievers Award for Leadership.

MS PALESA MORUDU

Ms Palesa Morudu is a writer and a public commentator. She is also director at Clarity Global Strategic Communications, a firm that provides strategic advice on clear writing, based in Cape Town and Washington DC.

MS FERIAL HAFJEJEE

Ferial Haffajee is a South African editor and journalist. She is currently associate editor at the Daily Maverick. Previously, Ferial was editor-in-chief at the Mail&Guardian and City Press, where teams working with her won numerous investigative journalism awards. She is a regular analyst and commentator on radio, television and elsewhere. Ferial is a member of the Aspen Global Leadership Network and a member of the Africa Leadership Institute fellowship. She is on the board of the Open Society's Programme for Independent Journalism. She has won numerous awards for journalism and for her support of media freedom including a Committee for the Projection of Journalism's International Press Freedom Hero award in 2015 and the Naspers Phil Weber award in 2013 – the global company's highest internal honour.

Previously, Ferial was chairperson of the South African National Editors Forum and chairperson of the CNN/Multichoice African Journalist of the Year Awards. She has served on the boards of the World Editors Forum and the Global Editors Network. She has published a best-selling book called "What if there were no whites in South Africa" and in 2017 was awarded an honorary doctorate from the University of Free State for her journalism.

PROF ADAM HABIB

Professor Adam Habib is an academic, activist, and public intellectual. He is Director of SOAS University of London and previously VC and Principal of University of the Witwatersrand (Wits) in South Africa. He holds qualifications in Political Science from the University of Natal, Wits and City University of New York.

Professor Habib is a co-founder of the African Research Universities Alliance, an affiliation of research-intensive universities on the continent. He has published numerous edited books, book chapters and journal articles over the last three decades in the thematic areas of democratisation and its consolidation in South Africa, contemporary social movements, philanthropy, inequality, giving and its impact on poverty alleviation and development, institutional reform, changing identities and their evolution in the post-apartheid era, and South Africa's role in Africa and beyond.

His most recent books include:

- Habib, Adam (2013). South Africa's suspended revolution - Hopes and prospects. Wits University Press. ISBN 978-1-86814-608-6.
- Habib Adam (2019). Rebels and Rage. Reflecting on #FeesMustFall. Jonathan Ball Publishers. ISBN 9781868428960

PROF THULI MADONSELA

Professor Thuli Madonsela, an advocate of the High Court of South Africa, is the law trust chair in social justice and a law professor at the University of Stellenbosch, where she conducts and coordinates social justice research and teaches constitutional and administrative law. She is the founder of the Thuma Foundation, an independent democracy leadership and literacy public benefit organisation and convener of the Social Justice M-Plan, a Marshall Plan-like initiative aimed at catalysing progress towards ending poverty and reducing inequality by 2030, in line with the National Development Plan (NDP) and Sustainable Development Goals (SGGs). She is a monthly columnist for the Financial Mail and City Press/Rapport, and occasionally writes for other newspapers.

A multiple award-winning legal professional, with over 50 national and global awards, Thuli Madonsela has eight honorary doctor of laws degrees, one of which was awarded by the Law Society of Canada. She holds a BA Law from Unisa, a Bachelor of Laws from Wits University and a Harvard Advanced Leadership Certificate, and has been trained in legal drafting, leadership, strategic planning, scenario planning, gender mainstreaming, mediation and arbitration, and training facilitation, among other things.

Thuli Madonsela was the Public Protector of South Africa from 2009 to 2016. She is credited with transforming the institution by enhancing its effectiveness in promoting good governance and integrity — including ethical governance and anticorruption in state affairs — through her reports, jurisprudence on the powers of the Public Protector and introduction of ADR. She is the architect of the OR Tambo Declaration on the minimum standards for an effective ombudsman institution and cooperation with the African Union on strengthening good governance and co-founder of the African Ombudsman Research Centre (AORC) at the University of KwaZulu-Natal, and served as AORC's founding chairperson. As a full-time commissioner of the South African Law Commission, she supervised several investigations — among them Project 25 — on aligning all laws with the Constitution, and participated in the drafting of several laws. She chaired and later project-managed the Equality Legal Education Training Unit (ELETU), which provided foundational training for Equality Court judicial officers. She is the co-founder and one of the inaugural leaders of the South African Women Lawyers Association (SAWLA).

Named one of Time 100's Most Influential People in the World in 2014, Forbes Africa Person of the Year in 2016 and one of BBC's 100 Women, her peer recognition includes the Commonwealth Lawyers Association's Truth and Justice Award, Transparency International's Integrity Award, the South African Law Society's Truth and Justice Award, General Council of the Bar membership, the Sydney and Felicia Kentridge Award, the SAWLA Women in Law Icon Award, Botswana Lawyers Association Honorary Bar membership, the German Presidential Medal, the German Africa Prize, the African Peer Review Mechanism Anticorruption Crusader Award, Tällberg Global Leader recognition, Rotary International's Paul Harris Fellow recognition, the Gauteng Premier's Provincial Achiever Award, and having a rose named after her in recognition of her social justice and integrity work. Recently, Madonsela was appointed as Knight of the Legion of Honour by French President Emmanuel Macron. Viewed as the highest decoration in France, the Knight of Legion was bestowed on Madonsela in recognition of her remarkable achievements in defence of the rule of law and the fight against corruption in South Africa.

Thuli Madonsela is one of the drafters of South Africa's Constitution and co-architect of several laws that have sought to anchor South Africa's democracy. Among the laws she has helped draft are the Promotion of Equality and Prevention of Unfair Discrimination Act (PEPUDA), the Employment Equity Act (EEA) and the Recognition of Customary Marriages Act. She also contributed to the conceptualisation and quality assurance of laws such as the Promotion of Administrative Justice Act, the Domestic Violence Act and the Repeal of the Black Administration Act. Her policy contributions have focused on the transformation of the judicial system, the promotion of equality — particularly gender equality — and the Victims Charter. She has also participated in the drafting of several international instruments, mainly on human rights, gender, race, disability, development and gender-based violence, in addition to participating in the preparation of country reports and representing the country.

Her extensive publishing record includes books/learning resources, book chapters/forewords, journal articles, newspaper articles and papers. She is a sought-after speaker and has presented several memorial lectures, including international memorial lectures for Kofi Annan, John Wendell Holmes and Oliver Tambo, and the Desmond Tutu International Peace Lecture.