HSF Newsletter

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We wish you and your family a wonderful festive season & a happy new year!

We would like to thank our brilliant partners for their excellent work, and you for your continued interest in our projects.

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Happy Holidays!

News

Bergzicht: Success is a journey!

Education at Bergzicht Training & Development was important for many Bergzicht graduates, whose success in their careers was celebrated on 15 November at the Alumni Celebration Day. We are proud to be part of the Bergzicht family since 1992 and continue to support this wonderful local institution and its brilliant & determined students. Over the past three decades, more than 68% of graduates have found permanent employment in the

local industries in and around Stellenbosch. In total, Bergzicht has helped change the lives of over 110,000 people in the region and beyond. Click below to find out more about this fantastic vocational training initiative.

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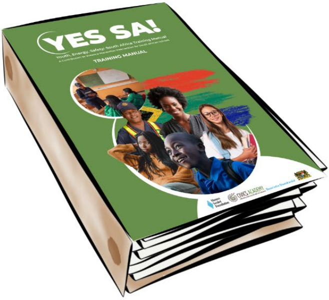
Exciting launch: A new puppet show at the Tutu Foundation

On 9 November 2023, a new puppet theatre for children called "Desmond's World" was launched at the Desmond and Leah Tutu Legacy Foundation in Cape Town. The new project is funded by the Bavarian State Parliament and supported by the Hanns Seidel Foundation. The play teaches children social and ethical values such as respect, empathy and justice, based on stories and children's books by the late Archbishop Desmond Tutu. The event was attended not only by the partners involved, but also by educators from the Philani Maternal, Child Health and Nutrition Trust and 13 children aged four to five from Cape Town's high-crime Mitchells Plain area. The children's excitement during the show was rewarding feedback and a heartwarming indicator of the project's success. Going forward, the weekly performances will be free for kindergartens and schools in and around Cape Town. Bookings can be made by emailing education@tutu.org.za.



Violence prevention training in schools: The YES SA! Initiative

In two intensive one-week train-the-trainer workshops in Cape Town and Gauteng, selected highly motivated teachers, police officers (SAPS) and representatives of the City of Cape Town's Law Enforcement Unit and the Metro Police were trained by Bavarian experts to become violence prevention trainers using the new South African Youth, Energy, Safety: South Africa (YES SA!) Training Manual. Various exercises in carefully selected groups, reflections and discussions prepared the participants to deliver the YES SA! Violence Prevention training in schools. The train-the-trainer workshops also included the practical implementation of the YES SA! violence prevention training in two pilot schools in Cape Town and Gauteng by the newly trained trainers. The YES SA! Training Manual was developed based on the Bavarian violence prevention module, adapted to the specific South African context, and resulted from an extensive

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Seasonal School for Councillors 2023

"Consequence Management and the importance of councillors' oversight role in public spending" was the topic of this year's edition of the Seasonal School for Councillors, co-hosted annually by the School of Public Leadership of the University of Stellenbosch and the Western Cape Department of Local Government, with the support of the Hanns Seidel Foundation. As in previous years, the school took place in the five districts of the Western Cape, facilitated by a renowned local government expert, Adv. Karel van der Molen. The programme, including relevant teaching and insightful presentations, gave councillors across party lines the opportunity to participate in frank, productive and inspiring discussions on important practice-oriented topics.

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consultation process with relevant South African stakeholders. Over the next year, the training will be delivered regularly in selected model schools in the two Bavarian partner provinces of Gauteng and the Western Cape.

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International Munich Federalism Days

"Crisis Management in Multilevel Systems" was the theme of this year's International Munich Federalism Days, a conference cohosted by the Hanns Seidel Foundation and Eurac Research. More than 100 parliamentarians and representatives from politics, academia, administration and civil society from 30 countries gathered in Munich and at the nearby Banz Monastery to participate in multidisciplinary discussions on promoting good governance and democracy through federal and decentralised structures. The South African delegation included renowned practitioners and academics Colin Deiner, Marvin Charles, Prof. Tinashe Chigwata and Prof. Nico Steytler, who spoke on crisis and disaster management, improving cooperation between levels of government and how to possibly manage and regulate coalitions for the benefit of good governance in South Africa.

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Partnership agreements with the Western Cape and the City of Cape Town

It has been a great honour to sign partnership agreements with the Western Cape Government (WCG) and the City of Cape Town to promote safety partnerships and evidence based policing. Our cooperations also facilitate capacity building in local government and research on key municipal challenges.

From the joint media release published by the Western Cape Government:

“The initiative, which will run until May 2025, is funded by the provincial government’s long-standing German partner province, the Free State of Bavaria. The project focuses on strengthening data-driven and evidence-based policing approaches through building solid partnerships between numerous law enforcement agencies, including the South African Police Service (SAPS) and the National Prosecuting Authority (NPA). At the same event, the long-running cooperation between the WCG and HSF on strengthening the capacity of local government, as well as the support of research focusing on key municipal challenges, was also renewed.”

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2024 elections: The role of civil society

What role can South Africa's vibrant civil society play around the elections next year and beyond? That was the question discussed during a very productive panel discussion held in October at the Nelson Mandela Foundation in Johannesburg, with renowned panelists and a large, engaged audience. Among the speakers were Terry Tselane, Executive Chairman of the Institute of Election Management Services in Africa and former Vice Chair of the Independent Electoral Commission of South Africa, Qaanitah Hunter, News24, Lindiwe Mazibuko, Futurelect, Cedo Madubedube, Equal Education and Prof Jaap de Visser, Dullah Omar Institute.

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Fighting crime together - Exchange between South Africa & Germany

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A very warm welcome to the
NPA DPCI HSF Fighting Complex Corruption Workshop
Western Cape & Eastern Cape
19 – 21 June 2023

The National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) in the Western Cape and Eastern Cape, members of the Directorate of Priority Crime Investigation (DPCI) in both provinces, and colleagues from the judiciary, prosecution and police from Bavaria, Germany, held a productive three-day workshop aimed at strengthening working relations to effectively deal with complex corruption cases more efficiently.

The aim of the workshop was to share the philosophy agreed upon by the national leadership of both organisations, NPA and DPCI, with the leaders at provincial level, to consider and discuss mechanisms of close cooperation between prosecutors and police to fight complex corruption cases more efficiently and use experiences, approaches and best practices adopted in Germany to reflect.

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Initiative: The African School of Decentralisation 2023

There was great joy at the Early Childhood Development (ECD) Forum Leadership Training Graduation held at the Nelson Mandela Foundation in July this year. South Africa's First Lady, Dr Tshepo Motsepe, attended the event to present certificates to ECD practitioners from many forums in Gauteng. The participants had completed the pilot programme of four training modules. Graduates shared how the course is helping them to be catalysts for change in their communities. The new training programme will be published to facilitate wider use. Prizes were also awarded to the winning ECD Forums, which had competed to propose projects they would like to implement. They will receive financial support and the opportunity to further discuss their concepts with experienced advisors.

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In September 2023, another 2-week African School on Decentralisation was concluded. The annual school is organised by the Dullah Omar Institute, University of the Western Cape, in partnership with the Centre for Federalism and Governance Studies at the College of Law, Addis Ababa University, and alternates between Cape Town and Addis Ababa. Representatives from the Public Service, Academia and Civil Society were selected from hundreds of applicants to attend this year's school, themed “Giving effect to the African Charter on Values and Principles of Decentralisation, Local Governance and Local Development”. Renowned lecturers and leading experts from Africa and beyond provided an intensive course and interactive sessions to facilitate cross-country exchange using an interdisciplinary approach. We were delighted with the positive feedback from participants on the value of this unique school, which has become a household name in the field of Decentralisation in a short period of time.

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Coalition governments: What are the options for law reforms at municipal level?

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In August 2023, the Deputy President, in partnership with the University of the Western Cape (UWC) and its Dullah Omar Institute (DOI), hosted a National Dialogue on Coalition Governments at the University of the Western Cape. The Dialogue sought to lay a foundation for the development of a National Framework on Coalition Governments in South Africa, and, during its deliberations, many questions and issues emerged. There was broad agreement that radical legal reform is not the key to stable coalitions, but that a careful consideration of the legal framework is called for. At this hybrid seminar cohosted by the DOI in November 2023, we took that part of the discussion forward and focused on two issues, namely (1) what are the options for thresholds at municipal level? and (2) how to ensure that municipal service delivery continues when there is instability?

Speakers:
Prof Jaap de Visser: National Research Chair in Multilevel Government, Law & Development, Dullah Omar Institute; Prof Tinashe Carlton Chigwata Multilevel Government Project, Dullah Omar Institute; Prof Carmen Navarro: Department of Political Science, University of Madrid, Spain; Dr Kevin Naidoo & Wayne McComans: Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs; Mr Anton Groenewald Municipal Manager, Midvaal Local Municipality; Ms Chelsea Ndlovu-Nachamba: Information and Resource Coordinator, Planact

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"The 2023 Zimbabwean Election: Local and Regional Implications" was the title of this hybrid seminar organised in conjunction with HSF partners DGRU and News24 on the occasion of the national elections in Zimbabwe in August this year. Experts from Zimbabwe, including the renowned Professor Brian Raftopoulos of the University of Cape Town, critically discussed the questionable election result and its implications for the region. The seminar was viewed over 105,000 times on News24's YouTube channel. An article about the seminar was also published on News24.

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Erudite Seminar Series on the Future of Africa

Our partner team in the African Futures & Innovation (AFI) Program at the Institute for Security Studies (ISS) has started a valuable new cooperation with the African Union Development Agency, the New Partnership for Africa's Development Program (AUDA-NEPAD) recently. Together, they have also been co-hosting the public Erudite Series on the Future of Africa. Each of the 8 online events shed light on a topic explored in AFI data-based research on promising policy interventions in key areas that have the potential to improve Africa’s development prospects and facilitate inclusive sustainable growth. The interventions suggested are thought to be achievable and crucial to reach ambitious yet realistic targets of accelerated development on the continent over the next 20 years. Education, Health, Demographics, the full implementation of the AfCFTA and good governance are among the crucial areas covered. In the seminars, AFI researchers presented evidence-based scenarios and policy recommendations, and international experts on the panel joined the discussion of the studies and their conclusions. Recordings of the events have been made available on the African Futures website.

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Read the top 10 takeaways of the "Africa in the World" Report, published by our partner, African Futures and Innovation at the Institute for Security Studies (ISS). It also reflects on how Africa's development depends, in part, upon a facilitating global environment.

REPORT

Africa between East and West, global power shifts and a new world?

Since the COVID- pandemic and Russia's invasion in Ukraine, global fault lines have deepened. System rivalry is becoming a buzzword and Africa seems to be in the centre of it.

What role should Africa and Europe play to respond to challenges and opportunities of advancing the international rules-based system in a shifting geopolitical context?

Speakers:
Dr. Jakkie Cilliers, Head of the African Futures and Innovation Team at the African Institute for Security Studies headquartered in Pretoria; Dr. Stefan Mair, Director of the German Institute for International and Security Affairs and Executive Chairman of the Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik (SWP).

PODCAST

Gender equality could be a game changer for Africa's prospects

Although researchers agree that gender equality could significantly improve Africa’s development prospects, data on the exact contribution is lacking. Using the International Futures forecasting platform, the Institute for Security Studies (ISS) research found that by 2043, ambitious but reasonable progress towards gender equality would see an African economy that is US$259 billion (or 3.3%) larger than projected in the Current Path forecast. Gross Domestic Product per capita would increase by 5%, and 53 million Africans would be lifted out of extreme poverty.

REPORT

Spotlight - Helping police use evidence to better address crime and violence

Evidence-based policing (EBP) is an internationally-recognised approach based on better use of research and data. It boosts the impact of policing through a shift in organisational culture to embrace critical thinking and evidence of what works. EBP sees police and researchers generate, review and apply the best available data to challenge and guide police policies, practices and decisions. The methodology is increasingly understood and promoted by South Africa's senior police and other government partners. This article highlights the work of the Institute for Security Studies (ISS) with police in South Africa to tackle crime more effectively through EBP.

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Murder trends in South Africa's deadliest provinces

An in-depth understanding of the factors driving murder in each province will enable South Africa to respond more effectively. The South African per-capita murder rate has steadily escalated since 2011/12, when it was at its lowest since 1994, writes David Bruce from the Institute for Security Studies in this important report. The 2022/23 rate of 45 per 100 000 is the highest in 20 years. But focusing on national murder trends is misleading as trends vary greatly across the nine provinces. The current high per-capita murder rate is driven by high rates in the Eastern Cape, KwaZulu-Natal, the Western Cape and Gauteng.

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Civics Academy:

Civic Education Session for 100 Learners at Makupula Secondary School, Stellenbosch

What are the benefits of learning about democracy, the South African Constitution, and our government? What does it mean to be an active citizen? Why should you vote? On these and more questions the Civics Academy project team engaged more than 100 learners at Makupula Secondary School in Stellenbosch in October. Civics Academy was invited by the Department of Basic Education (DBE) to hold this civic education session as part of a ministerial event on the commemoration of the International Day of the Girl Child. The learners (aged 14-19) especially enjoyed the role play scenarios on how to be an active and responsive citizen and the speed debating on why it is important to vote in elections. The DBE has expressed its interest in future joint activities on civic education. Check out our Civics Academy material.

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What are Coalitions?

Find out in our new video on coalitions in our Civics Academy governance series. Coalitions are not uncommon in South Africa, especially in local government. But what exactly is a coalition? A coalition is when two or more political parties agree to work together and temporarily share power. This is usually the result of an election in which no single party has won the absolute majority of the votes. Visit our Civics Academy website or click on the link below to watch the full video.

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