

COMMUNITIES AND STRUGGLES ON THE RURAL MINING FRONTIERS



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The Department of Sociology and Anthropology (University of Fort Hare), in partnership with Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung - South Africa (FES-SA) invites you to a web-seminar titled Communities and Struggles on the Rural Mining Frontiers. The seminar will unpack the key drivers of local conflict in mineral-rich communal areas in South Africa.

Speakers:

Wilmien Wicomb (Legal Resources Centre)



Wilmien Wicomb is an attorney at the Legal Resources Centre where she co-leads the organisation's land programme. Her practice specialises in land reform generally, African customary law and community governance systems, in particular as it relates to community rights to natural resources such as land, fishing and other extractives. She has been active in policy and law reform to further the democratization of rural communities, ensuring the equality of customary communities and enforcing their rights to determine their own development paths. She has published on customary law, the right to development and Free, Prior and Informed Consent in the African context and the rights of women living under customary systems. Wilmien was the

instructing attorney in the matters of Gongqose and Others v The State (customary fishing rights), Ntamo and Others v Premier of the Eastern Cape (elected headmen) and represented LAMOSA before the Commission of Inquiry into the affairs of the Bakgatla ba Kgafela traditional community.

Professor Sonwabile Mswana (University of Fort Hare)



Sonwabile Mswana is Associate Professor of Sociology at the University of Fort Hare. His research focuses on land and distributional struggles in South Africa's rural mining frontiers. Mswana has published widely from his research. Mswana is also a Research Fellow at the Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities (IASH), University of Edinburgh (UK)

Mr David van Wyk (Bench Marks Foundation)



David van Wyk is a renowned activist, public intellectual and researcher. He is currently a lead researcher at the Bench Marks Foundation where he is responsible for 11 out of 13 major Bench Marks Research Reports. His research has been published widely in a number of peer-reviewed journals and books. He also previously held various senior management positions in the North West Provincial Government between 1994 and 2004.

Facilitator: Dr Asanda Benya (University of Cape Town)

Please confirm attendance in order to receive the link to the event.

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Time: 12:h00 – 14:h00