

COVID-19 and Social Protection in Southern Africa

COVID-19 and the ensuing lockdowns and economic crises have prompted reforms of social protection in many countries. In Southern Africa, reforms have been very uneven. In this seminar we first review the landscape of reform in the region, then examine how and why reforms have been uneven, examining the roles of international organisations, path dependency, elite ideology and electoral politics.

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