



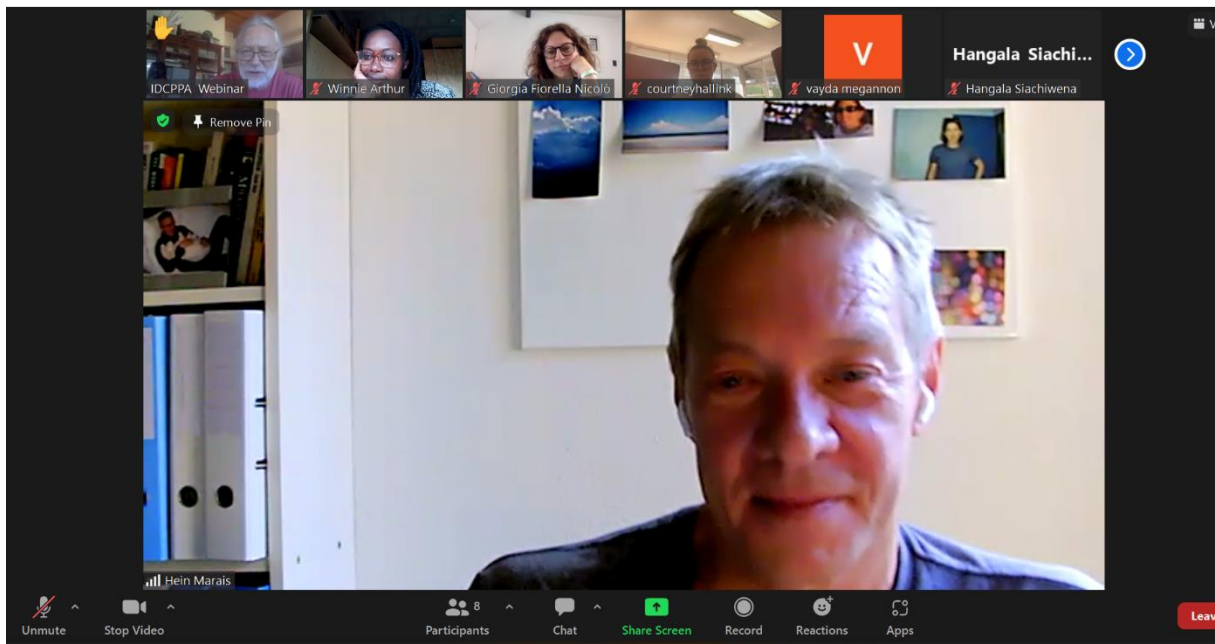
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## IDCPPA workshops and seminars 2022

- 10 February: Political Parties in Africa annual conference, session 1
- 11 February: Political Parties in Africa annual conference, session 2
- 22 February: Clifford Bob (Duchesne University): “Rights as weapons”
- 1 March: Bob Mattes (formerly CSSR, now Strathclyde): “Who contacts whom? Political Parties’ Canvassing Strategies in Africa”
- 10 March: Political Parties in Africa annual conference, session 3
- 11 March: Political Parties in Africa annual conference, session 4
- 15 March: Jacob Ulrich (Roskilde): “Aid-financed scaling up of cash transfers”
- 22 March: Primrose Bimha (IDCPPA): “Opposition party weakness in Zimbabwe”
- 12 April: Conference on the Legacy of Dr Zola Skweyiya, Minister of Social Development 1999-2009
- 3 May: “States, citizens and social protection in Africa” online workshop, session 1
- 4 May: “States, citizens and social protection in Africa” online workshop, session 2
- 9 May: “States, citizens and social protection in Africa” online workshop, session 3
- 12 May: “States, citizens and social protection in Africa” online workshop, session 4
- 17 May: Roger Southall: “Whites and democracy in South Africa” (discussion of new book)
- 24 May: Justin Pearce (Stellenbosch): “Cold War solidarity, and the politics of the Angolan military”
- 7 July: Development Studies Association annual conference session on “States, citizens and social protection in Africa”
- 16 August: Sishuwa Sishuwa (IDCPPA) and Duncan Money (Leiden): “Racial nationalism, defamation of the president, and the Roy Clarke satirical affair in Zambia”
- 23 August: Tim Murithi (IJR/IDCPPA): “Elections, violence and transitional justice in Africa” (discussion of new book)
- 20 September: Courtney Hallink (Cambridge): “Social protection for unemployed South Africans”
- 4 October: Jess Auerbach (UCT GSB): “The middle class in Angola”
- 11 October: Darren Janz (Visiting in the Afrobarometer Data Management Team): “Solidarity on the move: Reassessing traditional authority and the bloc vote in South Africa”
- 19 October: Workshop on the SADC mission in Mozambique
- 22 November: Jeremy Seekings: “Covid-19 and social protection in Africa: a case-study of Botswana”
- 6 December: Michael Aeby (Edinburgh): “Implementing African peace agreements: insights from Kenya, South Sudan and Zimbabwe”
- 6 December: Andre du Toit et al: “Amnesty chronicles: the inner history of the amnesty negotiations during the South African transition, and the origins of the TRC’s amnesty process” (Panel discussion shown alongside of new book with Lungisile Ntsebeza, Deborah Posel, Hlonipha Mokoena and Hugh Corder)



## Afrobarometer



**Afrobarometer**, now based in Ghana, is the premier project collecting data on public opinion across Africa. Initiated in the late 1980s, Afrobarometer has now almost completed its ninth round of surveys and is planning its tenth round. The ninth round covered 37 countries by the end of 2022 (with two outstanding surveys scheduled for early 2023).

The IDCPPA supports Afrobarometer in three principal ways: The Surveys Unit oversees survey operations, the Data Management Unit assists with programming and training prior to fieldwork, and with cleaning data and preparation for its release following fieldwork, and the capacity-building team runs activities to strengthen capacity in the analysis of Afrobarometer data. In addition, the Institute provides some support in the analysis of data.

In 2022, the **Surveys Unit** – comprising Dr Boni Dulani (based in Malawi) and Anyway Chingwete (based in Cape Town) – oversaw Round 9 surveys in thirty-three countries (including in Angola, shown in the pictures below). The Unit also helped with piloting four telephone surveys using mobile phones, one each in Botswana and Burkina Faso and two in Zambia. The Unit also assessed the feasibility of surveys, and advertised calls for bids, in Guinea Bissau, Congo Brazzaville, Mauritania, Algeria, Sao Tome and Principe, and Seychelles. Surveys are scheduled in Guinea Bissau and Congo Brazzaville in early 2023. A country assessment was conducted in Burundi but this did not lead to a decision to advertise for a local partner to run a survey. Given that contracts for surveys now extend to three rounds, contracts were readvertised in several countries. In addition, the Surveys Unit managed and monitored several ‘Special Projects’ for Afrobarometer, including the provision of data to the European Union, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), (German) GIZ and the Global Centre for Pluralism.



The **Data Management** team, headed by Jamy Felton, is responsible for programming questionnaires for fieldwork, participating in training and monitoring fieldwork activities, and providing feedback. The team also has overall responsibility for managing data sets, including cleaning, adding weights, releasing data sets and preparing the ‘summaries of results’ for each survey. In 2022, the team cleaned and finalized an additional twenty-three Round 9 datasets as well as the first Zambia telephone survey dataset. Data cleaning was continuing in the remaining countries that had completed their R9 surveys (and the three further telephonic surveys). In many ways, the Data team was a victim of the Unit’s ability to field so many surveys during 2022, as this meant there was a large backlog of data sets to be cleaned while carrying out other routine tasks to assist in survey preparation and fieldwork monitoring. The Data Management Team at UCT also comprised (part-time) Thomas Isbell, Hangala Siachiwena, Winnie Arthur, Martin Oswald and Vayda Megannon.

**Capacity-building** is a key pillar of Afrobarometer’s work. Afrobarometer seeks to expand and deepen the capacity of African researchers to interpret and analyse the data it collects, in order to enable African researchers, policy actors, and civil society advocates to play more effective roles in policy and development. The core of the programme comprises residential Summer Schools. After a two-year hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic, an in-person French-language summer school was held in collaboration with the Université Cheikh Anta Diop in Dakar in August. This Summer School brought together thirty participants from fourteen countries. An English-language summer school was held in November for the first time since 2019, in collaboration with the University of Pretoria. Thirty participants were selected from a record 550 applications. Participants came from fifteen countries. The capacity-building team was headed for most of the year by Dr Hama Tamukamoyo, was managed by Dominique Drying, and involved Dr Thomas Isbell (as the Afrobarometer Post-Doctoral Research Fellow in the Institute; shown alongside teaching at the Summer School) and other UCT-based staff as lecturers and tutors.



Administrative support was provided by the CSSR/IDCPPA team, including especially Shirley Whitmore in the latter part of the year.

Afrobarometer data were used in a number of publications by Institute researchers. Post-doctoral research fellow Thomas Isbell used Afrobarometer data in a policy paper on attitudes toward taxation and a working paper on inequality and attitudes to democracy. PhD student Matthias Krönke authored or coauthored a series of policy papers on political opinion in Uganda.

## Public Policy

Our research into public policy continues to focus primarily on social policy, including specifically social protection policy, especially in Zambia and Botswana as well as South Africa.

The team's detailed assessment of social protection responses to COVID-19 in South Africa was published early in the year by the Centre for Growth and Development in Washington DC. In addition to an analysis of programmatic reform, the report also included analysis of reforms to application and payment systems (by Lena Gronbach), of survey data on beneficiaries (by Jeremy Seekings) and of new qualitative data on applicants for the emergency COVID-19 Social Relief of Distress Grant (by Vayda Megannon, assisted by Thobani Ncapai). Vayda (with Thobani) continued her research through re-interviewing beneficiaries in Cape Town and the rural Eastern Cape.

Following on from this, the team was contracted by the World Bank to conduct a similar study of Botswana. The report, completed late in the year, comprised analysis of the programmatic and payment system reform (by Jeremy Seekings and Lena Gronbach) as well as a preliminary study of the experiences and attitudes of members of the public (by Winnie Arthur). Extended fieldwork in August and September also resulted in a draft study (by Jeremy Seekings) of the attitudes of government officials at the district and sub-district level.

Hangala Siachiwena continues to work on policy-making and implementation in Zambia and Malawi. A chapter from his PhD on Malawi was published in *Development Policy Review*. Hangala addressed a forum, on social protection, in Lusaka organized by the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (photo on the right).



Hangala and Winnie Arthur together fielded a mini-survey in the Kamanga neighbourhood of Lusaka in July 2022 (photo on the left). This mini-survey largely replicated Winnie's prior mini-survey in Site C, Khayelitsha (Cape Town). It focused on attitudes towards social grants and other government programmes. The mini-survey was conducted with three goals in mind: to assess

citizens' preferences between programmes and designs, to probe perceptions of the politicization of social protection, and to interrogate how citizens perceive the deservingness of others. In addition, the mini-survey – conducted with Isaac Kabalenga and Cleopas Sambo of the National University of Zambia (UNZA) – served as a pilot for a possible national survey in Zambia. A Working Paper on the findings will be published in early 2023. Meanwhile, Winnie also made progress in her analysis of the data from her earlier mini-survey in Cape Town, and prepared for further fieldwork in Botswana. Jeremy Seekings published a paper surveying the evidence on elite and popular attitudes to social protection in Africa.

In April, Professor Ndangwa Noyoo organized an online workshop on the legacy of Dr Zola Skweyiya who, inter alia, served as South Africa's Minister of Social Development from 1999 to 2009.

The Institute was also involved in organizing a series of online workshops where new research on the politics of social protection in Africa was presented, including by researchers from the Institute. A series of four online workshops were organized in May, followed by an online session of the UK Development Studies Association's annual conference in July. Some of the papers presented at these workshops were later submitted for a prospective special issue of the journal *Social Policy and Administration*, on 'States, Citizens and Social Protection in Africa'. A total of twelve papers were submitted in late 2022, covering cases from West, East and Southern Africa.

Other research into public policy included work on health policy and practice in South Africa (by Jeremy Seekings and Nicoli Nattrass) and on aspects of cross-border migration (by Sikanyiso Masuku).

## Political Parties and Elections



Sarah Lockwood and Matthias Krönke organized, on behalf of the Institute, the third annual Political Parties in Africa online conference over four days in February and March. A total of twenty-six papers were presented, spread across twelve sessions, covering topics ranging from party funding, candidate selection and election campaigning, and the relationship between parties and the military. The conference provides an opportunity for senior and junior scholars from Africa, Europe and North America (and, occasionally, elsewhere) to share their research and engage with each other. The papers presented and discussed have drawn on quantitative and qualitative data and have included cross-country studies as well as national or even sub-national case-studies. Most of the papers have later been published. A pioneering paper by Matthias, Sarah and Bob Mattes, using Afrobarometer data to measure the presence of political parties across Africa, was published in a symposium that they edited in the journal *Party Politics*.

As in previous years, Zambia has remained a major focus for the Institute's researchers. Post-doctoral research fellows Sishuwa Sishuwa and Hangala Siachiwena – together with Nicole Beardsworth of the University of the Witwatersrand – served as guest editors of a prospective special issue of the *Journal of East African Studies* in Zambia's 2021 elections. Most of the papers submitted to the journal were originally discussed at workshops of the Zambia Elections Research Network, which the Institute co-hosts (in partnership with the Southern African Institute for Policy Research, SAIPAR, in Lusaka). The papers included a study of the post-election transition by

Sishuwa as well as a co-authored paper on the use of legal mechanisms to harass political opponents, together with papers by Hangala and Jeremy Seekings on the elections in urban and rural areas respectively. Sishuwa and Hangala also contributed to the prospective introductory essay for the issue.

Post-doctoral research fellows Sishuwa, Hangala and Sikanyiso also ended the year with an impressive number of papers under review or in production with journals or as book chapters. Sishuwa also made progress in revising his PhD thesis, on Zambia's populist president Michael Sata, for publication as a book. PhD student Martin Oswald published his first journal article, in the *Journal of African Elections*, using Afrobarometer data from Uganda. Post-doctoral research fellow Primrose Bimha presented a paper in the Institute's lunchtime seminar series on the fragmentation of the political opposition in Zimbabwe.

Sishuwa spoke at the Kenneth Kaunda memorial lecture, also in Lusaka (photo below left). Sishuwa was also filmed for an episode in the British television series, [My Grandfather's War](#). The episode focused on the grandfather of UK singer Emeli Sandé (photo below right).



## Regional Politics

Tim Murithi – an Honorary Research Associate in the Institute – had a very productive year, authoring a series of book chapters and journal articles as well as co-editing a volume on *Elections, violence and transitional justice in Africa*. Tim also convened an in-person workshop (photos below) in the Institute in October on the SADC mission in northern Mozambique (SAMIM). The workshop was organized together with Stellenbosch University’s Security Institute for Governance and Leadership in Africa and the Institute for Justice and Reconciliation (in Cape Town). The workshop included excellent presentations by scholars from the University of the Western Cape, UNISA, Stellenbosch, Nelson Mandela University and UCT, as well as from the Norwegian Institute of International Affairs and from Mozambique itself. The administration of the workshop was handled in large part by Primrose Bimha, who was one of the Institute’s Post-Doctoral Research Fellows. Primrose also continued to develop her own research on external diplomatic interventions in Zimbabwe and Lesotho.



The Russian invasion of Ukraine also prompted the attention of the Institute’s researchers. Jeremy Seekings and Chris Saunders co-authored a paper on African responses and the implications for democracy in the region, part of which was published in the *Strategic Review for Southern Africa*. Tim Murithi also contributed an article to the *Strategic Review*. Jeremy Seekings and Nicoli Nattrass also published an opinion piece in the *Daily Maverick* on the equivocation over the invasion by the Academy of Sciences in South Africa.

## Challenges

The IDCPPA has an important role in realizing UCT’s Vision 2030, which envisages the university playing a leading role in scholarship in and from Africa (or ‘Afrika’) on the challenges facing the continent. Vision 2030 imagines UCT as having the staff, students and partnerships appropriate for Africa’s leading research university. The Institute can be integral to carrying forward this project. It has acquired a strong reputation in the fields of political parties, democracy, citizenship and social policy in Africa. We have strong partnerships with researchers across Africa, including through our relationship with Afrobarometer.

However, the Institute faces two major challenges. Funding is a perennial challenge, especially with regard to the core funding required to sustain the Institute’s operations. More fundamentally, the community of scholars at UCT working on Africa north of the Limpopo has shrunk over the past few years. For a variety of reasons, UCT’s capacity to teach, to conduct research and to supervise postgraduate students in the fields of democracy, citizenship and public policy across Africa has diminished sharply in recent years. UCT has extensive capacity in the study of South Africa but very limited capacity in the study of the rest of the continent. This is reflected in the fact that the Institute’s initial ‘Interim’ Director, Jeremy Seekings, had to return as ‘Acting’ Director in 2021 and 2022. The Institute requires a Director – not an Acting Director – who is committed to building the Institute, with appropriate funding, for at least a three-year term. The Director should be African. The sustainability of the Institute also requires the appointment of scholars with expertise in the study of contemporary Africa, beyond South Africa, in the relevant teaching departments.

## Publications 2022

### Books and journal special issues

- Du Toit, Andre**, *Amnesty chronicles: the inner history of the amnesty negotiations during the South African transition, and the origins of the TRC's amnesty process* (Stellenbosch: Beyers Naude Centre for Public Theology, University of Stellenbosch).
- Gonçalves, Maria do Carmo dos Santos, Rebecca Gutwald, Tanja Kleibl, Ronald Lutz, **Ndangwa Noyoo** and Janestic Twikirize (eds), *The coronavirus crisis and challenges to social development: global perspectives* (Cham: Springer).
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- Opongo, Elias, and **Tim Murithi** (eds), *Elections, violence and transitional justice in Africa* (Abingdon: Routledge).



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- Masuku, Sikanyiso**, 'The AU's Constitutive Act: contextual threats and its implementation in modern-day Africa', in Egon Spiegel, George Mutalemwa, Cheng Liu and Lester Kurtz (eds), *Peace Studies for Sustainable Development in Africa* (Cham: Springer): 751-761.
- Murithi, Tim**, 'Africa and the restructuring of the United Nations Security Council', in Samuel Ojo Olorunboba and Toyin Falola (eds), *Palgrave handbook of Africa and the changing global order* (London: Palgrave Macmillan): 705-721.
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- , 'The ethics of transitional justice', in Austin Choi-Fitzpatrick, Douglas Irvin-Erickson and Ernesto Verdeja (eds), *Wicked problems: the ethics of action for peace, rights, and justice* (Oxford: Oxford University Press).
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- , 'Elite Ideology, Public Opinion and the Persistence of Poverty and Inequality in Eastern and Southern Africa', in Katja Hujo and Maggie Carter (eds), *Between fault lines and front lines: shifting power in an unequal world* (London: Zed): 175-190.
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- Krönke, Matthias, Sarah Lockwood** and Robert Mattes, 'Party footprints in Africa: measuring local party presence across the continent', *Party Politics* 28(2): 208-222.
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- , Robert Mattes and **Matthias Krönke**, 'Party structures and organization-building in Africa', *Party Politics* 28(2): 203-207.
- Murithi, Tim**, 'The failure of the United Nations Security Council in creating the framework conditions for mediation in the Russia-Ukraine crisis', *Strategic Review for Southern Africa* 44(1): 65-92.
- Natrass, Nicoli and **Jeremy Seekings**, 'High modernist hubris and its subversion in South Africa's COVID-19 vaccination rollout', *Journal of Southern African Studies* 48(5): 765-785.
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- Siachiwena, Hangala**, 'International donors, domestic politics and the expansion of social cash transfers in Malawi', *Development Policy Review*, DOI: 10.1111/dpr.12660 (online first).

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- Masuku, Sikanyiso**, 'Why it's important to understand the unique plight of internally displaced people in Africa', *The Conversation* (15th November 2022).
- Megannon, Vayda**, 'The South African government's response to the Covid-19 pandemic', in *The struggle for democracy in Africa: elections, coups, and popular opinion, African Social Research 2* (New York: Program on African Social Research): 119-130.
- Oswald, Martin**, 'The impact of electoral violence on electoral participation and support for democracy in Kenya', in *The struggle for democracy in Africa: elections, coups, and popular opinion, African Social Research 2* (New York: Program on African Social Research): 66-72.
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- , 'Malawi: History', in Iain Frame (ed.), *Africa South of the Sahara 2023* (London: Routledge): 732-738
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- , 'South Africa: History', in Iain Frame (ed.), *Africa South of the Sahara 2023* (London: Routledge): 1128-38
- , 'Zimbabwe: History', in Iain Frame (ed.), *Africa South of the Sahara 2023* (London: Routledge): 1344-51
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- Sishuwa, Sishuwa**, 'Zambia: History', in Iain Frame (ed.), *Africa South of the Sahara 2023* (London: Routledge): 1316-24.

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# About the Institute for Democracy, Citizenship and Public Policy in Africa

The Institute was established in 2017 to conduct empirical research into the factors that strengthen and sustain democracy across Africa. Our team of researchers – including post-doctoral research fellows and PhD students – approach the study of democracy from four broad directions:

**Public opinion and voting behaviour:** How do citizens view democracy and political institutions in their countries? How do they assess the performance of government and opposition? To what extent and how do they hold governments to account through elections or other mechanisms? We work closely with the **Afrobarometer** surveys of public attitudes towards democracy, governance, economic conditions, and related issues across most of Africa.

**Political parties and elected representatives:** How do political parties organize, mobilise, conduct election campaigns and govern? How are candidates for election selected? To what extent and how do parties and individual Members of Parliament represent citizens? We host the **Political Parties in Africa** project.

**Regional and international factors:** How do regional and international organisations affect the conduct of elections, the operation of political institutions, the maintenance of order and the making of public policy?

**The consequences for public policy:** What determines or informs public policy-making and implementation? To what extent do public policies reflect the will of the citizenry? Our primary focus is on social protection or welfare policy. We also study development and labour market policies.

We address these questions through data collection (including both quantitative and qualitative data, through large-scale surveys, interviews and, where appropriate, archival research) by both teams of researchers and individual researchers. We hold regular seminars (or webinars) and workshops. We collaborate with researchers elsewhere in Africa and further afield.



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