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## International Symposium on “South Africa in Transition”

**Date:** Thursday, 4 October, 2012 10:00~12:30  
**Venue:** Elizabeth Rose Hall, UNU Headquarters, 5F  
**Organized by:** United Nations University Institute for Sustainability and Peace, Graduate Programme in Sustainability Science, University of Tokyo, South African Embassy in Tokyo

In April 1994, South Africa held its first democratic elections, which resulted in the end of minority rule and apartheid and established a multi-racial government with Nelson Mandela elected as the country's first black president. The whole world watched with both great concern and hope as South Africa embarked on a transition from apartheid to a multi-racial society based on equality, justice and fairness for its entire people. The messages sent out by the new government of peace, reconciliation, reconstruction and development were received with much enthusiasm by the international community. Eighteen years have passed since then. Internationally, South Africa is now considered a “newly emerging economy” along with China, India and Brazil. Within the African continent, no country could question South Africa's leading political and economic role in dealing with regional and continental issues within the African Union and the Southern African Development Community (SADC).

What though, is happening inside South Africa? How is the transition progressing?

This symposium aims to shed light on the present situation of South Africa, focusing especially on the question of transition from the past, and questioning how far the country has advanced in this process. The symposium features two keynote speakers from the University of Cape Town in South Africa — Dr. Max Price, Vice-Chancellor; and Prof. Deborah Posel, Director, Institute for the Humanities in Africa (HUMA). Their presentations will be followed by brief comments from three invited discussants and subsequent Q & A exchanges involving the audience.

### Programme

[English-Japanese simultaneous interpretation provided]

- 10:00-10:10 Welcoming Remarks**  
*Prof. Kazuhiko Takeuchi, Vice-Rector, UNU*
- 10:10-10:50 Keynote Speech: South Africa in Transition**  
*Prof. Deborah Posel, Director, Institute for the Humanities in Africa (HUMA), University of Cape Town, South Africa*
- 10:50-11:30 Keynote Speech: What's Happened to Poverty and Inequality in South Africa Since 1994?**  
*Dr. Max Price, Vice-Chancellor, University of Cape Town, South Africa*
- 11:30-11:40 Mini-break**
- 11:40-12:25 Discussion with Keynote Speakers**  
*Discussant 1: Ms. Kumiko Makino, Research Fellow, Institute of Developing Economies, Japan External Trade Organization (IDE-JETRO)*  
*Discussant 2: Mr. Kenji Kato, Reporter, The Daily Yomiuri*  
*Discussant 3: Dr. Ben Okolo Simon, JSPS Postdoctoral Fellow, UNU-ISP*
- Q & A
- 12:25-12:30 Closing Remarks**  
*H.E. Ambassador Mohau Pheko, South African Embassy in Tokyo*

<Profile of Keynote Speakers>

**Prof. Deborah Posel, Director, Institute for the Humanities in Africa (HUMA), University of Cape Town**



Dr. Deborah Posel is a professor of sociology at UCT, an appointment that coincides with her taking up the position of HUMA's founding director as of January 2010. Prior to that, she spent many years at the University of Witwatersrand — as a professor of sociology, and director of the Wits Institute for Social and Economic Research (WISER), which she founded in 2000. She has been educated at the University of the Witwatersrand and Nuffield College, Oxford, where she obtained her DPhil in 1987 and was awarded the Gwilyn Gibbon Prize Research Fellowship from 1985–1987.

Dr. Posel has been a visiting scholar at Harvard University and a visiting professor at the École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales (EHESS) in Paris. She is a member of the Academy of Science for South Africa (ASSAF) and a fellow at the Stellenbosch Institute for Advanced Study (STIAS). She has written and published widely on aspects of South African politics and society, during and beyond the apartheid years, including *The Making of Apartheid, 1948–1961* (Clarendon Press, 1991 & 1997); *Apartheid's Genesis* (Raven and Ohio University Press, 1994), with Phil Bonner and Peter Delius; and *Commissioning the Past: Understanding South Africa's Truth and Reconciliation Commission* (WUP, 2002), with Graeme Simpson.

**Dr. Max Price, Vice-Chancellor, University of Cape Town**



Dr. Max Price began his term of office as Vice-Chancellor of the University of Cape Town on 1 July 2008. Previous to this appointment, he spent two years as an independent consultant in the fields of public health, health policy, medical education, and human resources for health. Dr. Price was Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences at the University of the Witwatersrand from 1996 to 2006 and spearheaded a series of transformation initiatives, including the Internal Reconciliation Commission. He established a new graduate entry medical programme, academic programmes in rural health, bioethics, sports medicine, emergency medicine, and biomedical sciences. He also founded South Africa's first university-owned private teaching hospital, and the first university research company.

He has an MBChB degree from the University of the Witwatersrand, which he obtained in 1979; a BA PPE (Oxon, 1983); an MSc in Community Health from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine; and a Diploma in Occupational Health from Wits. Other achievements and awards include the Rhodes Scholarship at Oxford University, Four Outstanding Young South Africans Award (1992), and Student Representative Council president. Dr. Price's professional work has included clinical work in hospitals and rural primary healthcare. He was a research fellow in health economics at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine; a senior researcher and then director at the Centre for Health Policy at Wits University; as well as a visiting Takemi Fellow in International Health at the Harvard School of Public Health from 1994 to 1995. Dr. Price served as Chair of the Ministerial Committee on Health Care Financing, and was a member of the WHO/FAO/UNDP Tropical Disease Research (TDR) programme special task force on impact of health financing reform on tropical diseases.

Dr. Price has published extensively, including 38 local and international refereed journal articles, over 100 other articles, and academic conference papers in health systems research, political economy of health, health economics and financing, privatization and medical aids, rural health services, computer simulation modeling of health systems, medical education and human resources.