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## **Third Young Scholars Conference on Structural Change and Industrial Policy in Africa**

organised by

University of Johannesburg and Young Scholars Initiative

**13-14 June 2023**

***Hybrid Conference***

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### **About the Conference**

The *Third Young Scholars Conference on Structural Change and Industrial Policy in Africa* is an opportunity for young scholars to present and receive feedback on their research on structural change and industrial development and policy in Africa. Attendance without presentation of papers is welcome. Attendance is free and open to the public, especially young scholars. Senior international scholars will act as discussants on the papers to provide feedback on presented papers.

The conference opens with a keynote address from Prof Ha-Joon Chang (Research Professor of Economics at the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London).

### **Satellite conference venues**

This year the conference is hybrid, with an option of congregated attendance at various satellite venues, where attendants can participate in the virtual conference as a group in a single venue. The satellite events are intended to serve as an in-person gathering to this otherwise virtual event. It's an opportunity to gather peers interested in the conference themes and enjoy the sessions together. Satellite venues are in Somanya, Ghana; Nairobi, Kenya; Johannesburg, South Africa; Windhoek, Namibia; Maastricht, Netherlands; and Manitoba, Canada.

### **About the host institutions**

The DSI/NRF **South African Research Chair in Industrial Development** (SARChI-ID) is based at the University of Johannesburg, and undertakes research, capacity building and public and policy engagement focused on industrial development. The **Young Scholars Initiative** (YSI) supports and inspires the next generation of new economic thinkers and aims to transform the discourse in economics by establishing an open space for economic thought and inquiry. These institutions have collaborated in this joint conference in recognition of the need to strengthen research on structural change and industrial development and policy amongst young scholars in Africa.

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# Third Young Scholars Conference Programme

13 June 2023

10h00-10h55 **Opening and Welcome: Prof Fiona Tregenna**

**Keynote Address: Prof Ha-Joon Chang**

11h00-13h00 **Day 1: Panel 1 (Parallel sessions)**

## PANEL 1A: GREEN INDUSTRIALISATION I

Green hydrogen for sustainable (re)industrialisation in South Africa: Industrial policy for difficult-to-abate industries and linkages development

A pathway to industrialization in Africa's industrial policy; going green, inside Africa  
Industrialisation, climate change and economic growth of sub-Saharan Africa: Can sub-Saharan economies be green?

Effect of public energy policies on industrial development in sub-Saharan African countries

**Discussant: Prof Susan Newman (The Open University)**

Mr Jason Bell (University of Johannesburg), Antonio Andreoni (SOAS), and Simon Roberts (UJ)

Ms Grace Oshiname (University of Ibadan)

Dr Ezebuilo Romanus Ukwueze (University of Nigeria), Omeje, Ambrose N.; Urama, Chinasa E.; Obodoechi, Divine N.; Ogbonna, Oliver E.; Asogwa, Henry T.

Dr Souleymane Diallo, Prof. Youmanli Ouoba (Thomas Sankara University)

## PANEL 1B: STRUCTURAL TRANSFORMATION

The determinants of structural transformation in South Africa: Focus on the manufacturing sector and its productivity

Industrial Production, Multifactor Productivity, and Development of Industrial Policies in Ethiopia: The Case of the Manufacturing Sector

The Contribution of Manufacturing and Service Exports to Long Run Economic Growth in Ethiopia: Evidence from ARDL Bounds-Testing Model Analysis

Does structural change provide a key to unlocking Africa's potential growth?

**Discussant: Prof Simon Roberts (UJ)**

Ms Zodwa Boma, Dr Clement Moyo (Nelson Mandela University)

Dr Ismael Mohammed Nasir (Jimma University), Prof. Dr. Abdulkadir Buluş (Necmettin Erbakan University)

Mr Degena Telgel Lakew (Food, Beverage and Pharmaceutical Industry Development Institute of Ethiopia)

Dr Maya Moalla (Independent Researcher)

13h00-14h00 **LUNCH/BREAK**

14h00-15h30 **Day 1: Panel 2 (parallel sessions)**

## PANEL 2A: FDI & STRUCTURAL TRANSFORMATION

Construction as a springboard for industrialisation: Chinese overseas construction projects and structural transformation in Angola, Ethiopia, and Nigeria

Domestic Investment, Foreign Direct Investment and Industrial Performance in Africa

Does Economic Freedom improve FDI in Sub-Saharan Africa?

**Discussant: Dr Piergiuseppe Fortunato (UNCTAD)**

Dr Christina Wolf (University of Hertfordshire)

Mr George Baffour Awuah (UCT), Emmanuel Gbolonyo & Isaac Kwesi Ofori

Dr Dia Ibrahima (PAUGHSS)

## PANEL 2B: GENDER & INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

Gendered Agglomeration and Innovation Dynamics

Structural Change and Gender Sectoral Segregation in sub-Saharan Africa

Explaining Capacity Utilization among Firms in Kenya

**Discussant: Prof Mwangi wa Githinji (UMass Amherst)**

Dr Bernadin Geraud Comlan Ahodode (University of Abomey-Calavi); M. Samson C. Aklobo

Dr Izaskun Zuazu (University of Duisburg-Essen)

Mr Kefa Simiyu, Ms Beatrice Mbinya (University of Nairobi)

# 14 June 2023

## 10h00-12h00 Day 2: Panel 3 (parallel sessions)

### PANEL 3A: POLITICAL ECONOMY

Unravelling the Effects of Systemic Corruption on Industrial Development: Lessons from Zimbabwe and South Africa  
 Unlocking Tripartite Synergy: Exploring the Potential for a IBSA Trade Agreement  
 Do Exports of Services Lengthen the Duration of Export of Goods? Evidence from Kenya  
 Is Africa growing out of poverty? A historical comparative case study of structural change in Côte d'Ivoire

### Discussant: Prof Horman Chitonge (UCT)

Mr Osbert Hove (Zimbabwe Open University)

Mr Ripudaman Bhardwaj (Research and Information System for Developing Countries)

Dr Socrates Majune (University of Nairobi), Festus O. Egwaikhide, Josea Cheruiyot

Kiplangat

Mark Melles (Lund University)

### PANEL 3B: GREEN INDUSTRIALISATION II

The effect of industrialisation on CO2 emissions in Africa: Analysing institutions and financial development as moderating factors  
 Developing sustainable green motorized transportation in Africa: A focus on industrialization and policy  
 Greening Trade through Global Value Chains in Africa  
 Interactions between recovery and energy policy in South Africa

### Discussant: Prof Anthony Black (UCT)

Mr Santos Bila (University of Johannesburg)

Dr Enock Musau (University of Johannesburg)

Ms Angella Faith Montfaucon; Socrates Majune (University of Nairobi)

Mr Bence Kiss-Dobronyi (Corvinus University of Budapest), Prof Margaret Chitiga-Mabugu (University of Pretoria), Mr Richard Lewney (Cambridge Econometrics), Ms Nokulunga Mbona (South African Reserve Bank)

## 12h00-13h00 LUNCH/BREAK

## 13h00-15h00 Day 2: Panel 4 (parallel sessions)

### PANEL 4A: INDUSTRIAL SECTOR STUDIES

Challenges in sustaining and socially upgrading the Mauritian garment industry: The interplay of industrial policy with firm and labour responses  
 Nearshoring and reshoring: the changing sourcing strategies of South African apparel retailers  
 Industrial development, industrialisation, sector studies, and African deindustrialisation. A case study of African Startups ecosystems  
 Adoption of 4IR technologies: A case study of South Africa's apparel industry

### Discussant: Prof Stefano Ponte (Copenhagen Business School)

Ms Linn Ternsjö (Lund University)

Ms Vuyiswa Mkhabela, Prof Anthony Black (University of Cape Town)

Mr Elia Nyamwihula Mwoleka (Tanzania Startup Association)

Ms Nokwanda Mathenjwa (University of Johannesburg)

### PANEL 4B: TRADE

Analysing the Impact of Trade Facilitation on Intra-Exports Flow among Selected SADC Countries  
 Integration of African Countries in Regional and Global Value Chains: Static & Dynamic Patterns  
 Trade and Firm Productivity: Does Ownership Structure Matter?  
 Transport infrastructure and intra-African trade: A new empirical evidence

### Discussant: Hazel Gray (University of Edinburgh)

Dr Puruweti Siyakiya (Independent)

Dr Emmanuel Mensah (Utrecht University), Prof Johannes Van Biesebroeck (KU Leuven)

Mr Eyayu Tesfaye (Addis Ababa University)

Dr Léleng Kebalo (World Trade Organisation), Dr Stéphane Zouri (Central Bank of West African Member States), Dr Moukaila Mouzamilou Takpara (Independent), Mr Guivis Zeufack Nkemgha (University of Bamenda)

### PANEL 4C: 4IR, INNOVATION AND INDUSTRIALISATION

The 4IR & the manufacturing sector in developing countries: How should developing countries adapt their human capital accumulation in the context of globalisation?  
 The impact of 4IR on Africa's industrialization: Planners Perspectives  
 Industrial policy and labour productivity growth in Africa  
 Technological capability and Industrialization in Africa

### Discussant: Prof Antonio Andreoni (SOAS)

Ms Cynthia Tshalalala (University of the Witwatersrand)

Mr Ofentse Lebese, Mr Tshiamo Domingo (University of Johannesburg)

Mr Jean Fidele SIE (Nagoya University)

Dr Gideon Ndubuisi (Delft University of Technology), Dr Emmanuel B. Mensah (Utrecht University), Prof Fiona Tregenna (University of Johannesburg)

## 15h00-15h20 Award announcements + Day 2 Close