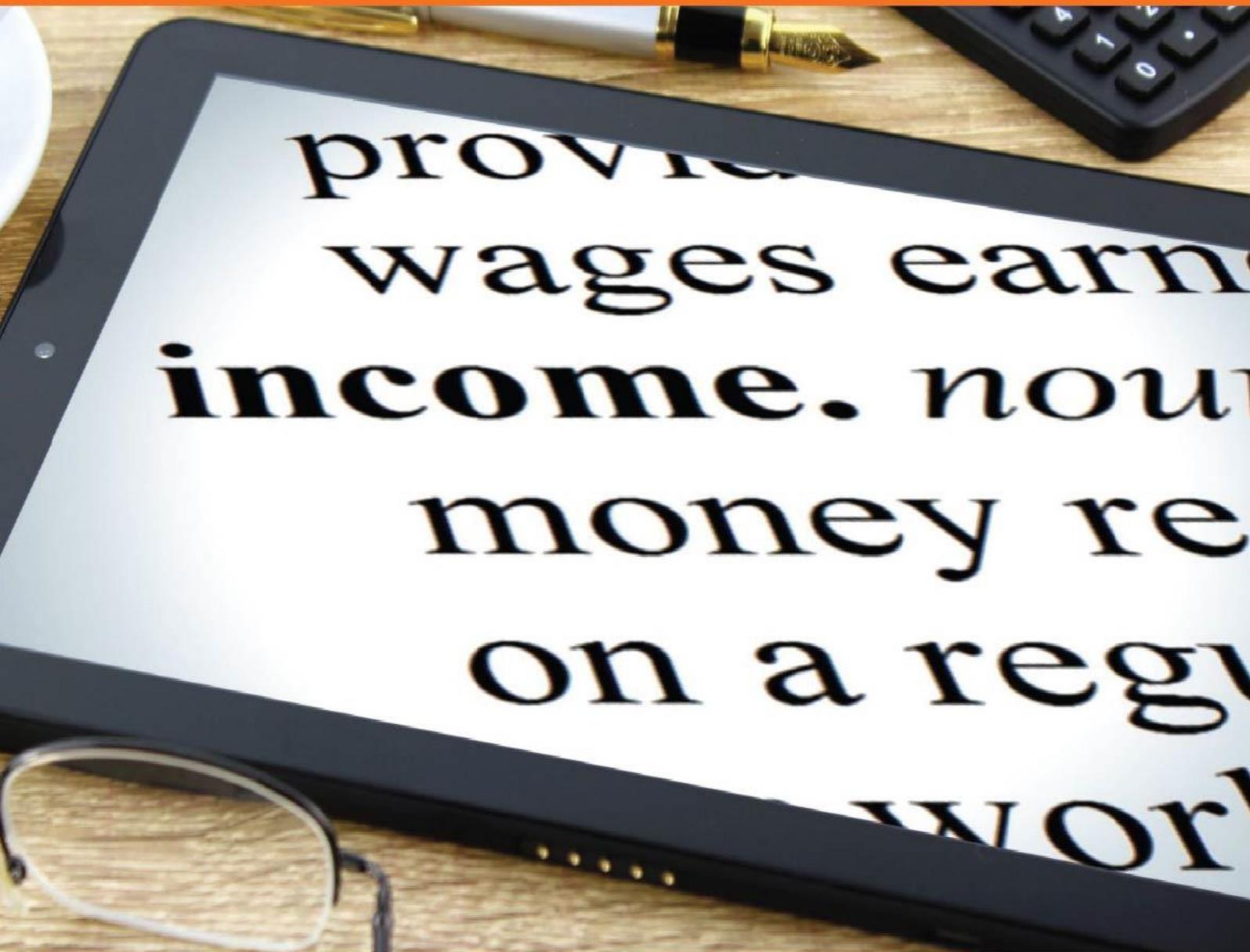


# The National Income Dynamics Study (NIDS): What does NIDS tell us about growing up in South Africa? A focus on Children and Youth

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## **INTRODUCTION**

We look forward to your participation in the Human and Social Dynamics Research Seminar, which the Department of Science and Technology (DST) is hosting in collaboration with the Human Sciences Research Council, the Presidency, and the Southern Africa Labour and Development Research Unit (SALDRU) at the University of Cape Town. The seminar will focus on “National Income Dynamics Study (NIDS): What does NIDS tell us about growing up in South Africa? A focus on Children and Youth”. This seminar is scheduled to take place on 23 March 2017 in the Emerald room at the CSIR Conference Centre, Pretoria.

## **PURPOSE OF THE HUMAN AND SOCIAL DYNAMICS RESEARCH SEMINARS**

The Department of Science and Technology (DST) Human and Social Dynamics (HSD) Research Seminar Series aims to:

- Disseminate scientific research findings and transmit a body of new knowledge through an interactive process of critical dialogue and collegial critique to the social sciences and humanities research (SSH) community and other interested actors in the National System of Innovation (NSI);
- Provide an avenue for rated and other researchers, including researchers from rural-based universities to engage in knowledge dialogues across faculties and with other interested actors in the NSI;
- Present and discuss new and ongoing research, identify research gaps, and suggest new research agendas in SSH with a view to forging closer links between the research communities in these fields;
- Reinforce the visibility of SSH research to the higher education and science council sector;
- Enhance wider public understanding of the SSH, including the value and status of both individual and team-based research; and
- Strategically promote, develop, and coordinate collaborative and interdisciplinary research within and between higher education institutions and science councils.

## **BACKGROUND**

To achieve the objectives of the National Development Plan in addressing the triple challenges of poverty, inequality and unemployment, government requires data sources that provide empirical evidence which informs society on how far we have come in addressing these challenges and how far we still need to go.

In 2006, the government (the Presidency) commissioned the Southern Africa Labour and Development Research Unit (SALDRU) at the University of Cape Town to undertake a panel study, the National Income Dynamics Study (NIDS). South Africa has joined developed countries such as the UK and the US and developing countries such as Mexico and Indonesia in having a national panel survey.

South Africa is a society that is undergoing rapid economic, political and social change, and the government identified the need for a panel study in order to better understand social change, mobility, poverty and household dynamics. The NIDS is South Africa’s only national panel (longitudinal) study (survey) of individuals of all ages. The NIDS provides empirical data on the changing dynamics of South African society. The NIDS tells us a comprehensive story about what is happening to all South Africans across the income distribution from

rich to poor. It provides us with empirical evidence of the unfolding story of the changes, both positive and negative, in the lives of all South Africans. The NIDS Project is a national research resource which is an exemplar of government and academia working together.

The country has a number of cross-sectional studies such as Stats SA's Income and Expenditure Survey that provide data about income and poverty at a particular moment in time. However, the NIDS is the country's only longitudinal study that provides this information over an extended period. It provides information not only on people's lives at a particular point in time, but also on how people's lives are changing. The NIDS is therefore an important source of data which provides government with the necessary evidence to inform formulation of policies that will facilitate achievement of the goals of eradicating poverty and reducing inequality.

This seminar will focus on children and youth.

This seminar will bring together leadership, researchers and policy actors. The research seminar series are designed to showcase research and knowledge production in the Social Sciences and Humanities (SSH) generated by the National System of Innovation (NSI); serve as vehicles for disseminating research evidence to wider and diverse audiences; operate as platforms for the sharing of local and international expertise and experience; and promote research and knowledge production in the SSH that benefits and enhances the NSI.

We would be greatly honoured by your participation.

## PROGRAMME

### National Income Dynamics Study (NIDS): What does NIDS tell us about growing up in South Africa? A focus on Children and Youth

Venue: Emerald room, CSIR, Pretoria

Date: 23 March 2017

Chair: Ms Mastoera Sadan, DPME

Rapporteur: Ms Ntokozo Ndlovu, and Ms Bridget Dube, Tony Elephant Media

08:30 - 09:00	Registration, Tea & Coffee
09:00 – 09:10	Introduction
09:00 – 09:10	<b>Welcome &amp; Opening Remarks</b> <i>Prof. Leickness Simbayi, HSRC and Ms Mastoera Sadan, DPME</i>
<b>09:10 – 09:50</b>	Session 1
09:10 – 09:40	<b>NIDS Overview</b> <i>Dr Cecil Mlatsheni, SALDRU, School of Economics, UCT</i>
09:40 – 09:50	Questions
<b>09:50 – 10:30</b>	Session 2
09:50 – 10:20	<b>The impact of maternal death on children’s health and education outcomes</b> <i>Prof. Cally Ardington &amp; Ms Megan Little SALDRU, School of Economics, UCT</i>
10:20 - 10:30	<b>Discussion</b>
<b>10:30 – 11:10</b>	Session 3
10:30 – 11:00	<b>Analysing the links between child health and education outcomes: evidence from NIDS Waves 1 – 4</b> <i>Prof. Daniela Casale, University of the Witwatersrand</i>
11:00 – 11:10	<b>Discussion</b>
<b>11:10 – 11:30</b>	Tea
<b>11:30 – 12:10</b>	Session 4
11:30 – 12:00	<b>What difference does a year make? The cumulative effects of missing cash transfers on schooling attainment</b> <i>Dr Katherine Eyal School of Economics, UCT</i>
12:00 – 12:10	<b>Discussion</b>
<b>11:50– 12.30</b>	Session 5

12:10 – 12:40            **The Extent of Churn in the South African Youth Labour Market: Evidence from the NIDS Wave 1-Wave 4**  
*Dr Cecil Mlatsheni & Ms Kim Ingle, SALDRU, School of Economics, UCT*

12:40 – 12:50            **Discussion**

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**12:50 – 13:10**            Session 6  
General Discussion  
*Dr Cecil Mlatsheni , SALDRU, UCT and Ms Mastoera Sadan, DPME*

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**13:10 – 13:30**        Session 7  
Discussants  
*Dr Stephen Rule, Ms Shirin Motala and Mr Stewart Ngandu, HSRC*

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**13.30 – 14:30**            LUNCH

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**WORKSHOP DOCUMENTS**

On registering, delegates will be provided with supporting documentation at the workshop in their workshop packs, including the workshop programme, abstracts, and biographies.

**REGISTRATION**

The Registration Desk for the workshop will be located in the Foyer of the Emerald room in the CSIR Conference Centre

Registration commences at 8h00 on 23 March 2017. On arrival, delegates and guests should register and collect their name tags workshop bags from the registration desk. The Registration Desk will be open for general information enquiries throughout the workshop.

**PRESENTATIONS**

All presenters must please see that their PowerPoint presentations are loaded onto the computer system in advance of their session. IT staff that will be assisting at the event include Mr Thabo Stamper (cell: 076 628 3579, E-mail: TStamper@hsrc.ac.za).

Should you have any additional material you would like to make available to delegates, please bring along around 60 copies.

**INTERNET ACCESS AND COMMUNICATION FACILITIES**

Internet access is available in the CSIR Conference Centre.

Please note that it is not possible to provide a sufficient number of computers and work stations to cater for everyone expected to join us. We therefore recommend that you bring along your own laptop.

**THE WEATHER**

March season is usually good weather in Pretoria. You may expect average temperatures of 23° C to 38° C during your visit in Pretoria. We highly recommend that delegates bring along umbrellas.

For more accurate information, visit the South African Weather Bureau's website:

<http://www.weathersa.co.za>.

**EXHIBITIONS**

Please support the exhibitors in the foyer of the Emerald room, where HSRC Press books will be available to view.

**PARKING**

Parking is available for delegates using their own transport

**KEY CONTACTS DETAILS FOR YOUR VISIT**

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**Have we forgotten something?**

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or need further information about your trip

We look forward to seeing you soon!

We hope that you have an enjoyable and successful workshop.

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