

## **AFRICAN PROGRAMME ON RETHINKING DEVELOPMENT ECONOMICS 2019**

The African Programme on Rethinking Development Economics (APORDE), in association with the Institute for Economic Justice, has the pleasure to invite you to the following Evening Seminar:

### **FINANCE AND STRUCTURAL CHANGE**

**SEERAJ MOHAMED, BEN FINE, JONATHAN DI JOHN**

**Date:** Tuesday, 10 September 2019

**Time:** 18:00 for 18:30

**Venue:** Auditorium, Industrial Development Corporation, 19 Fredman Drive, Sandton

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#### **TOPIC: FINANCE AND STRUCTURAL CHANGE**

The panel discussion will look at the importance of finance for industrial development and structural change in the economy, and in the context of the liberalisation of financial markets over the past three decades, including the impact of the global financial crisis. It will also cover the growth in financialisation and the challenges this creates for economic growth and structure change.

**Chairperson:** Samantha Ashman, University of Johannesburg

#### **ABOUT THE SPEAKERS AND CHAIRPERSON**

**Seeraj Mohamed** has worked on economic and industrial development and policy since the 1990s. He is Deputy Director for Economics in the Parliamentary Budget Office. He was Associate Professor in the Department of Economics at the University of the Western Cape from 2015 to 2016. He was Director of the Corporate Strategy and Industrial Development Research Programme at Wits University from 2006 to 2014 and was Special Advisor to the South African Minister of Trade and Industry from 2009 to 2014.

**Ben Fine** is Emeritus Professor of Economics at the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, and Visiting Professor, Wits School of Governance, University of Witwatersrand, South Africa. He was a contributing co-editor of the MERG Report, and served as an international expert advisor on the Presidential Labour Market Commission. He is co-author with Zavareh Rustumjee of *South Africa's Political Economy: From Minerals-Energy Complex to Industrialisation*, 1997.

**Jonathan Di John** is a Senior Lecturer in Political Economy of Development at SOAS, University of London. His research interests include the political economy of industrial policy, taxation and tax reform, conflict and war in mineral abundant economies, and the political economy of governance and growth in oil economies. He was a Research Fellow on the Crisis States Research Centre at the London School of Economics from 2001-2010.

**Sam Ashman** is Associate Professor in the School of Economics at the University of Johannesburg where she is director of the UJ-IDEP MPhil programme in Industrial Policy. Her recent research focuses on post-apartheid economic development in South Africa and the impact of the financialisation of the economy in its many dimensions: capital flows and capital flight, patterns of investment and deindustrialization, debt and inequality.

**About the APORDE programme:** APORDE is a two-week high-level annual seminar that brings together academics, policy-makers and civil society representatives to investigate economic development options. It is aimed at building capacity in the South, particularly in Africa and founded on the need to broaden perspectives on development thinking and policymaking.