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Vasu Reddy is Deputy Vice Chancellor: Research and Internationalisation at the University of the Free State. He is former Dean of Humanities at the University of Pretoria. Prior to that he was Executive Director of the Human and Social Development Research Programme at the Human Sciences Research Council. A member of the Academy of Sciences of South Africa, he is a B1 NRF-rated scientist. Latest book-length publications are *Texture of dissent: Defiant public intellectuals in South Africa* (co-edited, HSRC Press, 2022); *Thetha Sizwe: Contemporary South African debates on African languages and the politics of gender and sexualities* (co-edited, ESI Press, 2023) and *State of the nation: Quality of life and wellbeing in South Africa* (lead edited; HSRC Press, 2024).

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Celebrating Ruth First Research Collective

This is a research group celebrating the life and work of Ruth First, housed in CHESS (the Centre for Humanities Engaging Science and Society) at Durham University. It is led by Prof Nancy Cartwright (Professor of Philosophy, Durham University and University of California, San Diego) and Dr Katherine Furman (Philosophy Lecturer, University of Liverpool). Researchers are Sam Foglesong (MSc programme, Oxford University, completed); B.V.E Hyde (BA programme, Durham University, completed); Gabriel

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Christine Hobden is a Senior Lecturer in Ethics and Public Governance at the Wits School of Governance, University of Witwatersrand. Her research is in the discipline of analytic political theory and focuses on global injustice, democratic citizenship, and public ethics. Christine's account of a state-based, but globally oriented citizenship is published in the monograph, *Citizenship in a globalised world* (Routledge, 2021). Christine has been a Max Weber Fellow at the European University Institute, an Iso Lomso Fellow at the Stellenbosch Institute of Advanced Study and has undertaken a research residency at the Hamburg Institute of Advanced Study. Christine is a NRF Y1 rated researcher.

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Janet Cherry is a South African activist and academic. She is Professor of Development Studies at the Nelson Mandela University in Gqeberha. She has a PhD in political sociology from Rhodes University and an MA in economic history from the University of Cape Town. Her main areas of research are sustainable development, political economy of development, democratic participation and social and political history. Prof Cherry's research students are from many African countries including Zimbabwe, Malawi, Rwanda and Ethiopia. Her current research project is entitled '*Participatory action research piloting economic alternatives for resilience*'. This research relates to the political economy of energy and water in Southern Africa.

Institution: Development Studies, Nelson Mandela University

Dale T. McKinley is an independent writer, researcher and lecturer and presently, Research and Education Officer at the International Labour, Research and Information Group based in Johannesburg. He holds a PhD in International Political Economy/African Studies and is a long-time political activist who has been involved in social movement, community and liberation organisations and struggles for almost four decades. The author of several books, Dale has written and researched widely on various aspects of South African and international political, social and economic issues and struggles, and is a regular public speaker as well as contributor and commentator in the South African media.

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Institution: Department of Sociology, University of the Western Cape

Ntando Sindane is an academic and researcher based in Cape Town, South Africa. He teaches Public International Law, and Research Methodology. His research interests are in the areas of Intellectual Property Rights and the Philosophy/Sociology of Law. Currently, Ntando is thinking about the iniquitous relationship between racial capitalism and the global copyright law regime. He holds LLB and LLM degrees from the University of South Africa (UNISA) and a PhD degree in Intellectual Property Law from the University of Cape Town. His PhD thesis is titled *Abezimu/Badimo (ancestors) and copyright law: From the decolonial turn to the pluriversal author*. He is editor of various scholarly and literary academic journals. For leisure, he is an ardent follower of Test Cricket, and an undying supporter of Kaizer Chiefs Football club, #Amakhosi4Life!

Institution: Department of Public Law and Jurisprudence, University of the Western Cape

June Bam-Hutchison (also known as June Bam), is a professor in the interdisciplinary fields of South African herstorographies and education. She has held various senior positions in higher education in both South Africa and abroad. A lead researcher with the Worldwide Universities Network, and Paulo Freirean BRICS mobility programme, she was appointed Associate Professor in African Gender Studies at the University of Cape Town in 2022 and Director of the Centre for Education Rights and Transformation, University of Johannesburg since 2023. Her book *Ausi told me: Why Cape herstorographies matter* (Jacana, 2021) was joint winner of the NIHSS 2023 Best Non-fiction monograph Award.

Institution: Centre for Education Rights and Transformation, University of Johannesburg

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Institution: Curriculum Studies, Stellenbosch University

Ingrid Bamberg is a sociologist with a background in international development studies, management practice, drama studies, and art mediation and curation. Her research explores social justice and sustainable institutional development in the Global South. Her focus is on education, the creative and cultural sphere, gender, youth and community engagement. Her work encompasses activities in academia, capacity-building workshops, policy framework development and strategic planning. She is passionate about engaging participants in collaborative, transdisciplinary and reflective processes through creative, participatory, and practice-based methodologies. She taught at the University of KwaZulu-Natal, the University of Cape Town and has been teaching at the University of Bordeaux, France, since 2017.

Institution: University of Bordeaux