

United Nations Research Institute for Social Development



**UNRISD Conference on
Racism and Public Policy**

**Durban, South Africa
3-5 September 2001**

AGENDA

Monday 3 September

*Venue: Durban Exhibition Centre
Room 7*

9.00 – 10.00 **Opening Session**

Welcome remarks and introduction:
Thandika Mkandawire, Director UNRISD

Opening address:
Mary Robinson, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights

Keynote address:
Rodolfo Stavenhagen, Professor of Sociology, El Colegio de México
Racism and Public Policy in the Twenty First Century

10.00 – 10.15 TEA/COFFEE BREAK

Theme One: The Social Construction of Race and Citizenship

10.15 – 11.45 **Session One: Race, Caste and Citizenship**

Chair: Njabulo Ndebele, Vice-Chancellor University of Cape Town

George Fredrickson, *The Social Construction of Race and Citizenship
in the United States*

Bernard Magubane, *The Social Construction of Race and Citizenship in South Africa*

Vijay Prashad, *Cataracts of Silence: Race on the Edge of Indian Thought*

11.45 – 13.15 Session Two: Minorities, Indigenous Peoples and Citizenship

Chair: Angela King, Assistant Secretary-General, UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs

Marisol de la Cadena, *The Racial Politics of Culture and Silent Racism in Latin America: A Case Study of Peru*

Lily Zubaida Rahim, *Race, Discrimination and Citizenship in South East Asia*

Kwesi Prah, *Race, Discrimination and Citizenship in the Afro-Arab Borderlands*

13.15 – 15.00 LUNCH BREAK

Theme Two: The Social Dynamics of Racism and Inequalities

15.00 – 16.30 Session Three: Economic Change, Inequalities and Race Relations

Chair: Mark Suzman, Policy Advisor, UN Development Programme

Sheldon Danziger, Deborah Reed, Tony N. Brown, *Poverty and Prosperity: Have Racial/Ethnic Minorities Been Left Behind in the United States?*

Khoo Boo Teik, *Economic Crisis and the Politics of Race Relations in South East Asia*

Guy Mhone, *Labour Market Segmentation and Race Relations in Southern Africa*

16.30 – 16.45 TEA/COFFEE BREAK

16.45 – 18.15 Session Four: Land Distribution and Race Relations

Chair: Lee Swepston, Chief, Equality and Employment Branch, International Labour Organization

Sam Moyo, *Land Distribution and the Politics of Race Relations in Southern Africa*

Diego Iturralde, *Land Distribution and the Politics of Race Relations in Latin America*

Marcia Langton, *Land and the Politics of Race Relations in Australia*

Tuesday 4 September
Venue: Royal Hotel, Durban
Yellowwood Room

9.00 – 10.00 Session Five: Migration and Multiculturalism

Chair: Peter Schatzer, Director, External Relations, International Organization for Migration

Jeroen Doomernik, *Immigration, Multiculturalism and the European Nation State*

Ray Jureidini, *Migrant Workers, Racism and Xenophobia in the Middle East*

10.00 – 10.15 TEA/COFFEE BREAK

Theme Three: Organized Responses to Cultural Diversity

10.15 – 12.15 Session Six: Social Movements, Political Parties and Racism

Chair: Reed Brody, Advocacy Director, Human Rights Watch

Manning Marable, *Structural Racism and US Democracy: Historical and Theoretical Perspectives on the Civil Rights Movement*

Hans-Georg Betz, *Exclusionary Populism in Western Europe: A Threat to Democracy and Civil Rights?*

Tom Lodge, *Political Parties, Civil Rights Movements and Racism in South Africa*

Hajo Funke, *Anti-Racist Movements and Public Policies in Western Democracies*

12.15 – 14.00 LUNCH BREAK

Theme Four: The Impact of Public Policies on Race Relations

14.00 – 15.30 Session Seven: Institutional Reform

Chair: Frene Ginwala, Speaker, Parliament of South Africa

Ralph Premdas, *Ethno-Racial Divisions and Governance: The Problem of Institutional Reform and Adaptation*

Benjamin Bowling, Coretta Phillips, Alexandra Campbell and Maria Docking, *Policing and Human Rights: Eliminating Discrimination, Xenophobia, Intolerance and the Abuse of Power from Policework*

Neville Alexander, *Language, Education and Race Relations*

15.30-15.45 TEA/COFFEE BREAK

15.45 – 17.30 Session Eight: Gender, Race and Public Policy

Chair: Amina Mama, Director, African Gender Institute, University of Cape Town

Kum Kum Bhavnani, *Race, Women and Public Policy in the United States and United Kingdom*

Tracey McIntosh, *Contested Realities: Race, Gender and Public Policy in New Zealand*

Jane Bennett, *Gender, Race and Public Policy in South Africa*

Wednesday 5 September

***Venue: Royal Hotel
Yellowwood Room***

9.00 – 10.00 Session Nine: Health, Environmental Racism and Public Policy

Chair: Alejandra Pero, Programme Adviser, UN Development Programme

Varnellia Randall, *Race, Health Care and the Law: Regulating Racial Discrimination in Health Care*

Robert Bullard, *Confronting Environmental Racism in the Twenty First Century*

10.00-10.15 TEA/COFFEE BREAK

10.15 – 12.15 Session Ten: Social Equality and Poverty Eradication

Chair: Pierre Sané, Assistant Director-General,
UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

Glenn Loury, *Racial Justice and Affirmative Action Policies: The Superficial
Morality of Color-Blindness in the United States*

Jomo K. Sundaram, *The Economics and Politics of Affirmative Action Policies
in Malaysia*

Antonio Guimaraes, *Racial Inequalities, Black Protest and Public Policies in
Brazil*

Renosi Mokate, *Redistributive Policies, Anti-Poverty Programmes and Race
Relations in South Africa*



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