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Speakers		Chair
		
John Sender SOAS	Lumkile Mondi Wits University	Pamela Mondliwa IDC

ABOUT THE PUBLIC LECTURE: Many eminent economists emphasise the difficult, if not impossible, task that African states will now face when they attempt to industrialise. John Sender provides a few reasons for remaining unconvinced by the pessimism of these economists, beginning by raising doubts about the reliability of the data underpinning their arguments.

About the Speakers

John Sender is Emeritus Professor of Economics at SOAS. Earlier appointments include as Director of the African Studies Centre at the University of Cambridge; Visiting Professor of Political Economy at Wits University; Senior Research Fellow at the African Studies Centre, Leiden; and Advisor to Mandela's Presidential Commissions on Labour and on Rural Credit. He has acted as a consultant to many organisations including UNRISD, the ILO, UNIDO, UNDP, the Economic Commission for Africa, and the Federal Governments of Nigeria and Ethiopia. He has worked on the Editorial Board of the Cambridge Journal of Economics and remains an Associate Editor, as well acting as an International Adviser to the Journal of Agrarian Change.

Dr Lumkile Mondi is a Senior Lecturer at the School of Economics and Finance (SEF) and the Wits Business School (WBS) at the University of the Witwatersrand in Johannesburg, South Africa. He was the Chief Economist of the Industrial Development Corporation of South Africa, one of the oldest and sustainable industrial development financiers in the world. His research interests include industrial policy, political economy, climate change, energy justice and the just transition, technology and innovation in the energy sector including battery storage, hydrogen, and mining of energy metals. Previously, Dr Mondi served as a member of President Mbeki's Economic Advisory Panel.

Chair: Pamela Mondliwa
Pamela is an Industry Development Planner at the Industrial Development Corporation (IDC), where she formulates and supports the implementation of IDC industry development strategies. Prior to joining the IDC, she was the Special Advisor on Economic Policy in the Ministry of Finance in South Africa. Pamela's combined experience in industrial development and economic regulation has afforded her a unique lens on firm level decision making and its interaction with policy interventions from the perspective of firms, regulators, and policy makers. She has extensive experience in economic regulation including competition, energy and telecommunications economic regulation in several countries including South Africa.

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