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Nobel Laureate Professor Amartya Sen speaks at UCT Vice-Chancellor's Open Lecture

The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Cape Town, Professor Njabulo S. Ndebele will host the 1998 Nobel Laureate in Economics, Professor Amartya Sen during his next Open Lecture taking place on Monday, the 23rd of April 2007 at 19h00, at the Jameson Hall at UCT's Upper Campus.

Sen, an Oxbridge and Harvard academic regarded as one of the outstanding voices for social and economic justice and democracy in the world today, has changed public perceptions about poverty and development. He has received honorary doctorates from major universities in North America, Europe, Asia and Africa. His research has ranged over a number of fields in economics, philosophy and decision theory, including social choice theory, welfare economics, theory of measurement, development economics, public health, gender studies, moral and political philosophy, and the economics of peace and war.

Sen's books have been translated into more than 30 languages, and include *Collective Choice and Social Welfare* (1970), *On Economic Inequality* (1973, 1997), *Poverty and Famines: An Essay on Entitlement and Deprivation* (1981), *Choice, Welfare and Measurement* (1982), *Resources, Values and Development* (1984), *On Ethics and Economics* (1987), *The Standard of Living* (1987), *Inequality Reexamined* (1992), *Development as Freedom* (1999), *Rationality and Freedom* (2002), and *Identity and Violence: The Illusion of Destiny* (2006), among others.

As Guest Speaker, Professor Sen will present his speech on the topic, "Poverty, war and peace".

Professor Ndebele extended an invitation to academics, students, staff of the university, as well as members of the public who have an interest in this topic and Sen's views and knowledge.

Following the VC's Open Lecture on Monday, there will be an Open Discussion with Professor Sen on his lecture, "Poverty, war and peace", on Tuesday, the 24th of April, at the Beattie Main Lecture theatre, Beattie Building, University Avenue on Upper Campus. The session, taking place from 13h00 until 14h15, will be chaired by Professor David Benatar who is Head of the Department of Philosophy at UCT.

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