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Upcoming UCT event

- **Social Equality Conference** – Academics from across the world will tackle tough questions on what equality means for different aspects of people’s lives

Date	Event/Topic	Highlights/Speakers	Contact
15 - 17 Aug	UCT Social Equality Conference Times: 15 Aug: 13h00 – 18h40 16 Aug: 08h30 – 17h25 17 Aug: 08h30 – 15h15 Venue: Humanities Building, Upper Campus	<p>Jeremy Cronin, Deputy Minister of Public Works, will address a special session of the Social Equality Conference, hosted by the Philosophy Department at the University of Cape Town. The topic of his address will be “The Bigger the Cake? Growth, Jobs and Equality”.</p> <p>Contemporary societies are strikingly unequal and quickly becoming even more unequal. In a country like South Africa significant social inequality is a visible part of daily life. The conference will examine which forms inequality can take on, including forms of disadvantage which are not immediately obvious to the casual observer. It will ask questions such as: is affirmative action justified in higher education and job recruitment? And, in what sense should equality be implemented in a multicultural society where groups have different values and customs?</p> <p>Some of the speakers, from UCT as well as other institutions, include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ann Cudd, Vice-Provost, Dean of Undergraduate Studies and University Distinguished Professor, University of Kansas – What is the point of equality in higher education? • Amanda Gouws, Professor of Political Science, Stellenbosch University – Dealing with tensions between universal human rights and culture in multicultural societies: The case of South Africa’s Traditional Courts Bill • Joel Modiri, Lecturer in Legal 	<p>Kemantha Govender Tel: 021 650 5672 Cell: 084 737 6522 Email: kemantha.govender@uct.ac.za</p>

		<p>Philosophy, University of Pretoria – Affirmative action and its discontents: equality, identity and historical justice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jonathan Wolff, Professor of Philosophy, University College London – Social equality and relative poverty • Sean Archer, Professor of Economics, UCT – Can social and economic rights in South Africa’s Constitution decrease inequality? • Cathi Albertyn, Professor of Law, University of the Witwatersrand – Addressing gender inequality in law: The place of socio-economic disadvantage • Dr George Hull, Lecturer in Philosophy, UCT – The impossibility of a liberal egalitarian conception of welfare <p>For more information and the full programme visit www.socialequality.co.za.</p>	
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