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UCT Spatial Inequality Policy workshop and “City Desired” exhibition

Professor Edgar Pieterse, Director of the African Centre for Cities at the University of Cape Town (UCT), will be delivering the keynote speech at a conference on Spatial Inequality next week at the Centre for African Studies.

Professor Pieterse’s talk, entitled “Reimagining the City”, will open a policy workshop on Spatial Inequality, which is to be hosted by the Research Project on Employment, Income Distribution and Inclusive Growth (REDI), based at SALDRU at UCT. His address will be open to the media.

The talk and discussion will be from 11h00-12h30 on Monday, 17 August 2015, at the Centre for African Studies on Upper Campus at UCT.

The Centre for African Studies will also be hosting his *City Desired* exhibition, curated by him and designer Tau Tavengwa.

Professor Pieterse, who was also an advisor to the National Planning Commission, said: “The exhibition, *City Desired* intends to unlock a different public discourse about the current state and futures of the city.

“In an atmosphere where most public debate gets ensnared in fixed oppositions and polemic, *City Desired* endeavours to open up fresh and interesting engagements with the city and its endless potential, and inspire an exploration of the key challenges and opportunities facing the city across race, economic status, and geography to inspire meaningful action.”

“The exhibition clarifies the interconnected nature of all Capetonians whose fates are linked,” said Tavengwa.

The “City Desired” exhibition, which has already been exhibited at the Cape Town City Hall and the Waterfront, will remain up for a week and is open to the public by appointment.

For viewing times please contact curator of the CAS Gallery, Karen Flowers, during office hours at (021) 650-4034 or e-mail Karen.flowers@uct.ac.za
Media who would like to attend the workshop can RSVP to Thami Nkwanyane at thami.nkwanyane@uct.ac.za Tel: (021) 650-5672 (office hours) or Cell: (072) 563 9500.

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