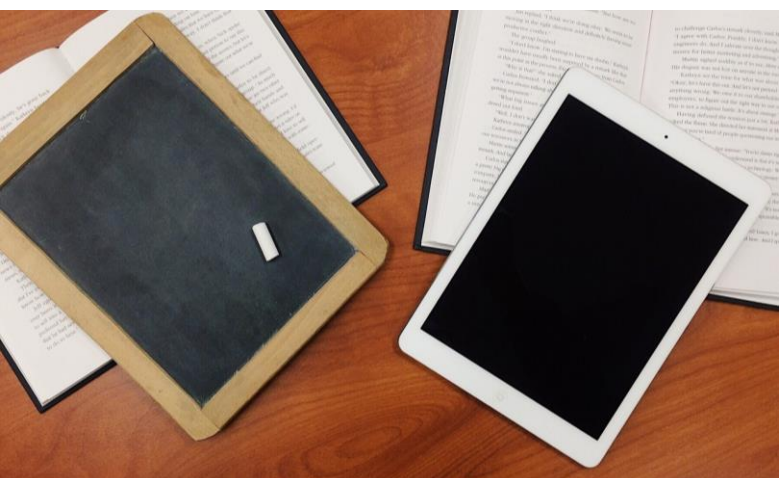




The Academy of Science of South Africa (ASSAf)

WEBINAR SERIES

30 Years into Democracy: Obstacles, Successes, and Prospects

Given the commemoration of three decades of democracy, ASSAf seeks to explore progress made in pursuit of transformation in various perspectives, such as the holistic inclusion of persons with disabilities and gender, the youth perspective on democratic South Africa. A webinar series will be undertaken, focusing on evidence and lived experience concerning the advancement of equality and human dignity under the rising influence of polycrisis. As a young democracy, the series will emphasise the youth's role as South Africa's future custodians in overcoming inequality and socioeconomic constraints.

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Critical reflections on 30 Years of Democracy amid the Polycrisis

Date: 25 June 2024

Time: 11:00 - 13:00

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- Reviewing the achievements and challenges of South Africa's democracy since the end of apartheid.
- Analysis of the country's current political, economic, and social challenges.
- Examining the resilience of democratic institutions.
- Safeguarding democracy: ethics, accountability and corruption in South Africa.

Youth perspectives on the recent Elections: Interactive discussion with youth leaders and activists

- Youth perspective on South Africa's election and democracy.
- Factors influencing youth engagement in politics and participation in decision-making to uplift the South African economy and society.

Political participation and representation of women in South Africa

- Overview of the current state of women's political representation and leadership in South Africa.
- Policy considerations and initiatives to promote gender equality in politics.
- The role of women in continued advocacy, policy reforms, and institutional changes to address the barriers and challenges women face in the political arena.

Equal participation of persons with disabilities in the democratic process

- Identifying barriers to political participation faced by persons with disabilities.
- Best practices and technological solutions for enhancing accessibility in elections.

Open Science driving transformation and equity in South Africa

- Shifting the focus from Open Access to Open Science (history of OA\OS).
- Open Science as a pivotal force driving transformative change and fostering equal access within South Africa's scientific landscape .
- It echoes the forthcoming draft policy on open science for South Africa, aligning the nation with global frameworks such as the UNESCO Recommendation on Open Science. Embracing Open Science.
- Leveraging Open Science to drive research and innovation, South Africa can unlock new pathways for socio-economic development, ultimately paving the way towards a more prosperous and equitable society.

Growth and status of the Science over 30 years period

- Research Output Policy.
- Government, research and institutional research focus imperatives.
- Postgraduates.
- Basic sciences vs applied sciences.
- Funding and investment in research and development.



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