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University of South Africa (Unisa) in partnership with the Human Resources Development Institute (HRDI), to hold Inaugural Seminar on State Capture

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The University of South Africa (Unisa), in partnership with the Human Resources Development Institute (HRDI), will hold the Inaugural Seminar on State Capture in Pretoria under the theme **“The State (capture) in world politics: her/histories, challenges and prospects”**.

The phenomenon of State Capture has become one of the burning issues dominating the national discourse in South Africa, particularly against the backdrop of the recent completion and release of the report of the Judicial Commission of Inquiry into Allegations of State Capture, Corruption and Fraud in the Public Sector, including Organs of State (commonly known as the Zondo Commission). It has become critical for institutions of higher learning to lead and shape the discourse in order to help society to fully grasp and understand the concept of state capture in its true nature, including its ramifications for the development of nations as well as measures to curb and prevent its occurrence in the future.

There is also a cogent and strong argument advanced to the effect that the subject of state capture and its impact on governance among others, is not just a South African problem, but also a problem for the African continent and the entire world given the histories of slavery and colonialism suffered by some members of the globe. It is thus pertinent that academic debates, engagements and contestations be made on the critical impact of the State Capture on the future stability of the economies and governance in the countries affected by the scourge of state capture and corruption.

The seminar will engage on amongst others, findings and recommendations of the Zondo Commission, arguments, and counterarguments about what really constitutes state capture, as well as the role of private business in the capture of the state and corruption in general.

Renowned political activist and scholar, Dr Thozamile Botha, will deliver the keynote paper, followed by responses from key academics and scholars, which include Professor Dorothy Farisani (Unisa College of Law), Professor Dirk Kotze (Unisa College of Human Sciences), Ms Zandisiwe Radebe (Unisa College of Human Sciences), Mr Khaya Sithole (Political Analyst), Professor Tina Uys (UJ Sociology Department) and Professor Benny Lekubu (Unisa College of Law).



The seminar will take place as follows:

Date : Thursday, 10 November 2022
Time : 09:30 for 10:00 - 12:30
Venue: Unisa Muckleneuk Campus, Senate Hall, 2nd floor,
Winnie Madikizela-Mandela Building, Preller Street, Muckleneuk, Pretoria,0002

Members of the media are invited to attend the event or to join via the following link: [click here](#)

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