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DEBATING 25 YEARS OF DEMOCRACY AHEAD OF THE 2019 NATIONAL ELECTIONS IN SOUTH AFRICA

Pretoria- Next week Friday on the 12th of April 2019, the Department of Political Sciences with the support of the College of Human Sciences and the College of Law, will be hosting representatives from the leading parliamentary political parties contesting these elections as part of its public debate series. The pre-election debates contribute to the dialogue of 25 years of democracy in South Africa ahead of the national elections. The pre-election debates will allow political parties to debate the main political issues confronting voters leading up to the 2019 national election.

The pre-election debate hosted by Unisa will allow political parties to debate the issues of land, government corruption, xenophobia, Crime, unemployment and free decolonial education. Moreover, the election debate will also interrogate the significance of the 2019 elections, the relevance of elections manifestoes and the state of South Africa's democracy after 25 years.

The Department of Political Sciences at Unisa has a long tradition of facilitating and hosting election related debates and activities. The Department of Political Sciences continuously promotes democratic participation and civil education as part of its contribution to elections in South Africa.

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