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UNIVERSITY OF NATAL

SOCIAL SCIENCE CONFERENCE: DURBAN: 12TH - 16TH JULY 1954

Dear Colleague,

I am grateful for your interest in the forthcoming Conference and I look forward to welcoming you to the University of Natal. The Conference, as you know, is to discuss the Social Research Needs and Priorities of South Africa and Problems and Difficulties in the Organization of Social Research in the Union. It is a pioneer venture of its kind, and there have been some difficulties in organizing it, but we are now assured of a large and representative gathering of social scientists drawn from Universities and Government Departments throughout the Union, as well as from certain organizations outside South Africa, and I have no doubt that our meetings will be mutually informative and profitable.

One of our principal organizational difficulties has been to finalise the Conference Programme. A number of institutions replied promptly to accept our original invitation, but others delayed or preferred to wait to see the list of topics and speakers before accepting. Our resultant dilemma will be obvious, but I mention it to explain why there has been the delay in sending you the enclosed draft programme and the list of delegates, and also to explain any deficiencies in the Programme. I wish to emphasize, however, that the introductory papers should take not more than 30 minutes, and that as much time as possible has been set aside for discussion. I would also stress that any delegate may be requested to make a contribution at short notice. Ready co-operation in such matters will ensure that no discipline, topic or speaker is neglected. To assist delegates arrangements have been made for recorders to note the substance of the papers and contributions to discussion. This will enable speakers to confine themselves to preparing brief notes, but we shall be glad if such notes can be made available to the recorders beforehand.

As you will see from the draft programme we have assigned prominent positions throughout the Conference to Professor Edmund de S. Brunner (Sociologist and Director of the Bureau of Applied Social Research, Columbia University, New York) and Professor Charles Nixon (Political Scientist, University of California). We have adopted this course because one of the principal aims of the Conference is to enable South African social scientists to meet the visiting Professors who have played an important part in launching our new Advanced Social Research Training Project. Needless to add there will be many opportunities for informal discussions with Professors Brunner and Nixon during the period of the Conference, just as we hope that there will be many informal meetings between all delegates.

I enclose a form which I would ask you to complete and return as soon as possible to Mr. Kenneth Kirkwood, Conference Organizer, Institute for Social Research, University of Natal, P.O. Box 1525, Durban.

Yours sincerely,

*E. Mathibe*  
PRINCIPAL

The Final Programme will be handed to you on registration, unless you wish it to be sent to a particular address beforehand.

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Persons whose names appear in this Provisional Programme  
are requested to telegraph Mr. Kirkwood immediately if they  
are unable to act in the manner indicated.

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UNIVERSITY OF NATAL

SOCIAL SCIENCE CONFERENCE 1954

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

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MONDAY 12TH JULY:

0900 : Registration : Howard College, Vestibule.

1000 : Opening Meeting: Howard College Hall.

Chairman - The Chancellor of the University, the Hon.  
D.G. Shepstone, Administrator of Natal.

The Conference will be opened by His Honour  
the Administrator

Address - Dr. E.G. Malherbe, Principal and Vice-  
Chancellor, University of Natal.

'The Purpose and Organisation of the Conference'

1100 : TEA

1130 : General Meeting : Howard College Hall.

Chairman - Professor H.R. Burrows, University of  
Natal.

Speaker - Professor E. de S. Brunner, Columbia  
University, New York.

'A Visitor's Impressions of Social Research  
Needs and Priorities in South Africa'

Discussion.

1245 : LUNCH

1430 : General Meeting : Venue to be announced.

Chairman - Professor Dr. D.C.S. du Preez,  
Potchefstroom University.

Speakers - Dr. Felix Brunner, Department of Social  
Welfare, Union of South Africa.  
Dr. P.A.W. Cook, Department of Native Affairs  
Union of South Africa.

'Government Departments and Social Research'

Discussion.

1545 : TEA

1630 : BREAK

1730 : Sherry Party, Common Room, Charles James Hall.

TUESDAY 13TH JULY:

0900 : General Meeting :

Chairman - Dr. S.J. de Swardt, Division of Economics  
and Markets, Department of Agriculture,  
Union of South Africa.

Speaker - Professor C.R. Nixon, University of  
California, Los Angeles.

'Research Organisation in the United States  
of America'

Discussion

1045 : TEA

1100 : General Meeting :

Chairman - Professor J. Irving, Rhodes University.

Speaker - Dr. P.J. Olckers, Director of Public  
Service Training, Public Service Commission,  
former Director of National Council for  
Social Research.

'The Co-Ordination of Social Research in  
South Africa'.

Discussion.

1245 : LUNCH

1415 : General Meeting :

Chairman - Dr. H.J. Venter, University of Pretoria.

Speaker - Professor E. Batson, University of Cape Town.

'Sampling Problems in African Social Research'

Discussion.

1545 : TEA

1600 : General Meeting :

Chairman - Dr. C.W. Wright, Director of Readjustment  
Services, Department of Labour, Union  
of South Africa.

Speaker - Professor I.D. MacCrone, University of the  
Witwatersrand.

'Psychological Research in South Africa'

Discussion.

1730 : BREAK

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NOTE:

Venues will be announced.



THURSDAY 15TH JULY:

- 0900 : General Meeting :
- Chairman - Dr. J.M. Latsky, Department of Nutrition,  
Union of South Africa.
- Speaker - Professor S. Pauw, University of Stellenbosch.
- Discussion.
- 1045 : TEA
- 1100 : General Meeting :
- Chairman - Mr. F.J. van Wyk, S.A. Institute of Race  
Relations.
- Speaker - Mr. S.B. Ngcobo, University College of Fort  
Hare.
- 'Problems of Research Among Non-Europeans with  
special reference to the Bantu Peoples'
- 1245 : LUNCH
- 1415 : Committee Meetings :
- 'C' Leaders : Professors E. de S. Brummer, A.Lloyd,  
E.Pratt-Yule and Mr. R. Albino.
- Psychological and Educational Research Problems  
and Priorities
- 'D' Leaders : Professors C.R. Nixon, G.H.Le May, Dr. E.H.  
Brooks, Mr. Julius Lewin, Mr.A.T.Slee.
- Research in Government and Administration in  
South Africa
- (Note -Sub-Committee may be arranged and  
additional leaders appointed).
- 1545 : TEA
- 1600 : Committee Sessions Continue :
- (NOTE - Sub-Committees may be  
arranged).
- 1730 : BREAK

FRIDAY 16th JULY:

0900 : General Meeting :

Reports by Committee Chairmen:

Committees 'A' and 'B'

Discussion.

1045 : TEA

1100 : Reports by Committee Chairmen :

Committees 'C' and 'D'

Discussion.

1245 : LUNCH

1430 : General Meeting:

Conference Summary by Professor E. de S. Brunner

Discussion.

1545 : TEA

1600 : General Meeting :

Chairman - Dr. E. G. Malherbe.

Concluding Discussion:

Proposals and resolutions, if any.

UNIVERSITY OF NATAL, DURBAN.

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INFORMATION ON DELEGATE

SURNAME .....

FIRST NAMES .....

REPRESENTING .....

POSITION HELD .....

PRINCIPAL DISCIPLINE(S) IN WHICH TRAINED .....

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INSTITUTIONS WHERE TRAINING WAS RECEIVED .....

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SPECIAL RESEARCH INTEREST (S) AND EXPERIENCE .....

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(Please place circle around appropriate age group)

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If Other please specify .....

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The University Residences (the Charles James Hall for Men and the Ansell May Hall for Women) are located immediately below the main buildings on the seaward slope of the Ridge. The charge for board and lodging is £1 per day per person.

The Howard College buses leave from Gardiner Street, opposite the Cenotaph, Town Gardens (see times below) and the more frequent Penzance Road buses leave from the Town Gardens opposite the Post Office in West Street. The terminus of the Penzance Road bus is within walking distance of the Residences but it should not be attempted with heavy suitcases.

University transport will meet the mail train which arrives in Durban on Monday 12th July at - 9 a.m.

Howard College Bus Service - July 1954.

7.45 a.m.  
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11.00 a.m.  
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2.45 p.m.  
4.00 p.m.  
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