WHAT IS IPC?

Den Internationale Højskole/The International People’s College is a unique Danish folkehøjskole (non-formal residential school for adults) with an international, cross-cultural focus. Students and staff come from around 35 different countries each term.

IPC was founded in 1921 - in the wake of World War I - to promote international understanding and world peace. Since then, students over the age of 18 from all continents and cultures have had the opportunity to become global citizens while living and studying under the same roof in Helsingør.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

PRICES & DISCOUNTS

Full Fee:
800 DKK incl. meals and accommodation / without accommodation: 550 DKK
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600 DKK / without accommodation: 400 DKK
Students:
600 DKK / without accommodation: 400 DKK

Accommodation in singleroom (+100 DKK)

HOW TO APPLY

At www.ipc.dk under Short Courses/South Africa Seminar please find the application form (Word document). Fill in the form and return it by email or post to the address below.

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SOUTH AFRICA - a change to follow?


SEMINAR SERIES

This seminar with a focus on South Africa is the last one out of five weekend courses held between 2010 and 2012, organized by The International People’s College in cooperation with Helsingør Folkeuniversitet. The BRICS countries - Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa - are five countries with growing economic and political influence in the world.

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* Link to background material for my presentation *
Introduction

South Africa has a strategic position in Africa as one of the continent’s most important political and economic players with global influence and aspirations in a number of areas.

The country has experienced major changes since its transition to democracy in 1994. Democratic principles are founded in the constitution and modern legislation, and the truth and reconciliation Process is an example to follow. Civil society’s influence is growing, and South Africa is actively mediating in conflicts on the African continent and increasing its involvement in the African Union, but emerging economies like China, Brazil and India are also seen as future strategic partners.

South Africa still faces great challenges. Lifting the poorer parts of the population out of poverty, unemployment, inequality and social problems has proven extremely difficult.

Programme

Saturday, November 3rd

11.00 - 12.30: South Africa of Today. Where did it come from, and what does it want to Achieve? Ambassador of The Republic of South Africa, H.E. Ms. Samkelisiwe Mhlanga

LUNCH

13.30 - 15.00: From Apartheid to Reconciliation Hans Erik Stolten

15.00 - 16.00: Coffee/tea & African Dance

16.00 - 17.30: Internal Contradictions ? Political Community and Class Division after the End of Apartheid André Sonnichsen

DINNER

19.30: Nelson Mandela, Desmond Tutu and South African songs Rikke Forchammer & The Baobab Singers

Sunday, November 4th

08.30 Morning Coffee

09.00 - 10.30: South Africa's Foreign and Security Policy Thomas Mandrup

BRUNCH

11.15 - 12.45: The South African “Miracle” Anders Möllander

COFFEE/TEA

13.00 - 14.30: BRICS Countries and the New World Order Tonny Brems Knudsen

14.30 - 14.45: Evaluation

Speakers & Presenters

H.E. Ms. Samkelisiwe Isabel Mhlanga
South Africa’s Ambassador to Denmark since June 2010. Ms. Mhlanga has worked as an educator and consultant before she took up her position in Denmark.

Hans Erik Stolten, Ph.d.
Historian and research fellow at the Centre of African Studies and the Centre for the Study of Equality and Multiculturalism, University of Copenhagen.

André Sonnichsen, Ph.d.
Researcher at the Centre for African Studies, University of Copenhagen and specialized in post-apartheid South African Politics.

Thomas Mandrup, Dr.Phil, Ph.d.
Assistant professor and Head of the Africa Programme at the Royal Danish Defence College’s Institute of Strategy.

Rikke Forchammer
Principal at Krogerup Højskole.

Anders Möllander

Tonny Brems Knudsen, Ph.d.
Associate Professor of International Relations at the Department of Political Science at Aarhus University.

NB: All lectures will be in English