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Paul Blanc, Chair and Kjell Toren, Secretary of the Scientific Committee on the History of Prevention of Occupational and Environmental Diseases, invite you to join in this International Webinar. The Scientific Committee was scheduled to host the 7th edition of its International Conference in Durban, South Africa in May 2020. The conference has been postponed to a date yet to be confirmed. To continue our engagements in these non-contact times, we present this webinar, based on the original conference theme: **Occupational and Environmental Health: At the Crossroads of Migrations, Empires and Social Movements**

PRESENTER: Keith Breckenridge



Keith is a Professor and Deputy Director at the Wits Institute for Social and Economic Research, Wiser. He writes about the cultural and economic history of South Africa, particularly the gold mining industry, the state and the development of information systems. His book -- Biometric State: the Global Politics of Identification and Surveillance in South Africa, 1850 to the Present -- was awarded the Humanities Book Award by the Academy of Science of South Africa in 2017. Mining, Power and Politics in South Africa interrogates the usefulness of the idea of the Resource Curse in South African history

DISCUSSANTS:

Rodney Ehrlich (South Africa), Rene Loewenson (Zimbabwe), Paul-André Rosental (France)



Emeritus Professor Rodney Ehrlich is a specialist in Occupational Medicine and Public Health, and currently Senior Research Scholar School of Public Health and Family Medicine, University of Cape Town. His career has encompassed clinical practice, teaching, research, policy support and advocacy. He is past Co-Editor in Chief of the American Journal of Industrial Medicine. His current research interests are the health and compensation of former miners in Southern Africa, particularly in regard to silicosis and tuberculosis, and occupational health protection for health care workers.



Rene Loewenson is an epidemiologist with over thirty years of research, technical and policy advice on health systems, workers health, social determinants of health and health equity internationally. A former senior lecturer at the University of Zimbabwe, head of the national trade union congress (ZCTU) occupational health and social welfare department and is now Director of Training and Research Support Centre. She has led international research consortia on equity in health, social determinants of health and health systems, on social participation in health, and on public health law and practice. She is a founder member of EQUINET, and has been a chair of national and global bodies on health. She is an advocate for reclaiming comprehensive public health in this era of COVID-19 (<http://gh.bmj.com/cgi/content/full/bmjgh-2020-003886>)



Paul-André Rosental is Professor of Contemporary History at Sciences Po and associate researcher at the Institut National d'Etudes Démographiques. He specialises in the history and social policy of populations, and directs the research team Esopp. At Sciences Po's Center for European Studies, and with the Center for History, he directs the ERC Senior Advanced Grant "From silicosis to silica hazards" (the SILICOSIS project), which combines the disciplines of history, medicine and the social sciences. The author of numerous articles, book contributions and other publications, Paul-André Rosental has also edited a number of special issues of academic journals, including, "Eugenics after 1945." Journal of Modern European History, 10 (4) in 2012 and "Health and Safety at Work. A Transnational History", Journal of Modern European History 7, 2009, 2

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