

Building capable local government

Joint DOI - UCT Seminar

Panel:

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Building a capable developmental state is a core priority in South Africa's National Development Plan, and a capable local sphere of government is a cornerstone of that goal. This year, 2018 marks the 20th Anniversary of the adoption of the *White Paper on Local Government* which gave effect to the new dispensation for democratic local government in our constitution.

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This **joint academic seminar** between the **Dullah Omar Institute** and the **University of Cape Town** brings together some of the country's leading scholars on local government with doctoral and post-doctoral students to reflect on specific topics on capability.

The seminar will discuss concrete issues, including the professionalisation of local administration, building technical capability to run infrastructure, spatial and land use management, as well as support for building capable cities.

In the background is a much wider set of issues:

Student panel: TBC

Chair: Derek Powell

- **What does capable local government mean, and how do we measure capability?**
- **Has South Africa developed a capable system of local government in the 20 years since the White Paper?**
- **What needs to be done to build the capability of local government within the three-sphere system of multi-level government?**

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Time: 11:45 for 12:00 – 14:30

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