



Roundtable discussion:  
**Imagining the impossible:  
Alternative economic  
paradigms that strengthen  
the grassroots**

*Tuesday, 25 April 2017*

# I N V I T A T I O N

It is widely accepted that as a country we seem to have run out of ideas on how to stimulate the local economy and create jobs. The majority of people in South Africa are starved of money to engage meaningfully in society and the economy. Economics is about society deciding how to share its resources so that all people have access to the goods and services they require to live at a level of dignity. All economic thinking has to be aimed to serve this purpose. We have to start making decisions on the basis of what is good for society and not only on what is good for the corporates in the hope that the corporates, by themselves, will lead us out of the economic crisis we face. The idea around the round table is to create a space where together we can imagine the possibilities of what an economy which seeks to serve society and serve all people in a dignified, equitable, universal and just manner might look like.



The Pietermaritzburg Agency for Community Social Action (PACSA), the Catholic Parliamentary Liaison Office (CPLLO) and the Jesuit Institute invite you to join us at a round table conversation on:

**TOPIC:** "Imagining the impossible: Alternative economic paradigms that strengthen the grassroots"

**DATE:** Tuesday, 25 April 2017

**VENUE:** The Jesuit Institute, 15 Molesey Ave, Auckland Park, Johannesburg

**Time:** 10.00am to 3.00pm. Lunch will be served

**Panelists:**

**Prof Steven Friedman:** Director of the Centre for the Study of Democracy at both Rhodes University and the University of Johannesburg

**Dr Ibrahim Steyn:** Programme Manager at the Ecumenical Service for Socio-Economic Transformation (ESSET)

**Respondent: Mr Rudy Dicks:** National Department of Planning, Monitoring & Evaluation

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