



POSTDOCTORAL FELLOW SEMINAR INVITATION

The Thabo Mbeki African School of Public and International Affairs will host a seminar titled:

Trade Mis-invoicing, Institutions, and Financial Systems: Unveiling Hidden Drains on African Growth

WHEN: Tuesday, July 29, 2025, from 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM

WHERE: Dr Miriam Makeba Concert Hall, UNISA Main Campus, Preller Street, Muckleneuk

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Abstract

The seminar presents a deep dive into the concealed but critical issue of trade mis-invoicing in mineral-rich countries within the Southern African Development Community (SADC). Trade mis-invoicing has increasingly been recognized as a significant, yet often overlooked, drain on Africa's economic growth, depriving countries of much-needed revenues and undermining financial stability.

Drawing on advanced econometric techniques and a cross-country panel analysis, the seminar will expose the extent and patterns of trade mis-invoicing and the substantial negative relationship between trade mis-invoicing and economic growth, underlining how institutional weaknesses and underdeveloped financial systems exacerbate illicit financial outflows.

The seminar will critically examine:

- The magnitude and dynamics of trade mis-invoicing in selected mineral-rich SADC countries.
- How institutional integrity and financial system development can mitigate trade mis-invoicing in selected African countries.
- The implications of trade mis-invoicing for economic growth and sustainable development in selected African countries.
- Policy recommendations for strengthening governance frameworks and financial infrastructure to combat trade mis-invoicing and foster inclusive growth.



SPEAKER'S BIO:

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