Pathways to a cooperative Market Economy Project: Johannesburg Workshop July 29-31, 2016

The dates for the South Africa Workshop in the *Pathways to a Cooperative Market Economy* have now been set: July 29-31 at Wittwaterstrand Unviersity, Johannesburg, South Africa. As in the previous workshops, the local organizers – Michelle Williams (<u>Michelle.Williams@wits.ac.za</u>) and Vish Satgar (<u>copac@icon.co.za</u>) -- do not have funding to cover any costs of participation, but they will coordinate local arrangements. This is what Michelle wrote about local accommodations:

In terms of costs, the guesthouses we use cost between R750 and R950 a night including breakfast (about US\$50 to US\$70), dinner will cost about \$20 (on the high end with a drink), plus transport cost to/from Wits (about \$10 a day), which the guesthouse will arrange. The one we use most often is called Cloud's End and Pathways (two venues, one owner). Their website is http://www.apexcom.co.za/. The nice thing about them is that most of their rooms of kitchenettes if people want to make their own food. The guesthouses are also in a great area with lots of restaurants, cafes, and bars.

I will have \$3,000-\$5,000 available to contribute to subsidizing travel costs for any of you who cannot get institutions to cover your flights, so if you plan to come and will need a subsidy, please let me know.

The basic plan for the conference is to have two days devoted to local research reports on cooperatives in South Africa (and perhaps from adjoining areas) and one day for more general discussion on the core themes of the Pathways Project. This will give us more time than in the Buenos Aires workshop to think collectively about the theoretical issues being explored.

Following the workshop I will be given a four part seminar and lecture series at the University of Wittwaterstrand on themes from my book *Understanding Class* and the boo I am currently working on, *Howe to be an Anti-capitalist for the 21*st century. Anyone attending the *Pathways* workshop is invited to stay for this as well.

Michelle and Vish will be organizing the local program. We will have more details on that in a few months. In the meantime if you think you might want to participate, please let them and me know.

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