



RESEARCH WORKSHOP
SEMINAR SERIES 2024

A multidisciplinary approach to the study of Urban Crisis: A focus on the City of Johannesburg

The Public Affairs Research Institute (PARI), Society, Work and Politics Institute (SWOP), Gauteng City-Region Observatory (GCRO) and the Johannesburg Crisis: Concerned Academics*, launch a seminar series to offer scholars, researchers, and postgraduate students an opportunity to share their ongoing work, either by discussing work in progress or presenting upcoming and new publications on the City of Johannesburg.

In this seminar series we welcome empirical and theoretical research on local government and governance, the energy sector and urban infrastructure, “corruption” and “anticorruption” politics, urban crisis and response to it.

The aim of this seminar series is to provide a collaborative space and an academic dialogue with scholars and researchers who are interested in governance, infrastructure, urban crisis and have conducted research on the City of Johannesburg.

For the series, we envisage a 30-minute presentation, followed by a discussant (a scholar, a public servant or a civil society representative) and then an open conversation.

Call for submissions

Please submit your proposal using this Google form:

<https://forms.gle/ZchyoeGpQEf7aF5E8>

Deadline for abstract submission (500 words): July 31st 2024.

Accepted abstracts will be notified by **August 15th 2024.**

The series will start in late **August 2024** and the seminars will take a **hybrid format** to accommodate participants not based in Johannesburg.

*This is a collective of mainly Wits-based academics formed in February 2024 to engage civil society and government in addressing the current governmental crisis in Johannesburg.