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PUBLICATIONS	JOURNAL ARTICLES <ul style="list-style-type: none">[2] I. Bassier, J. Budlender, R. Zizzamia, M. Leibbrandt, V. Ranchhod (2020). “Locked down and locked out: Repurposing social assistance as emergency relief to informal workers” <i>World Development</i>, DOI: 10.1016/j.worlddev.2020.105271.[1] I. Turok, J. Budlender, and J. Visagie (2018). “Urban ‘Slums’ and Social Mobility” <i>Development Policy Review</i>, 36(6): 703-725. WORKING PAPERS <ul style="list-style-type: none">[6] J. Budlender and A. Ebrahim (2021). “Estimating employment responses to South Africa’s Employment Tax Incentive” (WIDER Working Paper 2021/118). Helsinki: UNU-WIDER.[5] I. Bassier and J. Budlender (2021). “Methods for credible evaluation of programme stimulus effects in South Africa” (SALDRU Working Paper 278). Cape Town: Southern Africa Labour and Development Research Unit.	

- [4] R. Jain, J. Budlender, R. Zizzamia, and I. Bassier (2020). “The labor market and poverty impacts of covid-19 in South Africa” (SALDRU Working Paper 264). Cape Town: Southern Africa Labour and Development Research Unit.
- [3] J. Budlender and A. Ebrahim (2020). “Industry classification in the South African tax microdata” (WIDER Working Paper 2020/99). Helsinki: UNU-WIDER.
- [2] J. Budlender (2019). “Markups and Market Structure in South Africa: What can be learnt from new administrative data?” (WIDER Working Paper 2019/58). Helsinki: UNU-WIDER.
- [1] J. Budlender, M. Leibbrandt, and I. Woolard (2015). “South African poverty lines: a review and two new money-metric thresholds” (SALDRU Working Paper 151). Cape Town: Southern Africa Labour and Development Research Unit.

REPORTS

- [3] M. Goldman, I. Bassier, J. Budlender, L. Mzankomo, I. Woolard and M. Leibbrandt (2021). “Simulation of options to replace the special COVID-19 Social Relief of Distress grant and close the poverty gap at the food poverty line” (WIDER Working Paper 2021/165). Helsinki: UNU-WIDER.
- [2] J. Budlender (2016). *Edged Out: Spatial Mismatch and Spatial Justice in South Africa’s Main Urban Areas – Technical Report*. Johannesburg: Socio-Economic Rights Institute of South Africa.
- [1] J. Budlender and L. Royston (2016). *Edged Out: Spatial Mismatch and Spatial Justice in South Africa’s Main Urban Areas*. Johannesburg: Socio-Economic Rights Institute of South Africa.

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

- [1] J. Budlender, M. Leibbrandt, and I. Woolard, “Weakly relative poverty lines in developing countries: The case of South Africa,” for the *Conference of the Economic Society of South Africa*. Cape Town, Sep 2015.

GRANTS

- **SA-TIED Research Grants, UNU-WIDER**
- Project on the South African Employment Tax Incentive (\$8,000; 2020)
- Industry classification in the South African tax microdata (\$5,000; 2019)
- The market structure-profit relationship in South Africa: Evidence from administrative data (\$10,000; 2018)

REFERENCES

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