

The making and unmaking of social order

The *Society, Work and Politics Institute* (SWOP) is one of the **University of the Witwatersrand's** most enduring research entities. Our work is shaped by the overarching aim of producing knowledge to help understand 'the making and unmaking of social order', with a particular focus on disadvantaged communities and the problems they face, as well as collective efforts to effect change.

Our research is shared through publications - both academic and more popular forms of writing - teaching, [seminar programmes](#) and conferences, as well as engagement in and with processes of policy formulation, legal processes and other more activist-driven interventions. It is our intellectual endeavour to contribute to different forms of theorising, theory-building and critique from our particular vantage point in 'the global south'.

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