

THE CENTRE FOR SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH

The Centre for Social Science Research (CSSR) is an interdisciplinary research centre based at the University of Cape Town. It was established in 2001 with generous core funding from the Andrew W Mellon Foundation and in close collaboration with the Institute of Social Research at the University of Michigan in the USA. The CSSR's goal is to promote quality and innovation in social science research in Southern Africa. It is a focal point where a community of scholars share ideas, comment on each other's work and co-operate in research projects in a cost-effective manner. The CSSR's work contributes to a better understanding of social and economic realities and informed public policy-making.

The Centre for Social Science Research is made up of the following units: The Aids and Society Research Unit; the Data First Resource Unit; the Democracy in Africa Research Unit; the Social Surveys Unit and the Southern Africa Labour and Development Research Unit.

CSSR DIRECTORATE

The CSSR Directorate is the administrative hub for the units making up the CSSR. It manages the finances, edits and produces working papers, organises meetings, and provides an organisational focal point for the CSSR. Nicoli Natrass is the CSSR Director, Kathy Forbes is the Administrative Officer, and further assistance is provided by Libbi Downes and Nondumiso Hlwele.

CSSR REVIEW COMMITTEE

The CSSR is governed by the Review Committee comprising the heads of the associated units. Unit heads report to the CSSR Director, but the CSSR Director is accountable to the collective of unit heads, i.e the Review Committee. At the end of 2003, the Review Committee comprised the following:

- ▶ *Nicoli Natrass*
Director of ASRU and of the CSSR;
- ▶ Robert Mattes
Director of the Democracy in Africa Research Unit;
- ▶ Francis Wilson
Director of the Data First Resource Unit;
- ▶ Mathew Welch
Acting Director of the Data First Resource Unit (whilst Francis Wilson was on leave);
- ▶ Jeremy Seekings
Director of the Social Surveys Unit; and
- ▶ Murray Leibbrandt
Director of the Southern Africa Labour and Development Research Unit

CSSR BOARD MEMBERS

The CSSR Director and the Review Committee is answerable to the CSSR Board. The main purpose of the board is to ensure that the CSSR fulfils its key mandate: to promote quantitative social science research (especially survey research). As such, it is an academic board comprising representatives from faculties involved in social science research. The membership of the board is as follows:

- ▶ Martin West
Senior Deputy Vice Chancellor and Chairman of the CSSR Board nominated by the Vice Chancellor
- ▶ Andre du Toit
Representing the Humanities Faculty
- ▶ Doug Pitt
Dean of Commerce
- ▶ Andy Dawes
UCT and the Human Sciences Research Council
- ▶ Steve Burgess
Graduate School of Business
- ▶ Sue Parnell
Representing the Science Faculty
- ▶ Elna van de Spuy
Representing the Law Faculty
- ▶ Nicky Payayachee
Dean of Health Sciences
- ▶ Tim Dunne
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