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**Constructing a Developmental State in South Africa: Indigenisation, Learning,  
Export and Infrastructure as a Path to Inclusive Growth**

**By Ayal Belling**

**Friday 13th October at 13h00 in the Seminar Room (4th floor), School of  
Economics.**

**A light lunch will be provided in the staff lounge from 12h30.**

Belling is a UCT applied mathematics graduate who spent 13 years working in technology and finance in London. He subsequently returned to Cape Town where he now works as an entrepreneur. His self-motivated interest in industrial policy and developmental states took him to Princeton University last year where he audited Atul Kohli's class on comparative political economy.

**Abstract**

Abstracting and contextualising lessons from, amongst others, the country-comparative works of Atul Kohli and Peter Evans as well as the detailed country monographs by Doug Guthrie (China), Alice Amsden (South Korea), Robert Wade (Taiwan) and Chalmers Johnson (Japan), Belling will attempt to chart a course from South Africa's current policy, institutional and neo-patrimonial realities to a learning, developmental society with full employment. He will make the case for why developmentalism remains essential to a 21st century, middle-income democracy in the era of the WTO and automation and then go on to suggest practical steps for constructing a democratic developmental state in South Africa.

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