

## Book launch

# First title in STIAS series published

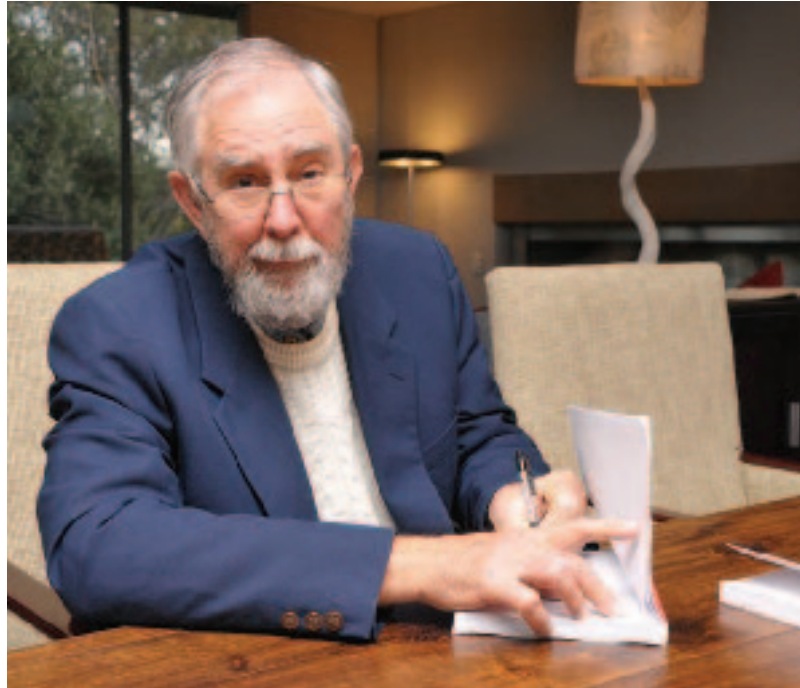
The first book in a series of publications on lectures presented by the Stellenbosch Institute for Advanced Study (STIAS) was launched in August.

Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu was the keynote speaker at the launch of the book *The Humanist Imperative in South Africa* on Thursday, 11 August, at the Wallenberg Research Centre on campus.

The book comprises 26 multi-disciplinary essays and reflections originally presented at two symposia of the New Humanism Project held at STIAS in June 2009 and February 2010. Amongst the 28 contributing authors are leading academics and public figures, which include John de Gruchy (Editor), Neville Alexander, Russel Botman, Paul Cilliers, Hendrik Geyer, Jan-Hendrik Hofmeyr, Hans Huyssen, Antjie Krog and Njabulo Ndebele.

The essays focus on the humanisms that have shaped our society and its constitution, what it means to be human beings together in South Africa, and issues of economic and social justice, human dignity and rights.

Prof De Gruchy, a STIAS Fellow, said in his opening address that he hoped the collection of essays in the book would make a contribution to



Prof John de Gruchy, Editor of *The Humanist Imperative in South Africa*.

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the wider debate in South Africa.

STIAS is aptly referred to as “a creative space for the mind” where top researchers and intellectual leaders find innovative and sustainable solutions to issues facing the world and, in particular, our country and Africa. It is moulded in the tradition of institutes for advanced study across the globe.

Prof Geyer, STIAS Director, said: “The STIAS series of publications are aimed at a broad public which will naturally vary with specific research themes. Straddling the academic world and the public forum of an engaging public is a challenge that STIAS accepts. We trust that each STIAS publication will reflect the “creative space for the mind” in



Prof Russel Botman, SU Rector, and Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu chat to Professors Hendrik Geyer, Director of STIAS, and John de Gruchy, Editor of *The Humanist Imperative in South Africa*, at the launch of the book at the Wallenberg Research Centre.

which it is rooted, stimulate public interest and debate, and contribute to informed decision-making at various levels of our society.”

In his speech at the launch Tutu describe *The Humanist Imperative in South Africa* as “crucial for our beautiful land”, and said that to be human is to be in relationship.

“The essays in this book all

underscore this fact. We are made for interdependence and for a relationship of ‘complimentarity’. I have gifts that you don’t and you have gifts that I don’t. No one can ever be fully human who claims to be self-sufficient,” Tutu said.

The STIAS series of publications is published by SUN MEDIA.



Die Universiteitsmuseum het onlangs die eerste museumpublikasie in 'n reeks oor die museumversamelings, naamlik dié van die J du P (Canis) Scholtz-kunsversameling, in die Sasol Kunsmuseum bekend gestel. Soortgelyke publikasies oor die ander kunsversamelings, asook die keramiek-, antropologie- en kultuurgeskiedenisversamelings word in die vooruitsig gestel. Hier kyk dr Lydia de Waal en prof Jan Giliomee, die samestellers, asook mev Warnia Giliomee en prof Kieth Dietrich na die boek wat by die Museum te koop is. Skakel 021 808 3524.



Die Eenheid vir Menseregtehoofstroming (Unit for Human Rights Mainstreaming) in die Departement Politieke Wetenskap het onlangs Sertifikate van Voltooiing aan drie lede van die Wes-Kaapse Provinsiale Administrasie oorhandig. Hierdie studente het die opleidingskursus voltooi en 'n praktiese werkstuk gedoen wat regstreeks verband hou met implementering in hul departemente. Die Eenheid het deurentyd steun verleen aan die studente, wat hierdie opleiding uniek maak. Tot dusver is reeds 48 studente deur die Eenheid opgelei, en die studente wat die opleiding voltooi het, gebruik hul kennis in die implementering van Menseregtehoofstroming in hul werk. Hier is prof Amanda Gouws, mev Marie Hendricks, mnr Sam Manga, mes Lumka Godlwana, Shireen Parker en Carla Ackerman.

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Die span van Alumni Verhoudinge het onlangs Nasionale Vrouedag met 'n interessante paneelbespreking, met Elsabe Daneel as die moderator, op die Nootgedacht-wynlandgoed naby Stellenbosch gevier. Vier alumni vanuit verskillende loopbaanvelde het tydens die paneelbespreking, met die tema "Maties-vroue verpletter die glasplafon", hul uiteenlopende suksesverhale en ook hul professionele uitdagings met die gehoor gedeel. Van links is dr Nomfundu Ngwenya, prof Rachel Jafta, me Lizette Frank en dr Sherylle Calder.

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