

Einladung zu Gastvortrag:

## **South Africa 1994 – 2011: (Re-)Conciliation of the Rainbow-Nation Deferred?**

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### **ABSTRACT**

This presentation explores socio-political and economic developments in South Africa since 1994 when the country's first democratic, post-apartheid elections took place. In the first section developments after the Mandela era under the administration of Thabo Mbeki will be discussed, inter alia Mbeki's views on race, the position of Afrikaners (as part of the white minority) and their language under the Mbeki administration, affirmative action, socio-economic issues, alienation and emigration, etc. The second section focuses on political developments since the general election of 2009 and the advent of the administration of Jacob Zuma. Issues to be discussed will be factionalist policies in the ANC, the influence of the 2010 FIFA World Cup tournament on South Africa, the so-called "Julius Malema factor", and a projected prognosis of where South Africa stands in 2011 and what policy direction the government might pursue in the immediate future. As nationwide local elections in South Africa take place on 18 May 2011, the first election results, which could indicate if there is tendency towards change in terms of the political alignment, might also be known and this would be included in the presentation.

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