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PUBLIC INVITATION

The Friedrich Ebert Stiftung South Africa in partnership with the International and Public Affairs Cluster, School of Social Sciences, UKZN

invite you to join them for a public dialogue entitled

***“South African Political Parties Face the World in an Election Year:
A Foreign Policy Panel Discussion”***

Date : Tuesday, 19 March 2019

Time : 17h00 to 19h30 (*with refreshments*)

Place : Garden Court Marine Parade Hotel | 167 O R Tambo Parade | Durban

South Africa is heading towards national elections in 2019. While South African foreign policy in the past has not been a hotly contested arena in electioneering, the 2019 elections fall in a time where the South African economy is under severe strain and President Cyril Ramaphosa urgently seeks to revitalise international relations in a \$100 billion international investment drive. The state of global affairs however, requires an astute balancing act between pragmatism and morality. Following the Libyan debacle, South Africa's position on the United Nations Security Council will be pushed to pick up lessons from the past and rated for its contribution to peace and stability in Africa but also abroad in Venezuela, Pakistan, Palestine and India. South Africa's impending chairmanship of the African Union in 2020 will challenge South Africa to provide leadership on the situation in Zimbabwe and guide the implementation of Kagame's Reform Agenda. Though South Africa aims to be a promoter of a rules-based international system, how far will it go as a member of the BRICS to change the current global order?

The legitimacy of South African foreign policy depends on the quality of debate among political parties in South Africa; identified for this dialogue as the ANC, DA, IFP and EFF. Here, they will discuss with the public their analysis on key international issues affecting South Africa.

We invite your participation in this important and timely discussion.

To secure your seat, kindly send your confirmation to:

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