

Comparing the Emergence and Impact of Developmental States of Southern Africa and Latin America

Project Description

By coordinating a conference, examining and comparing successful African and Latin American Developmental States, this project aims, through research and publication, to contribute to increasing the standard of living for Africans and Latin Americans. After all, a major role of HBCU's traditionally, has been to improve the quality of life for people of African descent.

Poverty alleviation is the primary issue at the core of Development, and it has to be approached systemically. Africans want to see development occurring on the continent of Africa. In fact, since the end of colonialism and apartheid, development is the one thing that unifies Africans. Private capital, and the philanthropy of the rich, cannot resolve the tremendous challenges faced by African nations today. Hence, Development must be led by the state.

There are a number of African and Latin American nations that are very successful examples of Developmental States. In Southern Africa we will examine how some African nations succeeded, and discuss the challenges these successful Developmental States face in future. The successful Developmental States of Southern Africa, will be compared with the successful Developmental States of Latin America and Asia.

Measurable goals and objectives for the project

The funds requested, are to be utilized coordinating a conference; with our findings published online, to relaunch the Lincoln University Press. We will bring together the papers presented at the conference, tentatively scheduled for February 2027, and publish them either through the Lincoln University Press, or another academic publisher. The Lincoln University Press will serve as an On Line, Open Source, publication; available to all who log on to the website. At the International Political Science Associations 28th World Congress, held in Seoul, South Korea, July 12-16, 2025, I presented my research findings to colleagues, who are working on issues related to the Developmental States model, as applied in Southern Africa and Latin America. My panel, entitled "Comparing the Emergence and Impact of Developmental States of Southern Africa and Latin America" received wide acclaim, and is the basis for the conference. "

Continuity and Student Benefits that Enhance Teaching and Research at Lincoln University. We are continuing research that was begun previously by myself, Dr. Kealeboga Maphunye (i.e. the Lincoln University, 2024-2025, Fulbright Scholar in Residence, from South

Africa), and Dr. Carmelo Cattafi, who is based out of Mexico, and is the Chair of the IPSA Research Committee #40 (New World Order). Students are at the heart of our research, and come from the USA (i.e. Lincoln), Africa and Latin America. Three former Lincoln University students, Doodoo Yahala, Mykela McCray, and Tamia Lawrence, co-authored papers with me, that were presented to IPSA, at the 2023, 27th World Congress, in Argentina. Tamia Lawrence's collaboration with me on Botswana, revitalizes the Lincoln University Journal of Social and Political Thought. The relaunching of both the Lincoln University Journal of Social and Political Thought, and the Lincoln University Press, is a tremendous contribution to the university. By placing the articles Online and Open Sourced, we reduce cost dramatically, while utilizing university facilities, to spread the research to our students, and spread the name of Lincoln University worldwide, through existing technological resources.

Academic Contribution IPSA actively promotes conferences that advance topical issues of Political Science. We will conduct a comparative analysis of five (5) Developmental States in Latin America, with (5) Developmental States of Southern Africa. Due, in part, to our professional relationships with the rulers of two Developmental States of Southern Africa, we will plan and set up the conference either in person or online.

Timeline Dr. Kealeboga Maphunye's tenure, as Fulbright Scholar in Residence, at Lincoln ended in May 2025, when he returned to South Africa. Collaborating with Dr. Edge, Dr. Maphunye continues to work as Editor, on both the Lincoln University, Journal of Social and Political Thought, and the Lincoln University Press, while beginning the coordination of the planned Conference. I will work with Dr. Maphunye in Southern Africa this summer (2026) coordinating the conference. The conference "Comparing the Developmental States of Southern Africa, with Developmental States of Latin America", will occur between Feb. and June 2027.

How the outcome of the project will be measured. When the new President of the IPSA assumed office, at the 28th World Congress in Korea, she noted that, her first priority was to incorporate more African Political Scientist into the organization. In the history of the International Political Science Association, there has never been a conference devoted to comparing African and Latin American Developmental States. Our success can be measured by the planned conference, taking place either in person or online in 2027. For this conference to be successful we have to have the assistance of the IPSA members in Asia (i.e. the Asian Tigers), Africa, and Latin America. Papers will be published in a book, presented at the Faculty Research Symposium, and taught to students across a variety of classes (e.g. Political Science, Economics, Pan-African Studies etc.).