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MARXISMS IN THE 21ST CENTURY

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The release of this book will be celebrated with a discussion about the relevance of Marxism today with the editors of the book, Michelle Williams and Vishwas Satgar; and Dinga Sikwebu, the National Education Coordinator of the National Union of Metalworkers of South Africa (NUMSA).

Join us for this important conversation.

WHEN

Thursday 20 February, 17h30 to 20h00

WHERE

Graduate Seminar Room, South West Engineering Building, East Campus, Wits University

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ABOUT THE BOOK

This is the first publication in the Wits University Press Democratic Marxism Series, which seeks to elaborate the social theory and politics of contemporary Marxist thought. (Series Editor: Vishwas Satgar).

Marxisms in the 21st Century challenges vanguardist Marxism deployed in South Africa and beyond. Featuring leading thinkers from the Left, the book offers provocative ideas on interpreting our current world and serves as an excellent introduction to new ways of thinking about Marxism to students and scholars in the field. Many anti-capitalist traditions and themes – including democracy, globalisation, feminism, critique and ecology inform and shape the contributions in this volume.

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PRICE R320,00 The book will be on sale at 20% discount at this event (credit card payments accepted)

ABOUT THE EDITORS

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Wits University Press is also the publisher of Kally Forrest's history of NUMSA, Metal that will not bend: The National Union of Metalworkers of South Africa, 1980-1995 (ISBN 978 1 86814 534 8 (print), R270.00).

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—Philip Bonner, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg

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—Ackson M Kanduza in African Historical Review



