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OVERVIEW

Y1-rated researcher specialising in the analysis of post-apartheid working class mobilisation and collective action.

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- Jan 2021 – present Director, Centre for Social Change, University of Johannesburg, South Africa.
- Sep 2018 – present Associate Professor, Centre for Social Change and Department of Sociology, University of Johannesburg, South Africa.
- May 2018 – Aug 2018 Senior Researcher, Centre for Social Change, University of Johannesburg, South Africa.
- May 2016 – Apr 2018 Senior Researcher and Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Centre for Social Change, University of Johannesburg, South Africa.
- Jan 2016 – May 2016 Senior Researcher, Public Affairs Research Institute, University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa.
- Jan 2013 – Dec 2015 Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Centre for Social Change, University of Johannesburg, South Africa.

EDUCATION

- 2007-2012 PhD, Sociology, University of Glasgow, United Kingdom.
Thesis title: *Mobilisation and Insurgent Citizenship of the Anti-Privatisation Forum, South Africa: An Ethnographic Study.*
- 2002-2006 MA (Hons) Sociology (First Class), University of Glasgow, United Kingdom.

PUBLICATIONS

Journal articles

Runciman, C. 2020. Gendered Risks in Survey Research: Reflections from South African Exit Polls. *International Journal of Social Research Methodology* 23(6): 743-747.

Brooks, H., Ngwane, T. and Runciman, C. 2020. Decolonising and Re-theorising the Meaning of Democracy: A South African Perspective. *The Sociological Review* 68(1): 17-32.

Englert, T. and Runciman, C. 2019. Challenging Workplace Inequality: Precarious Workers' Institutional and Associational Power in Gauteng, South Africa. *Transformation* 101: 84-104.

Runciman, C., Bekker, M. and Maggott, T. 2019. Voting Preferences of Protesters and Non-protestors in The South African Elections (2014 – 2019): Revisiting the 'Ballot and the Brick'. *Politikon* 46(4): 390-410.

Runciman, C. 2019. Rolling Back the Right to Strike: Amendments to South Africa's Labour Relations Act and their Implications for Working-class Struggle. *Review of African Political Economy* 46(160): 347-356.

Runciman, C. 2019. The "Double-edged Sword" of Institutional Power: COSATU, Neo-liberalisation and the Right to Strike, *Global Labour Journal*, 10(2): 142-158.

Alexander, P., Runciman, C., Ngwane, T., Moloto, B., Mokgele, K. and van Staden, N. 2018. Frequency and Turmoil: South Africa's Community Protests 2005–2017, *South African Crime Quarterly*, 63: 27-42.

Roberts, B.J., Bohler-Muller, N., Struwig, J., Gordon, S.L., Mchunu, N., Mtyingizane, S., & Runciman, C. 2017. 'Protest Blues: Public Opinion On The Policing Of Protests in South Africa' *South African Crime Quarterly* 62: 63-80.

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Alexander, P., Runciman, C. & Maruping, B. 2016. 'The Incident Registration Information System (IRIS) and Protests: Use and Abuse in The Measurement Of Protest Activity', *South African Crime Quarterly*, 58: 9-21.

Paret, M. & Runciman, C. 2016. 'The South African Uprising 2009-2012', *Working USA: The Journal of Labor and Society*, 19(3): 301-319.

Runciman, C. 2016. 'Mobilising in Precarious Times: South Africa's 'Rebellion of the Poor' *International Journal of Sociology and Social Policy*, 36(9/10): 613-628.

Runciman, C. 2015. 'The Decline of the Anti-Privatisation Forum in the Midst of South Africa's 'Rebellion Of The Poor' *Current Sociology*, 63(7): 961-979.

Runciman, C. 2014. 'Mobilising Insurgent Citizenship: Forging Local Authority And Everyday Policing in Protea Court' *South African Review of Sociology*, 45(1): 27-44.

Runciman, C. 2014. Can Rights-Based Activism Be Transformative? Analysing Grassroots Mobilisation in The Anti-Privatisation Forum' *Transformation*, 84: 27-48.

Runciman, C. 2011. 'Response to Luke Sinwell: Re-examining Counter-Hegemonic Politics In Post-Apartheid South Africa' *Review of African Political Economy*, 38(130): 607-614.

Book chapters

Runciman, C., Bekker, M. and Maggott, T. 2020. Voting Preferences of Protesters and Non-protestors in The South African Elections (2014 – 2019): Revisiting the 'Ballot and the Brick'. In: Steyn Kotze, J. and Bohler-Muller, N. (eds) *Reflections on the 2019 South African General Elections*. Abingdon: Routledge.

Runciman, C. 2017. 'South African social movements in the neoliberal age' In: Paret, M., Runciman, C. & Sinwell, L. (eds). *Southern Resistance in Critical Perspective: The Politics of Protest in South Africa's Contentious Democracy*. Abingdon: Routledge.

Runciman, C. 2016. 'Citizenship and inequality in post-apartheid South Africa: Contours and collective responses' In: Machin, A. & Nico Stehr (eds.), *Understanding Inequality: Social Costs and Benefits*. Wiesbaden: Springer.

Runciman, C. 2012. 'Resisting privatisation: exploring contradictory consciousness in the Anti-Privatisation Forum' In: Dawson, M.C. & Sinwell, L. (eds) *Contesting Transformation: Popular Resistance in Twenty-First Century South Africa*, London: Pluto Press.

Research reports

Runciman, C. and Dor, L. 2020. *Profit or Workers Lives? Employer Responses to the Covid-19 Pandemic*. Johannesburg: Centre for Social Change.

Paret, Marcel and Runciman, C. 2019. *Who Votes? Preliminary Findings from an Exit Survey of Voters in the 2019 National Elections*. Johannesburg: Centre for Social Change.

Gaventa, J. and Runciman, C. 2016. 'Untangling economic and political inequality' in *World Social Science Forum Report on Inequality*. Institute of Development Studies, Sussex.

Runciman, C., Alexander, P., Rampedi, M., Moloto, B., Maruping, B., Khumalo, E. and Sibanda, S. 2016. *Counting Police Recorded Protests: Estimates Based on SAPS data*. South African Research Chair in Social Change: University of Johannesburg,

Alexander, P., Runciman, C. and Maruping, B. 2015. *South African Police Service Data on Crowd Incidents: A Preliminary Analysis*. South African Research Chair in Social Change: University of Johannesburg.

Sinwell, L., Kirshner, J., Khumalo, K., Manda, O., Pfaffe, P., Phokela, C. and Runciman, C. 2009. *Service Delivery Protests: Findings from Quick Response Research in Four 'hotspots' - Piet Retief, Thokoza and Diepsloot*, Centre for Sociological Research, University of Johannesburg.

Other publications

Runciman, C. 2020. Why easing the lockdown threatens to put workers in South Africa at risk. *The Conversation*. Available online at <https://theconversation.com/why-easing-the-lockdown-threatens-to-put-workers-in-south-africa-at-risk-138846>

Alexander, K., Runciman, C. and Bohler-Muller, N. 2020. Class and the Covid-19 crisis: questions of convergence and divergence. *The Daily Maverick*. Available online at <https://www.dailymaverick.co.za/article/2020-05-20-class-and-the-covid-19-crisis-questions-of-convergence-and-divergence/>

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Roberts, B., Runciman, C., Bohler-Muller, N. and Alexander, K. 2020. Up in Smoke: Public reflections on decision to extend the ban on tobacco sales. *The Daily Maverick*. Available online at <https://www.dailymaverick.co.za/article/2020-05-04-up-in-smoke-public-reflections-on-decision-to-extend-the-ban-on-tobacco-sales/>

Runciman, C., Roberts, B., Alexander, K. and Bekker, M. 2020. Unlocking the public's preferences: What South Africans think of lockdown and policy responses. *The Daily Maverick*. Available online at <https://www.dailymaverick.co.za/article/2020-04-30-unlocking-the-publics-preferences-what-south-africans-think-of-lockdown-and-policy-responses/>

Runciman, C. 2020. Gaps in South Africa's relief scheme leave some workers with no income. *The Conversation*. Available online at <https://theconversation.com/gaps-in-south-africas-relief-scheme-leave-some-workers-with-no-income-136403>

Paret, M. and Runciman, C. 2019. Black South Africans explain who they voted for in last poll, and why. *The Conversation*. Available online at <https://theconversation.com/black-south-africans-explain-who-they-voted-for-in-last-poll-and-why-122133>

Runciman, C. 2018. Why changes to picketing rules in South Africa pose a threat to strikes. *The Conversation*. Available online at <https://theconversation.com/why-changes-to-picketing-rules-in-south-africa-pose-a-threat-to-strikes-104598>

Runciman, C. 2018. New amendments to labour legislation are likely to increase unprotected strikes. *Business Day*. Available online at <https://www.businesslive.co.za/bd/opinion/2018-02-08-new-amendments-to-labour-legislation-are-likely-to-increase-unprotected-strikes/>

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Runciman, C. & Webster, E. 2017. Workers and the law: Then and now. *South African Labour Bulletin* 41(4).

Runciman, C., Nkuna, L. & Frassinelli, P.P. 2017. Survey sheds light on who marched against President Zuma and why. *The Conversation*. <http://theconversation.com/survey-sheds-light-on-who-marched-against-president-zuma-and-why-76271>.

Runciman, C. 2016. 'CCMA rule denies rights to precarious workers' *The Star*. 30 April.

Alexander, P., Runciman, C. & Ngwane, T. 2014. Growing civil unrest shows yearning for accountability. *Business Day*. 7 March

SELECTED CONFERENCES AND INVITED SEMINARS

Feb 2020 'Research for Social Change: A Scholar-Activist Perspective'. London School of Economic Methodology Department, United Kingdom.

Apr 2019 'The Role of Research and Intellectuals in Social Movements'. Connecting social movements: A dialogue for activists and researchers in East and Southern Africa, University of Nairobi, Kenya.

Jul 2018 'From Precariat to Permanent. How South African Labour Broker Workers Mobilised the Workplace and the Law'. International Sociological Association, Toronto Convention Centre, Canada.

June 2017 'Democracy and delivery in South Africa's community protests' South African Sociological Association Congress, North West University, Mafikeng, South Africa.

Jun 2017 'Democracy and delivery: Exploring the meaning of community protests' Catholic Parliamentary Liaison Office. Cape Town, South Africa.

Jun 2016 'South Africa's rebellion of the poor: An overview', HSRC Seminar, Pretoria, South Africa.

Aug 2015 'South Africa's 'rebellion of the poor': Challenges to social movement theory' Collective Behaviour and Social Movements Section of the American Sociological Association Workshop, Northwestern University, Chicago, USA.

Jun 2015 'Community protests in South Africa: Some research findings' invited seminar for the South African Local Government Association, Pretoria, South Africa.

Jul 2014 'South Africa's contentious democracy: Reflections for social movement theory' paper delivered at the International Sociological Association World Congress, Yokohama, Japan.

Apr 2014 'Community protests 2004-2013: Some research findings' invited seminar for the Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs, Kempton Park, South Africa.

Jan 2014 'Understanding community protests in South Africa' invited seminar for the National Union of Mineworkers South Africa Political School, Kempton Park.

POSTGRADUATE SUPERVISION

Completed.

Dor, L. 2020, *Precarious workers and the labour process: A multi-sited case study of management control and worker resistance*. MA Sociology (Distinction and winner of The Chancellor's Medal). Principal supervisor.

Moloto, B. 2017, *Violent Democracy, Oligarchy and Experiences in the Ekurhuleni Taxi Industry*. MA Sociology (Distinction). Co-supervision with Professor Kate Alexander.

Rampedi, M. 2015, *Youth, Political Participation and Protest: The Case of Zamdela*. MA Sociology (Distinction). Co-supervision with Professor Kate Alexander.

Current

Chiloane, M. *Precarity and the Expanded Public Works Programme*. MA Development Studies. Co-supervision with Dr Hali Healy.

Gertse, W. *The Response of Local Municipalities to Community Protest*. MA Development Studies. Principal Supervisor.

Mbeche, C. *A Qualitative Study of how Young People in Nairobi Navigate Risks in an Era of Terrorism*. MA Sociology. Principal Supervisor.

Mtisi, E. *Informality and Decent Work in Zimbabwe, South Africa and Ghana: Interrelation and Interdependence*. PhD Sociology. Principal supervisor.

Padayachee, C. *Assessing the Impact of Picketing rules on the Right to Strike in South Africa*, MA Sociology. Principal supervisor.

Pakkies, D. *The Impact of the National Minimum Wage on the Livelihoods of Black Working Class Women*. MA Sociology. Principal supervisor.

Sibanda, A. *Externalisation and Casualisation in the Agricultural Sector: the Struggle for Decent Work*. PhD Sociology. Principal supervisor.

Sithole, L. *A Case Study of the National Union of the Metalworkers of South Africa's (NUMSA) Responses to Technological Changes at the Nissan Rosslyn Plant*. MA Sociology. Principal supervisor.

RESEARCH GRANTS

- NIHSS Catalytic Research Programme, *Democracy from Below – Decolonising and Re-theorising Democracy for the Future*, 2021-2022, R800,000.
- NRF Human and Social Dynamics (HSD180501325104), *Decent Work for all and the Future of Labour in South Africa*, 2019-2021, R1.28 million.
- NRF Research Development Grant for Y-rated researchers (RDYR180506326490), *The Future of Labour in South Africa*, 2019-2021, R297,680.
- NIHSS African Pathways Programme Mobility Grant, 2019, R149,000.
- URC/FRC University of Johannesburg, *South African National Elections 2019: Exit Poll and Household Surveys*, 2019, R200,000.

ACADEMIC CITIZENSHIP AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- *Journal of Contemporary African Studies* editorial board member, 2018- present.
- Social Movements and Popular Protest Working Group Convenor, South African Sociological Association, June 2013 - present.
- Treasurer, South African Sociological Association, 2016-18.
- Board member, International Labour Research and Information Group, 2014-2016.
- Management committee member, Casual Workers Advice Office, 2016- present.

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