

## **Curriculum Vitae**

### **Langa Zita**

#### **PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Nationality: South African

Date of birth:

Contact Details:

Travel: Visited Australia, Austria, Brazil, Chile, China, Cuba, France, Italy, Japan, Germany, India, Namibia, Portugal, Singapore, Sweden, Russian Federation, Uganda, UK, United States, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Congo Brazzaville, Benin, Belarus, Mexico, England, Venezuela, Canada, Spain.

Sport: Football

Special Interests: Popular Culture (Films, Music, Drama), Reading

Marital Status: Married to Zukiswa

Children: Andile, son, 33 years  
Khahlamba, son, 12 years

## **ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS**

Matriculated      **1984 -Nombulelo High School, Grahamstown**

Graduated        **1989 B Journalism -Rhodes University**

Majors: Political Science  
Journalism  
Sociology 3 (with UNISA)

**1995-96**

**Chevening Scholar -University of Manchester- England**

Passed Two Post Graduate Economic Courses-

- 1) Accumulation and Structural Change
- 2) Industrial Policy

**1996-1998**

**Masters in Public Development and Management-Witwatersrand University**

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- 4) Economics of the Public Sector

**2016**

**PHD candidate with Rhodes University**

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**Work and Political Experience & Involvement**

- 1980- participated in the school boycotts and subsequently expelled from school at Nomzamo High School in Port Alfred
- 1984- joined the Congress of South African Students COSAS
- 1986- joined Azanian Students Organisation (forerunner of South African National Students Congress (SANSCO))
- 1988- elected to the executive of the Black Students Movement at Rhodes University
- 1988- elected to the Eastern Cape regional executive of SANSCO

**Youth Involvement**

- 1986- underground unit organizing youth in Peddie
- 1988-Brought Smuts Ngonyama ( Former Head of ANC Presidency) to Peddie part of youth organization
- 1989-helped to launch the Peddie Youth Organisation
- 1990-elected to the regional executive of Border Youth Congress (affiliate of the South African Youth Congress and subsequently to ANC Youth league Border Regional Executive

**Working Class Involvement**

- 1986 recruited to SACP and ANC underground
- 1990 -Participated into the recently unbanned and underground SACP and **elected first Secretary of the SACP branch in Peddie**
- -elected **first secretary of the SACP King Williamstown District**
- Employed as a Journalist with East London News Agency

- 1991-October-1994 January- **National Information Officer with National Union of Metalworkers of South Africa (NUMSA)**
- 1994 January-elected to the provincial executive of SACP in Gauteng. Served in this capacity for 18 years until 2012.
- February-elected Gauteng Regional Secretary of the Congress of South African Trade Unions COSATU.

May 1995 to 1999- **Appointed National Coordinator of the SACP, responsible for political education, organizing and gender work.**  
 1998 - **Coordinator of the drafting of Cosatu's Political Education Manual.**

1998-July 2001, **elected to and served in the Central Committee of the SACP.**

**2022 July: Re-elected to the Central Committee of the SACP.**

### **Parliamentary Involvement**

- 1999, elected as **African National Congress Member of Parliament to the National Assembly**
- 2004 **re-elected to National Assembly**
- 2005 **appointed as the Chairperson of Environment and Tourism Portfolio Committee**
- 2006 **appointed as a Convener of the Economic Cluster Committee of the African National Congress**

### **Involvement in the Democratic State**

2010 **Appointed Media Liason Officer in the office of the Minister of Agriculture Forestry and Fisheries**

2010 June **Appointed Special Advisor on Policy to the Minister of Agriculture Forestry and Fisheries**

2010 October to September 2012 **appointed Director General of the department of Agriculture Forestry and Fisheries**

## **Involvement in the Private Sector**

2012 to **date Executive Chair, Institute for Popular Alternatives CC**

## **Employment by the ANC**

2016 March, Appointed Secretary for Political Education and Training, ANC Gauteng Province.

## **International Responsibilities and Awards**

**1995:** Awarded the Chevening Scholarship by the British Government, awarded to promising leaders from other countries. Former recipients include former US President Bill Clinton.

**2005:** South African Chair of the Global Legislators for Balanced Environment (Globe)

**2008:** Elected the Inaugural Chair for Southern Africa the Parliamentary Network on the World Bank.

**2009:** Awarded the PIPA (Future Leaders Program) by the French Government

**2010 to 2012** represented South Africa in the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO). Chaired a session on Food Security in one of their conferences

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Work in Progress**

1991- 'Tensions in the Border'- analysis of the ANC, SACP & COSATU Alliance in the Eastern Cape - Work in Progress

**Mail and Guardian**

'One year of Gqozo's rule'- Weekly Mail, March 1991

**Journals****African Communist:**

'Moving Beyond the Social Contract,' No 133 Second Quarter 1993.

'Unity of the Left', No 134, Third Quarter 1993.

'Intellectuals and transformation', No 147, Third Quarter 1997.

'Is South Africa the weakest link in the imperialist chain?' No 159, First Quarter 2002

'The need to build a movement for social security in South Africa' First Quarter, 2005

'Capital Accumulation, Social Reproduction and Social Protection' No 203 Third and Fourth Quarter 2020

**New Agenda:**

Banks and SMMEs, Issue 2, Summer 2001

South Africa's membership of the WTO, Issue 5, Third Quarter 2002

**Debate:**

Critique of Government's Macro Economic Strategy: Growth, Employment and Redistribution, jointly authored with Dale T Mckinley, V Satgar, Issue No 1, 1996

**South African Labour Bulletin:**

## Book Reviews:

'A Place in the City' by Luli Callinicos SALB Vol. 17 No3, May/June 1993.

'Etopia- A week in the life of a worker in the year 2020', by Ari Sitas SALB Vol. 17 No4 September/October 1993.

## International Journals

### International Viewpoint Issue:

'Contradictions Suspended', Issue, 257, 1994

### Against the Current (US Based Left-wing Monthly):

"Chris Hani Remembered" Issue 45, 1993

'The March 28 Battle of Johannesburg', Issue 50, 1994

'Towards Unity of the Left', Issue 51, 1994

### Published Debates:

Social Democracy or Democratic Socialism- organized by the SALB involving Wintin Higgins, Dave Lewis, Enoch Godongwana, Pallo Jordan and Jeremy Cronin.

I was part of the invited participants, together with those of the panelists the exchanges were published in SA Labour Bulletin Vol. 17 No6, November/December 1993.

Part of the South African panelists to John Roemer's 'A future for socialism? Markets, Ownership and Redistribution- an alternative to capitalism; published in SA Labour Bulletin Vol. 20 Number 5, October 1996.

## Books

New Frontiers for Socialism in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, Conversations on a Global Journey, Co-authored with Vishwas Satgar ( Copac, 2009)

Afrique: Exclusion programme ou renaissance Co edited with Samir Amin and others (Maisonneuve & Larose) under the Third World Forum and World Forum for Alternatives 2003

**Editorial Board membership:**

African Communist: Theoretical Journal of the South African Communist Party 1992-1994

Links: International Journal of Socialist Renewal (Sydney, 1993-)

African Agenda (Accra, 1995-96)

Work in Progress (Johannesburg, 1993-94)

New Agenda- South African Journal of Social and Economic Policy, (Cape Town 2001- 2010).

**Institutional Board Membership**

Convener of the Third World Forum (South Africa) a Network of progressive intellectuals headed until his death in 2018 by Samir Amin and based in Dakar, Senegal 2000 to date.

Member of the World Forum for Alternatives, who are the founders and act as the secretariat of the World Social Forum 2010 to date

Chair of the Cooperative Policy and Alternatives Center (COPAC) independent socialist oriented research and policy center, 1999- 2009

Johannesburg Eco City Project “ award wining environmental and sustainable development non governmental organisation, 2001-2010

South African New Economics Foundation, 2003- 2007

Harold Wolpe Memorial Trust, 2002-2006

Studies in Poverty and Inequality Institute SPII, 2006-

Elected Chair of SPII Board, 2014 and re-elected in 2015

Appointed to the board of SPII in 2015 and re-elected until this year 2021



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Micro economics with **University of London**

Macro Economics with **University of the Western Cape**

International Trade with **University of Western Cape**

History of South African Capitalism with **Rhodes University, 2013**

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Capital Accumulation, Social Reproduction and Social Protection,  
2020/2021

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**Interviews:**

Interview with Lula SALB Vol 18 No 3 , July 1994

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### **Papers in Conferences and Seminars**

'The state of the Nation', paper presented to the Women's conference of the South Africa Youth Congress, 1990

'The Future of the Student Movement in the 1990s', paper presented to a joint seating of NUSAS and SANSCO, Durban, December, 1990

'Building the Alliance and MDM structures', paper presented to the ANC Gauteng's 7<sup>th</sup> provincial conference

'Budget 2000, Some Notes', paper presented to the Central Committee of the South African Communist Party, 31 March to 02 April 2000

'Alternative Perspectives on Social Policy', paper presented to a conference on Social Policy by the National Department of Social Development, 2008

'Neither Liberalisation nor Statist Regime- A response', paper presented to a colloquium organised by the Centre for Policy Studies, 1998

'Reflections on the South Africa transition', Conference organised by the Third World Forum in Dakar, Senegal, 2000

'Marx, history, Marx' paper presented to the ISER Winter school, Rhodes University, July 2016

'The working class and the National Democratic Revolution' paper presented to the Regional Executive of the NUM in 2017

'Industrial Policy and the Universal Basic Income Grant' talk presented to SADC BIG coalition in 2020

‘What is the National Democratic Revolution’ Paper presented to the SACP Mpumalanga Webinar( Jack Simon Political School) in 2020

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