

BOOK LAUNCH THURSDAY 13 OCTOBER

11.00 – 12.30

Stellenbosch Institute for Advanced Study (STIAS),
10 Marais Rd, Stellenbosch: Fellows Seminar Room

PEACEMAKING AND
PEACEBUILDING IN
SOUTH AFRICA

THE NATIONAL PEACE ACCORD,
1991-1994

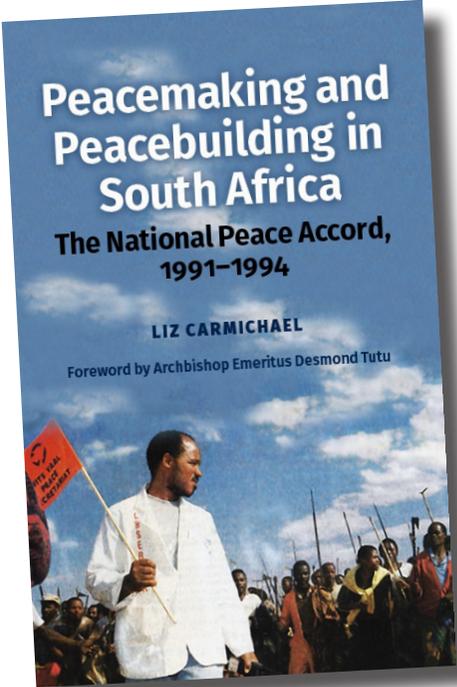
(James Currey, Boydell & Brewer, 2022)

Books will be on sale at the special launch
price of R320 (card or cash).

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Dr Carmichael, who served on the Alexandra Local and Wits/Vaal Regional Peace Committees under the National Peace Accord, will introduce the book. Prof Willie Esterhuyse, who played a key role in preparing the stage for the formal negotiations and Chris Spies, a renowned peacebuilding expert who served as a regional coordinator in the Western Cape for the National Peace Accord will offer comments on the book and the continued relevance of the model it represents.



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Foreword by Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu

ABOUT THE BOOK

Examines the creation and implementation of South Africa's National Peace Accord and this key transitional phase in the country's history, and its implications for peace mediation and conflict resolution.

This first full account of the South African National Peace Accord (NPA) fills a significant gap in knowledge of this key transitional phase in the country's history. Signed by the ANC Alliance, Government, Inkatha Freedom Party and other political and labour organizations on 14 September 1991, the parties agreed in the NPA on the common goal of a united, non-racial democratic South Africa and provided practical means for moving towards this end. This book describes the formulation of the NPA and its implementation: the establishment of codes of conduct for political organizations and for the police, the creation of national, regional and local peace structures for conflict resolution and the investigation and prevention of violence, peace monitoring, as well as the critical socio-economic reconstruction and peacebuilding that aimed to bring lasting change. The NPA was recognized internationally as South Africa's sole consensus document, bringing observers from the UN, EU, Commonwealth and OAU, and the author also assesses their role and that of the Goldstone Commission, which prefigured the TRC.

PRAISE QUOTES

“This is a timely book. It closes a gap in knowledge about what exactly happened during the period of the National Peace Accord and what its contribution was to the democratic order that emerged. There are fascinating insights into how the idea of ‘peace’ was contested, and the notion of peacebuilding as hybrid, driven both from below and above. This book shows how ordinary citizens and concerned individuals play a part in facilitating peace processes. It helps to recast the perspective from a single narrative of a major political party that delivered change, to the complexity of political change as shaped by multiple actors with different perspectives and skills, but a shared interest in building a stable future. I really enjoyed reading this.” Mzukisi Qobo, University of the Witwatersrand

“South Africa owes Dr Carmichael an enormous debt of gratitude for documenting, in such fascinating detail, this significant piece of South African history.”

Val Pauquet, National Peace Committee and Secretariat, 1991–1994