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CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Life starts in the family. It is the first space of socialisation and often the blueprint for establishing relationships. The family is therefore the cornerstone of and in society and takes on different shapes and forms. The South African family is particularly challenged due to the socio-political history, the huge inequalities, the diverse population and general vulnerability in the country. In addition, the South African family is now caught in the nexus of the global COVID-19 pandemic and how to weather this storm is not very clear. Being capable and resilient as a family could be the key to family strengthening.

As a means of understanding the South African family, we have a call for abstracts focusing on raising and strengthening resilient and capable families, one household at a time – to report in the first ***State of South African Families Report***, to be published and launched on Saturday 15 May 2021 in conjunction with the International Day of the Family. These abstracts could focus on research or interventions/practice with the following scope:

Themes related but not limited to any aspect of family life in South Africa:

- Parenting and the post-COVID family
- Measuring family resilience
- Families and the social compact with government
- Strengthening healthy families
- Social behaviour change and the role of families
- Family education for the post-COVID society
- The macro-economics of building resilient families
- Capable caring in the family
- The nurturing family

Submissions focusing on family life in South Africa through the life course, using different research methodologies, including review formats, are invited. Submissions written in English should be no longer than five hundred words.

Important dates

- **30 November 2020:** Abstract submission closes
- **15 December 2020:** Authors notified of the outcome of their abstract submission
- **15 March 2021:** Submission of invited articles
- **15 May 2021:** Publication and launch of the State of South African Families report 2021

Editors of the first *State of South African Families Report 2021*

- UWC South African Research Chair in Human Capabilities, Social Cohesion and the Family
- UWC Centre for the Interdisciplinary study of Children, Families and Society
- Sekwele Centre for Family Studies

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