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Vishwas SATGAR Papers

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The collection contains the papers of Vishwas Satgar, relating to his work as a member of the South African Communist Party (SACP). He was a member of the SACP for 18 years until his expulsion from the party in September 2009.

Vishwas Satgar's early political involvement started in the 1980s when he became active in the Natal Indian Congress, Pietermaritzburg. At the University of Natal Pietermaritzburg (UNP) he was the Secretary of the black Students Society, which he represented in the United Democratic Front. After the unbanning of the ANC and the SACP he became a member of both organisations. He held the position of the Gauteng Provincial Secretary of the SACP from 2001 until 2007, and sat on the Central Committee of the SACP. He was actively involved with the Alliance partners of the SACP in the Tripartite Alliance of the African National Congress (ANC), the Congress of South African Trade Unions (COSATU) and the SACP.

Vishwas Satgar published widely on issues of left movements, worker's issues and grass roots community initiatives, and is now closely involved with the Conference of the Democratic Left (CDL) and Democratic Left Front.

CLASSIFICATION

- A VISHWAS SATGAR PERSONAL PAPERS
- B PROVINCIAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (P.E.C.) GAUTENG
- C SACP CENTRAL COMMITTEE
- D SACP CONGRESSES
- E SACP TOPICS
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COLLECTION

- A VISHWAS SATGAR PERSONAL PAPERS
 - A1 Personal papers
 - A1.1 Including Curriculum Vitae (2 March 2012); a Q&A published in Amandla; SACP business card; COP17 sticker 1f
 - A1.2 Correspondence between Vishwas Satgar and Blade Nzimande 1f
 - A1.2a Correspondence exchanged between Vishwas Satgar and Blade Nzimande, General Secretary of the SACP, November 2006, regarding an input made by VS to the Provincial Council of the SACP in Gauteng entitled "Where is the SACP going: A reflection on National and Provincial Challenges". The exchange highlights fundamental differences in opinion between the two; also included is the discussion document itself "Where is the SACP going", by VS
 - A1.2b Copies of letters from the Central Committee of the SACP to VS in 2009, leading up to and including the termination of membership of the SACP for VS, October 2009
 - A1.3 Two photographs depicting VS at SACP events

- A1.3.1 Cutting of cakes for the 85th Anniversary of the SACP, with Zwelinzima Vavi (COSATU), former President Thabo Mbeki, Blade Ndzimande (General Secretary SACP) and others, 2006
- A1.3.2 Handing over of a scroll to the Gauteng Province in celebration of the 85th Anniversary of the SACP, with former President Thabo Mbeki and others, 2006
- A2 Publications
 - A2.1 Left movements and participation in bourgeois institutions, Rosa Luxemburg political education seminar 2005, book published by Khanya College and Rosa Luxemburg Foundation, with contribution by VS
 - A2.2 African Communist, no.171, 2006, with article entitled "In defence of the SACP and the struggle for socialism in South Africa, a response to the CC document" by Vishwas Satgar
 - A2.3 The Roots of participatory democracy: Democratic communists in South Africa and Kerala, India, book by Michelle Williams, 2008
 - A2.4 Co-operative and Policy Alternative Centre (COPAC) publications
 - A2.4.1 New frontiers for socialism in the 21st Century: Conversations on a global journey, book by Vishwas Satgar and Langa Zita (eds.), 2009
 - A2.4.2 Various thematic brochures published by COPAC 3f
 - A2.5 Conference of the Democratic Left 1f
 - A2.5.1 Conference Report of the 1st Democratic Left Conference, University of the Witwatersrand, January 2011
 - A2.5.2 Articles written by VS for the Conference of the Democratic Left and the Democratic Left Front
 - A2.6 Other articles by VS 1f
- B PROVINCIAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (P.E.C.) GAUTENG
This section is organised by years, divided into the following matters, or as they arise:
 - Provincial Executive Committee
 - Provincial Council
 - Minutes of meetings (Provincial Working Committee, PWC and others)
 - Membership & Disciplinary matters
 - Organisational Reports
 - Congresses
 - Discussion documents
 - Programmes of Action
 - Administrative issues
 - Other
- B1 1995
1995 Regional Congress, March 1995, Congress Papers 1f
- B2 1998
 - B2.1 Provincial Executive Committee 1f
 - B2.2 Minutes of meetings (Provincial Working Committee, PWC and others) 1f
 - B2.3 Membership & Disciplinary matters 1f
 - B2.4 Organisational Reports 1f
 - B2.5 Congresses 1f
including: 6th SACP Congress Gauteng Province, April 1998

- B2.6 Programmes of Action 1f
- B2.7 Other 1f
Including: Voter Registration campaign

- B3 1999 1f
Provincial Executive Committee
Minutes of meetings (Provincial Working Committee, PWC and others)
Organisational Reports
Programmes of Action
Other

- B4 2000 2f
- B4.1 Provincial Executive Committee, including Igoli 2002 discussion
Minutes of meetings (Provincial Working Committee, PWC and others)
Membership & Disciplinary matters
Organisational Reports
Programmes of Action
- B4.2 Discussion documents
Other

- B5 2001
- B5.1 Provincial Executive Committee 1f
- B5.2 Minutes of meetings (Provincial Working Committee, PWC and others) 1f
- B5.3 Membership & Disciplinary matters 1f
- B5.4 Organisational Reports 1f
- B5.5 Congresses 1f
Including the 7th SACP Gauteng Provincial Congress, 4-5 August 2001
- B5.6 Discussion documents 1f
- B5.7 Programmes of Action 1f
- B5.8 Administrative issues 1f
- B5.9 Other 1f

- B6 2002
- B6.1 Provincial Executive Committee 1f
- B6.2 Minutes of meetings (Provincial Working Committee, PWC and others) 1f
- B6.3 Membership & Disciplinary matters 1f
- B6.4 Organisational Reports 1f
- B6.5 Discussion documents 1f
- B6.6 Programmes of Action 1f
- B6.7 Other 1f
Including Gauteng province nominations and delegation to the 11th National Congress of the SACP

- B7 2003
- B7.1 Provincial Executive Committee 1f
- B7.2 Provincial Council 1f
- B7.3 Minutes of meetings (Provincial Working Committee, PWC and others) 1f
- B7.4 Membership & Disciplinary matters 1f
- B7.5 Organisational Reports 1f
- B7.6 Congresses 1f
- B7.7 Discussion documents 1f
- B7.8 Programmes of Action 1f
- B7.9 Administrative issues 1f

- B7.10 Provincial Elections 2004 1f
- B7.11 Party Building Commission 1f
- B7.12 Other 1f

- B8 2004
- B8.1 Provincial Executive Committee 1f
- B8.2 Provincial Council 1f
- B8.3 Minutes of meetings (Provincial Working Committee, PWC and others) 1f
- B8.4 Membership & Disciplinary matters 1f
- B8.5 Organisational Reports 1f
- B8.6 Congresses 1f
Including the 8th SACP Gauteng Provincial Congress, 9-11 July 2004
- B8.7 Discussion documents, general 1f
- B8.7.1 Campaign for accelerated Land Reform and agrarian question 1f
- B8.8 Programmes of Action 1f
Including Party building programme
- B8.9 Administrative issues 1f
- B8.10 Other, general 1f
- B8.10.1 A cooperative Development Policy for Gauteng Province 1f

- B9 2005
- B9.1 Provincial Executive Committee 1f
- B9.2 Provincial Council 1f
- B9.3 Minutes of meetings (Provincial Working Committee, PWC and others) 1f
- B9.4 Membership & Disciplinary matters 1f
- B9.5 Organisational Reports 1f
- B9.6 Congresses 1f
Including SACP East Rand 11th District Congress
- B9.7 Discussion documents 1f
- B9.8 Programmes of Action 1f
- B9.9 Administrative issues 1f
- B9.10 Other 1f

- B10 2006
- B10.1 Provincial Executive Committee 1f
- B10.2 Provincial Council 1f
Including the state of the SACP Gauteng Province and indiscipline at the Provincial Council
- B10.3 Minutes of meetings (Provincial Working Committee, PWC and others) 1f
- B10.4 Membership & Disciplinary matters 1f
Including the case of Racist attack against comrade Vish
- B10.5 Organisational Reports 1f
- B10.6 Discussion documents 1f
- B10.7 Programmes of Action 1f
- B10.8 Administrative issues 1f
- B10.9 Gautrain Project 1f
- B10.10 Other 1f

- B11 2007

- B12 Merafong 2f

Documents relating to the proposed demarcation of Merafong City Municipality from the Gauteng to the North West Province in 2005. The move was opposed by the communities, leading to violent protests. The SACP and COSATU in the Gauteng Province disagreed with the manner in which the ANC government dealt with the protest actions and demands of the communities. Included the Petition with lists of signatures.

- C SACP CENTRAL COMMITTEE
- C1 Central Committee meetings
 - C1.1 Miscellaneous 1995 - 1999 1f
 - C1.2 Meeting 31 March - 2 April 2000 1f
Including Budget 2000
 - C1.3 Meeting 6-7 October 2000
 - C1.4 Meeting 2-4 February 2001
Volume 3 - Economic policy
 - C1.5 Meeting 11-12 May 2001
Minutes of meeting
 - C1.6 Meeting 14-16 September 2001 1f
Volume 1; Volume 2 - Alliance documents; Report on the state of the organisation
 - C1.7 Meeting 23-25 November 2001 1f
Volume 1
 - C1.8 Meeting 15-17 February 2002 2f
Volume 1; Volume 2 - Alliance documents; Volume 3 - 11th Congress; Political and financial reports
 - C1.9 Meeting 21-23 June 2002 1f
Volume 1 - Previous minutes and Alliance matters; Volume 2 - 11th Congress
 - C1.10 Meeting 5 July 2002 1f
Volume 1; Volume 2 - 11th Congress Draft Programme
 - C1.11 Meeting 23-25 August 2002 1f
Volume 1; Volume 3 - The Jeremy Cronin Matter, Financial report
 - C1.12 Meeting 7-9 February 2003 1f
Volume 3
 - C1.13 Miscellaneous 2004-2006 1f
- C2 Plenary Sessions of the Central Committee
 - C2.1 5th Central Committee (?) of the 10th Congress, n.d. 1f
Political report
 - C2.2 1st Plenary of the 11th Congress Central Committee, n.d. 1f
Political report
 - C2.3 2nd Plenary of the 11th Congress Central Committee, 28-30 November 2002 2f
Volumes 1-4, including Alliance documents, treasurer's report and minutes
 - C2.4 3rd Plenary of the 11th Congress Central Committee, 7-8 February 2003 1f
Minutes
 - C2.5 4th Plenary of the 11th Congress Central Committee, 15-16 May 2003 1f
Volume 1; Volume 2 - Documents on the Growth and Development Summit; Volume 3; Political reports
 - C2.6 5th Plenary of the 11th Congress Central Committee, 15-16 August 2003 1f
Volume 1, 2 and 4, including Treasurer's Report, Political report and minutes
 - C2.7 6th Plenary of the 11th Congress Central Committee, 14-16 November 2003 1f

Volume 2; Volume 3 - Documents on the Financial Sector Campaign; Volume 4 - Treasurer's Report; Agenda; Draft Report of the Dora Tamana Savings and Credit Co-operative; also included document of the founding meeting of the Dora Tamana Savings & Credit Co-operative (The Dora Tamana Stokvel), 16 May 2004

- C2.8 7th Plenary of the 11th Congress Central Committee, 13-14 February 2004 1f
Volume 1; Draft minutes
- C2.9 8th Plenary of the 11th Congress Central Committee, 14-17 May 2004 1f
Volume 1; Miscellaneous
- C2.10 9th Plenary of the 11th Congress Central Committee, 27-28 August 2004 1f
Personal Plenary pack for Vishwas Satgar, Gauteng Provincial Secretary
- C2.11 10th Plenary of the 11th Congress Central Committee, 19-21 November 2004 2f
Volumes 1-3; Finance Documents; Organisational Report
- C2.12 11th Plenary of the 11th Congress Central Committee, 18-20 February 2005 1f
Volumes 1+3, including discussion document
- C2.13 12th Plenary of the 11th Congress Central Committee, 20-21 May 2005 1f
Plenary documents, including Organisational Report
- C2.14 13th Plenary of the 11th Congress Central Committee, n.d. 1f
Political report
- C2.15 16th Plenary of the 11th Congress Central Committee, 19-21 May 2006
Political report
- C2.16 18th Plenary of the 11th Congress Central Committee, 24-26 November 2006 2f
Volumes 1, 2, 4, 8

- C3 Reports to the Central Committee 1f
Various organisational and financial reports

- C4 Party Building Commission (PBC) 1f
Meetings

- C5 Miscellaneous 1f

- D SACP CONGRESSES

- D1 7th Congress, 1989 1f
Article entitled "Path to Power" (Programme of the SACP adopted at the Seventh Congress 1989), no date and author

- D2 8th Congress, December 1991 1f
Standing orders and rules; Political report presented by Joe Slovo, 5 December 1991

- D3 9th Congress, Johannesburg, 6-8 April 1995 1f
Draft Strategy and Tactics Document; Socialism is the future, build it now! SACP Strategic Perspectives; Resolutions of the SACP's 9th Congress; Report of the 9th National Congress

- D4 10th Congress, Johannesburg, 1-5 July 1998 2f
- D4.1 Central Committee political report; Financial report; "Build people's power - build socialism now" Draft discussion document; "Build people's power - build socialism now!" Programme of the South African Communist Party, adopted at the 10th Congress 1f

- D4.2 Various documents including: Resolutions, including resolution on Robert McBride; Constitutional amendments; 10th Congress Standing orders and rules; Programme of action as adopted at the 10th Congress; SACP Central Committee list; Discussion documents about economic transformation; Statement of the President of the ANC, Thabo Mbeki 1f
- D5 11th Congress, Rustenburg, 24-28 July 2002 4f
- D5.1 Resolutions from the 10th Congress and Strategy Conferences, adopted at the 11th Congress; State of the Organisation report (2 versions); Programme and rules of the 11th Congress; Political Report to the 11th Congress; "With and for the workers and the poor" Draft Political programme of the SACP; "Socialism is the future, build it now ... with and for workers and the poor" Political programme of the SACP adopted by the 11th Congress 2f
- D5.2 Various documents including: Discussion document for the Political Programme of the SACP; Discussion documents for amendment of the Constitution of the SACP 2f
- D6 SACP Special Congress, Durban, 8-10 April 2005 1f
Memorandum regarding the Special Congress; Declaration of the Special Congress; Discussion papers, including "Should the Party contest elections in its own right?"; Speeches, including Address by President Thabo Mbeki; Resolutions
- D7 SACP Strategy Conferences 1f
Including: Strategy Conference 3-5 September 1999, Discussion Documents; Strategy Conference 26-18 May 2000, Conference programme, Discussion Documents
- E SACP TOPICS
- E1 Labour & Unions 4f
- E1.1 SACCAWU Co-operative Education and Training Project, Funding proposal to the South African Labour Development Trust, 2000 1f
- E1.2 Presentation on Labour market and policy options 1f
- E1.3 Industrial Policy, including research document for COSATU entitled "COSATU's role in policy formulation: An analysis of trade & industry interventions; presentation to Industrial Policy Group of Portfolio Committee on Trade and Industry entitled "COSATU submission to public hearing on Industrial Policy; other articles relating to Industrial Policy 1f
- E1.4 Various articles about economic issue, labour and unions 1f
- E2 Economic and Social Transformation Committee 1f
Formed to be the parties think tank on socio-economic policy in 2003. Including amongst others: Committee meetings; input document of the SACP into the economic policy debate
- E3 Women 1f
Including articles, amongst others: Gender challenges and organising for socialism, Jenny Schreiner for SACP International Women's Day seminar, 1998; Building the women's movement in South Africa: Lessons from International experiences, by Liesl Orr, NALEDI, 1998
- E4 Land issues 1f
Documents relating to "Land! Food! Jobs!" The 2004 Red October campaign of the SACP

- F SACP GENERAL
- F1 History of the SACP
 - F1.1 "The Red Flag in South Africa", A popular history of the South African Communist Party, 1921-1990, SACP publication 1f
 - F1.2 Copies of 5 issues of "Liberation" A Journal of Democratic Discussion, 1955-1959. Including topics such as 'Problems of organisation in the ANC, by banned leader, 1955'; 'The special conference of the ANC and the Freedom Charter, 1956; 'Wreckers at work' critique of AB Xuma, Editorial, 1956; 'African workers and Trade unions', by Ben Turok, 1957; 'Congress of Democrats and its critics', by Pieter Beylveld, 1958; 'Uncompromising struggle for the Freedom Charter', by Joe Matthews, 1959 1f
 - F1.3 Copies of historical articles and other publications by various SACP and ANC personalities, including Ruth First, Sam Kahn, Moses Kotane, Brian Bunting, Govan Mbeki, Hilda Watts (Bernstein), Alfred Nzo 1f
 - F1.4 "The secret history of the South African Communist Party", SABC Documentary by Dali Tambo, 1 CD (not stored with collection)
- F2 SACP Debates
 - F2.1 Various papers relating to the "Left debate" 1f
 - F2.2 Various papers relating to the debate "South Africa and Socialism" 1f
- F3 Discussion Papers

Various discussion papers by different authors, speaking to topics such as, amongst others in no particular order: RDP, Gear, Re-constitution of the SACP, SACP Strategy & Tactics, Alliance, Economic policy, Working class struggle, Education, Public service, Patriotic bourgeoisie, Proletarian Internationalism 4f
- F4 Programmes of Action

Annual programmes of action, mainly 2004, 2005 1f
- F5 Publications
 - F5.1 "Umsebenzi" Voice of the South African Communist Party, few copies, online publication and originals; included copy of "The South African working class and the national democratic revolution", by Joe Slovo, an Umsebenzi Discussion pamphlet, n.d. 1f
 - F5.2 "Bua Komanisi!" Information bulletin of the Central Committee of the South African Communist Party, few copies 1f
 - F5.3 "The African Communist", four numbers, 1973, 1996, 1998, 2005 1f
- F6 Newspaper articles and press releases 1f
- F7 Other
 - F7.1 Financial Policy and Procedures Manuals for the SACP; matters relating to the South African National Civic Organisation 1f
 - F7.2 Related organisational material, including Young Communist League and other 3f
- G TRIPARTITE ALLIANCE
- G1 Alliance Summits 3f

- G1.1 Alliance Summit, Gallagher Estate, Johannesburg, 31 August - 1 September 1997
Including: Working Agenda; Report on the Alliance Summit; ANC Support documents; Transcript of session chaired by Jacob Zuma; Draft of working document on Industrial and Trade Policy 1f
- G1.2 Alliance Summit, Gallagher Estate, Johannesburg, 24-25 October 1998
Including: Agenda and working documents; ANC NEC report about Alliance Summit; The state and transformation; State of the Alliance, endorsed at Summit; Discussion document The State, property relations and social transformation, a conceptual framework; Draft discussion documents on various topics 2f
- G1.3 Draft paper for Alliance Summit, 5-6 August 1999 entitled alliance approach to the current jobs crisis 1f
- G2 Discussion documents 3f
- G2.1 Including: COSATU, the Tri-partite Alliance and transformation, by Vishwas Satgar and Conrad Jardine for Workers Survey; The Party and the Alliance; Strategic challenges facing the alliance in the current phase of the NDR, document for Alliance 10-aside, 2001; Restructuring of state assets, SACP input to Alliance 10-aside, 2001; ANC Policy Department, Brainstorming Session, 6 December 1998; Alliance Programme of Action for 2005 2f
- G2.2 COSATU Discussion documents, including: A Draft programme for the Alliance, presented to the EXCO, 22 November 1996; An Alliance programme for socio-economic transformation, COSATU Proposal, July 1997 1f
- G3 Alliance matters 3f
Including press statements, inputs, COSATU-SACP National School on Co-operatives and other 3f