

## **Prof Theo Venter**

## The Current State of Politics in South Africa

Theo Venter is professor of practice at the University of Johannesburg and was previously attached to the NWU Business School until his retirement in December 2020. He was Special Advisor to two Vice Chancellors of the North-West University (2004-2016). Apart from being a facilitator, scenarist and strategist, he is also a political commentator on South African politics, especially on radio and TV since 1987.

He has received recognition at the NWU as one of the most quoted members of the university staff in the media. In 2015 he was nominated as Agriculturalist of the Year by journalists in agriculture. Early in 2024 he completed a sixth project with Theo Vorster on scenarios and business decisions for *Sakegesprek* on KYKNET. He writes a monthly opinion column for Farmers Weekly. He holds two master's degrees in political science of which one was obtained in the USA as a Fulbright Fellow.

He is the current chair of the Panel of Experts developing a Growth and Development Strategy for the NW Province and serve as member of Council of the NWU.