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Investigating the Truth: Lessons from South Africa, Timor Leste and Zimbabwe

Guest Speaker: Piers Pigou

Chair & Response: Brandon Hamber

Date: 19th October 2007

Venue: HTR Offices (Details Below)

Time: 13:00 to 15:00

Piers Pigou has lived and worked in South Africa since 1992. He became a member of Peace Action in 1993, Piers joined Potchefstroom University's legal aid clinic where he ran a project focusing on past and present violations by the police force. In 1996 he joined the Truth and Reconciliation Commission in the investigation unit. In 1997, Piers joined the Community Agency for Social Enquiry, a research NGO in Johannesburg. During 2000, Piers began working for the Centre for the Study of Violence and Reconciliation where he was responsible for the co-ordination of their Violence in Transition Project. In 2003/2004, Piers worked on several projects in South Africa, Zimbabwe and East Timor dealing with transitional justice, reconciliation, human rights, and accountability. In 2005, Piers worked at the Zimbabwe Torture Victims Project based in Johannesburg. The Project provides medical, psychosocial, humanitarian and legal support to victims of organized violence and torture from Zimbabwe. In January 2006, Piers became the director of the South African History Archive which is dedicated to archiving past and contemporary struggles for justice in South Africa.

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