



African Studies Lecture
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Development Problems in South Africa

Thabo Leshilo

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Thabo Leshilo was appointed editor-in-chief of *Sowetan* and *Sunday World* in 2004, both newspapers are among the largest in South Africa. Leshilo's primary mission has been to revitalize and re-launch the daily *Sowetan*, which now has 1.5 million readers, and the *Sunday World* has just over one million readers. His previous positions include editor of Business Times in the *Sunday Times*, South Africa's largest circulating newspaper with 3.5 million readers; editor of *Pretoria News*; assistant editor and night editor of Business Report in the Independent group's four premier publications: the *Star*, *Pretoria News*, *Cape Times*, and *Natal Mercury*. Leshilo, who lives in Johannesburg, joined the world of newspapers as a trainee journalist at the Argus Cadet School in 1989. He was voted the 1995 Sanlam (financial) journalist of the year in the small business category.

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