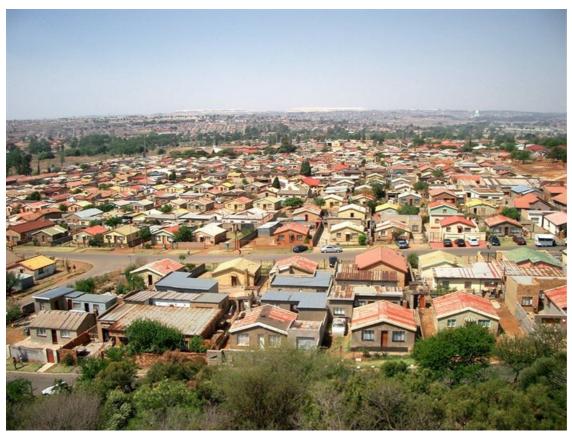


UJ explores effect of electricity crisis on Black workingclass in townships

The University of Johannesburg's (UJ) Centre for Sociological Research and Practice (CSRP) has released a research report exploring the experiences, responses, and solutions in Soweto to the energy crisis in South Africa.



Sow eto township. Source: sea turtle/Flickr, OC BY-NC-ND 2.0

Titled <u>Energy racism: The electricity crisis in South Africa</u>, the CSRP research team used an ethnographic, door-to-door research methodology to answer the following questions:

- How do ordinary township folk experience the electricity crisis?
- · What impact does it have on their lives?
- How are they coping with and responding collectively and individually to the crisis?
- What solutions do they offer?

The research results contained in the 83-page report are captured in the concept 'energy racism'. The researchers found a situation whereby Black working-class communities are bearing the burden of the electricity crisis.



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policy of targeting Black areas for power failures aimed at reducing South Africa's energy of to cope", said the university in a media release.	demand given Eskom's inability
The report also provides evidence of how areas where the Black working-class live are negleuthorities when it comes to maintenance, service complaints, response to repair callouts, eneglect of the energy needs of the working class and the poor is a continuation of past racin	etc. The report suggests that the
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