

## **Abstract**

When one evaluates the strength of the nations considered as powerful, one realizes that their power is neither in their military force nor on economical affluence but their power lies in their deep cohesive understanding of community interconnectedness. Where there is unity one will find a sense of belonging for unity gives a common identity. Spiritually one can refer to this as the way of life, a certain sense of consciousness of one's surrounding, it is deeply spiritually to see another as if you see yourself. Spirituality leads to philosophical principles and concepts that formulate one's ethics that permeates the moral fiber of the society through its interactions.

Most South African's identify with the philosophy of ubuntu "I am because you are" but this spirit of ubuntu is not translated to the economical challenges that have resulted into inequality and great poverty with communities excluded at the benefits table of the economy. The focus of this thesis is to look at ubuntu as a philosophy and spiritual identity that could be translated into economic policy and practice that will build a united inclusive society that can participate in the economy in building better South Africa. The gap of inequality has widened and so varied that in SA you have a small portion of the population possessing the biggest portion of wealth. This is unethical that people in the same country live such different lives. The research method for this thesis will be expressed through literature that shares the view of ubuntu and ubuntu economics. America has a mantra of the American dream this is shared and desired by many who pursuit it, South Africa and Africa should build their own. In simple terms South Africa needs a philosophical identity or a mantra that citizens can identify and believe in; ubuntu could be something that SA can use to understand the past, appreciate the present and project hope for better life for all, ubuntu and ubuntu economics assures love and prosperity for all.