

scientists; nor any careful analysis of what the consequences of an academic boycott are likely to be. It is facily assumed that it will hasten the demise of the apartheid regime. There is no consideration of what such bans are likely to do to the universities of South Africa. The likely consequence would be that the country's academic community and universities would run down, until once-distinguished institutions – known *en passant* for their sustained stand against apartheid and racism – would become third-rate colleges. That, one fears, would be the legacy of

the boycott to the hoped-for post apartheid society in South Africa.

Yes, we still need a serious study on the freedom of science and apartheid – but Professor Ucko's book fails to fill that need. Nor is it suitable as a primer for the organizers of future congresses. It is in essence a study of its author, rather than of the matters it professes to cover.

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