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Van Onselen joins the IRR

Acclaimed political commentator and columnist, Gareth van Onselen, will be joining the South African Institute of Race Relations (IRR) as its new Head of Politics and Governance from January 22.

He will be responsible for political analysis and communicating the IRR's position on current affairs.

Van Onselen studied at Wits University, obtaining a master's degree in sociology before entering the world of politics. For the next 12 years he worked for the Democratic Alliance in various different capacities, most of which involved communications and political analysis.

Subsequently he worked for BDLive and Sunday Times as a journalist. He currently is a columnist for the Business Day and Financial Mail.

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