

## **Race and Transformation in Higher Education**

**Tuesday 15 November 2022**

**Venue: STIAS**

### **OPENING SESSION**

9h00 – 9h45

Dr Z. Mkhize (Director of Stellenbosch University's Transformation Office) and Vice-Chancellor (Stellenbosch University)

### **Race and Higher Education Transformation**

**(Prof Rajani Naidoo, University of Bath)**

9h45 – 11h00

This plenary session focuses on how race and racism have been informing the functioning of universities, impacting, constraining, and providing the terrain for university transformation. Situated with the overall regulative context of governmental and quasi-governmental higher education policy discourses over the last 28 years, this session focuses on the impact of race on the policies, discourses, approaches, governance, and practices of transformation at universities. It would particularly discuss how race and racism have been addressed by universities as one of the cornerstones of the transformational quest at universities, within the regional, national and international context.

**Moderator: Prof Andre Keet (Nelson Mandela University)**

11h00 – 11h15

TEA

11h15 – 12h15

Current status of Race and Transformation in HE – (TBC)

12h15

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**D1 – Visit 1**

**Sustainability  
Institute,  
Lynedoch**

**15 Nov 14h00 –  
17h00**

**Educating for sustainability transitions: an experiential  
journey in a local Stellenbosch context'  
Hosted by Riko Wessels**

The session will be hitched onto the two SU programme at the Sustainability Institute based at Lynedoch, about 8 km from Stellenbosch. It will be organised to give the participants exposure to how a curriculum could be ordered and organised to develop sustainability transitions competence. The session will be an experiential walk-about on the site with exposure to how SU's two courses (an undergraduate and postgraduate course) are offered, the curriculum, student learning, etc, in real life experiential contexts, etc.

Please watch this short clip of an SU-based course at the Sustainability Institute at Lynedoch:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4YsNeXxrL4s>

**D1 – Visit 2**

**Pniel Museum  
and Church**

**15 Nov 14h00 –  
17h00**

**Slavery; identity and segregation: Pniël and the  
emancipation from slavery  
Led by Mattie Cyster and Leslie van Rooi**

The visit to this historic community will allow for conversations and reflections on slavery, the emancipation from slavery and current day struggles as experienced by the community. The tour will take place in an around the [Pniël Museum](#) and participants will be invited for a reflection in the tea garden adjacent to the Museum.

**D1 – Visit 3**

**Cloeteville High  
School**

**15 Nov 14h00 –  
16h00**

**“University and Development”  
Hosted by Mr Dorian Meyer  
Joint chairs of session: Dr Jerome Slamat, Manager:  
Special Projects, Division of the Rector, Stellenbosch  
University and Prof Jurgen Enders, Professor of Higher  
Education Management, University of Bath**

Facilitated, interactive session on site in a township historically created for “Coloureds” in terms of the Group Areas Act, one of the pillars of the apartheid (separate development) policy, within the current context of reconstruction and development, nation-building and healing. Participants in the conversation are local community partners and Higher Education specialists in the field of development.

**Wednesday 16 November 2022**

**Venue: STIAS**

Reflective session of previous day's discussion and the 3 parallels sessions

8h45 – 10h00

**Moderator - Prof Nokwando Makungu (Faculty Science, Stellenbosch University)**

Aslam Fataar  
Leslie van Rooi  
Jerome Slamet

10h00– 10h30

**TEA**

**Race Research in Higher Education  
(Prof Jonathan Jansen, Faculty of Education,  
Stellenbosch)**

10.30– 11h45

This plenary focuses on how the study of race has been pursued in higher education and how this has impacted current scholarship and teaching and learning practices and the broader transformational quest.

**Moderator: Prof S Moyo**

**The SA Transformation Managers Forum**

11h50– 12h45

Dr Zethu Mkhize Director of Stellenbosch University's Transformation Office  
George Mvalo (Director: Social Justice and Transformation · Vaal University of Technology)

12H45

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**D2 – Visit 1**

**'Debating Transformational Praxis in Stellenbosch University's Residences'**

**The Hub at Huis Russel Botman House**

**Moderator and chair of the session: Dr Choice Makhetha, Stellenbosch University, Senior Director, Division for Student Affairs.**

**16 Nov, 14h00 – 16h30**

**The confirmed panelists are:** Masilo Silokazi (current SRC chair), Fanelesibonge Ndebele (LGBTIX chair), Joy Petersen, Delecia Davids, Jan-Harm Van Helsdingen, Kristan Sharpley; Liana Wilkinson

All the panelists have experience of living and/or working in some capacity in SU residences. They have researched and /or written on aspects of SU residence live.

**D2 – Visit 2**

**Visual Redress: SU Special Collections and visual symbols on the Rooiplein**

**RooiPlein and SU Library**

**16 Nov, 14h00 – 16h30**

**Led by Ms Ellen Tise (Senior Director, Library and Information Services at Stellenbosch University) and Prof Elmarie Coustandious Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Stellenbosch University)**

**Part 1**

This conversation will look at how we handle visual redress within the context of the Library's mandate for preserving all history. We can also ask ourselves for whom are our Special Collections special. And are we alienating a next generation of researchers by fulfilling our mission of access and preservation?

**Part 2**

The RooiPlein has been the centre of activities during the student protests in 2016 and also recently in 2022. The conversation will engage in how students and staff in a mind-body way experience visual symbols in the form of statues, sculptures and architecture on the RooiPlein. How do we practically acknowledge and engage with the past and the realities of the present and to imagine a different future?

**D2 – visit 3**

**Segregation, community and development: the story of one of South Africa's oldest townships.**

**Kayamandi Community**

**Lead by Yeki Mosomothane**

**16 Nov, 14h00 – 17h00**

Kayamandi is one of the oldest 'townships' in South Africa and has a rich cultural history. It is home to numerous historic sites and this tour will invite participants into the heart of the community. Some of the sites to be visited includes the former Stellenbosch University hostel, a space that housed migrant workers linked to the university, as well as the Kayamandi [Legacy Centre](#). Participants will end of the tour with a reflection at the famous [Amazink](#).

**Thursday 17 November 2022**

**Venue: STIAS**

Reflective session by interlocutor of previous day's  
discussions and afternoon sessions

8h30 - 9h45

**Moderator: Renee Hector-Kannemeyer**

Choice Makhetha

Yeki Mosomothane

Ellen Tise

Elmarie Costandius

**Race and Institutional Transformation in Higher  
Education**

9h45 – 11h00

**(Prof Melissa Steyn, University of Witwatersrand)**

**Moderator: Dr L van Rooi**

10h30 to 10h45

**TEA**

**Book-based discussion: Race and Higher Education.  
(Moderator Prof Nico Koopman)**

10h45 to 12h30

Prof Zsa-Zsa Boggenpool - *Law, Justice and*

*Transformation, LexisNexis: Cape Town (2022)*

Prof Premesh Lalu: *Undoing Apartheid, Polity Press (2022)*

Prof Kopano Ratele: *Why men hurt women and other  
reflections on love, violence and masculinity. Wits  
University Press (2022)*

12h30 – 12h45

Closing Session – Prof N Koopman

12h45

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**D3 – Visit 1**

**MatiesSport**

Sport and Race – hosted by Maties  
Details to follow

**17 Nov, 14h00 –  
17h00**

**D3 – Visit 2**

**Die Vlakte and Restitution**

**Led by Renee Hector-Kannemeyer and Wilfred Daniels**

**Lückhoff School**

**17 Nov, 14h00 –  
17h00**

The Lückhoff precinct that, for some reason had been left  
standing amidst the ruin and the rubble of forced removals,  
is a constant taunting reminder not just of what has been

lost and alienated in material terms, but also the continuing relationship of power imbalance and hegemonic dominance from the past that continues to shape the future of the town and its development (Hector-Kannemeyer & van Noie 2021, p. 245).

During this visit, participants will be able to engage with the history and current realities of Lückhoff and the community of Die Vlake.

Access further information about the work of [Stellenbosch Work Centre](#).

### **D3 – Visit 3**

#### **Church and apartheid – then and now?**

**Led by Wilhelm Verwoerd**

#### **Moederkerk**

**17 Nov, 2 – 5 pm**

The Stellenbosch Dutch Reformed Church ([Moederkerk](#)) is the second oldest congregation in South Africa. Its history is linked to the Dutch colonial past and this congregation, like many others of its time, promulgated separation in the church around colour lines. The visit to Moederkerk will include a walk past the Stellenbosch [Faculty of Theology](#) and the [Oude Leeskamer](#) (sites visit to the historic town).