

Race and Transformation in Higher Education Conference



TUESDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2022

Venue: STIAS, 10 Marais Road, Stellenbosch

<p>09:00 - 09:45</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Opening session</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Dr Zethu Mkhize (Director of the Transformation Office, Stellenbosch University) and Acting Rector and Vice-Chancellor (Stellenbosch University)</p>
<p>09:45 - 11:00</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Race and higher education transformation</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Prof Rajani Naidoo (International Centre for Higher Education Management and Vice-President [Community and Inclusion], Vice Chancellor's Office, University of Bath, United Kingdom)</p> <p>This 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.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Moderator: Prof André Keet (Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Engagement and Transformation, Nelson Mandela University, Gqeberha)</p>

11:00 - 11:15	TEA
11:15 - 12:15	<p align="center">The South African Transformation Managers Forum</p> <p align="center">Dr Zethu Mkhize (Director of the Transformation Office, Stellenbosch University)</p> <p align="center">George Mvalo (Director: Social Justice and Transformation, Vaal University of Technology, Vanderbijlpark)</p>
12:15	LUNCH
<p>D1 - Visit 1</p> <p>Sustainability Institute, Lynedoch</p> <p>15 November 2022 14:00 - 17:00</p>	<p align="center">Educating for sustainability transitions: An experiential journey in a local Stellenbosch context</p> <p align="center">Hosted by Rico Wessels (Nourish Programme Coordinator, Sustainability Institute)</p> <p>This session will be hitched onto the two Stellenbosch University (SU) programmes at the Sustainability Institute based at Lynedoch, about 8 km from Stellenbosch. It will be organised to provide exposure to the participants on 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 (undergraduate and postgraduate) are offered, the curriculum, student learning, etc, in real life experiential contexts.</p> <p>Please watch this short clip about one of the SU courses at the Sustainability Institute at Lynedoch: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4YsNeXrL4s</p> <p align="center">More information: https://www.sustainabilityinstitute.net/</p>
<p>D1 - Visit 2</p> <p>Pniël Museum and Church</p> <p>15 November 2022 14:00 - 17:00</p>	<p align="center">Slavery, identity and segregation: Pniël and the emancipation from slavery</p> <p align="center">Led by Matthew Cyster (Chairman: Pniël Heritage and Cultural Trust) and Dr Leslie van Rooi (Senior Director: Social Impact and Transformation, Stellenbosch University)</p> <p>The visit to this historic community (just outside of Stellenbosch on the Helshoogte Road) will allow for conversations and reflections on slavery, the emancipation from slavery and current day struggles as experienced by the local community. The tour will take place in an around the <u>Pniël Museum</u> and participants will be invited for a reflection in the tea garden adjacent to the museum.</p>

<p>D1 - Visit 3</p> <p>Cloetesville High School</p> <p>15 November 2022 14:00 - 16:00</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">University and development</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Hosted by Mr Dorian Meyer (Principal of Cloetesville High School, Stellenbosch)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Joint chairs of session: Dr Jerome Slammat (Manager: Special Projects, Division of the Rector, Stellenbosch University) and Prof Jurgen Enders (Professor of Higher Education Management, University of Bath)</p> <p>This session will be a facilitated and interactive session on site in Cloetesville, a suburb of Stellenbosch, within the current context of reconstruction and development, nation-building and healing. Cloetesville was historically created for “coloured” people in terms of the Group Areas Act (1950). The Group Areas Act was a central part of the Apartheid policy and aimed to eliminate mixed neighbourhoods in favour of racially segregated areas. Participants in the conversation are local community partners and higher education specialists in the field of development.</p>
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WEDNESDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2022

Venue: STIAS, 10 Marais Road, Stellenbosch

<p>08:45 - 10:00</p>	<p>A reflective session on the previous day’s discussion and the three site visits.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Moderator: Prof Nokwando Makungu (Faculty of Science, Stellenbosch University)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Prof Aslam Fataar (Professor in the Department of Education Policy Studies and a Research and Development Professor attached to the Transformation Office, Stellenbosch University)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Dr Leslie van Rooi (Senior Director: Social Impact and Transformation, Stellenbosch University)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Dr Jerome Slammat (Manager: Special Projects, Division of the Rector, Stellenbosch University)</p>
<p>10:00 - 10:30</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">TEA</p>

<p>10:30 - 11:45</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Race research in higher education</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Prof Jonathan Jansen (Distinguished Professor, Faculty of Education, Stellenbosch University)</p> <p>This session 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.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Moderator: Prof Sibusiso Moyo (Deputy Vice-Chancellor: Research, Innovation and Postgraduate Studies, Stellenbosch University)</p>
<p>11:50 - 12:45</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Troubling cisheteronormativity in South African higher education</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Prof Dennis Francis (Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Stellenbosch University)</p> <p>This presentation will trouble the connection or lack of connection between gender and sexuality counter normativity and higher education - specifically, how education is being placed at the centre of this response. By interrogating the way homophobic and transphobic cultures and ideologies at Stellenbosch University are upheld and maintained, the presentation will attend to the many ways that cisheteronormativity works in and across bodies, discourses, and practices to maintain social hierarchies. The presentation will explore two lines of inquiry - how universities as cultural and social spaces (re)produce and resist cisheteronormativity and how queer and trans students orientate themselves in or out of line with such normativity?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Moderator: Dr Therese Fish (Vice-Dean: Clinical Services and Social Impact, Dean's Division: Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, Stellenbosch University)</p>
<p>12:45</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">LUNCH</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">D2 - Visit 1</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The Hub at Huis Russel Botman House</p> <p>16 November 2022 14:00 - 16:30</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Debating transformational praxis in residences of Stellenbosch University</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Moderator and chair of the session: Dr Choice Makhetha (Senior Director: Division for Student Affairs, Stellenbosch University)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Panelists: Masilo Silokazi (SRC chair for 2022/2023), Fanelesibonge Ndebele (LGBTIX chair), Joy Petersen, Delecia Davids, Jan-Harm van Helsdingen, Kristan Sharpley, Liana Wilkinson</p>

	<p>(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.)</p>
<p>D2 - Visit 2</p> <p>Rooplein and SU Library</p> <p>16 November 2022 14:00 - 16:30</p>	<p>Visual redress: SU Special Collections and visual symbols on the Rooplein</p> <p>Led by Ms Ellen Tise (Senior Director: Library and Information Services, Stellenbosch University) and Prof Elmarie Costandius (Department of Visual Arts, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Stellenbosch University)</p> <p>Part 1</p> <p>This conversation will look at how Stellenbosch University is handling visual redress within the context of the library’s mandate for preserving all history. We should also ask ourselves if our Special Collections are indeed special for our stakeholders? And are we alienating a next generation of researchers by fulfilling our mission of access and preservation?</p> <p>Part 2</p> <p>The Rooplein is a central gathering and walk-through space on campus, between the Neelsie Student Centre and the library. Amongst other things, the Rooplein has been the centre of activities during student protests in 2016 and earlier this year. 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 Rooplein. How do we practically acknowledge and engage with the past and the realities of the present to imagine a different future?</p>
<p>D2 - Visit 3</p> <p>Kayamandi, Stellenbosch</p> <p>16 November 2022 14:00 - 17:00</p>	<p>Segregation, community and development: The story of one of South Africa’s oldest townships</p> <p>Led by Yeki Mosomothane (Multicultural educator and coordinator, Centre for Student Communities, Stellenbosch University)</p> <p>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 a former Stellenbosch University hostel, a space that housed migrant workers linked to the university, as well as the Kayamandi <u>Legacy Centre</u>. Participants will end the tour with a reflection at the famous dinner theatre and restaurant <u>Amazink</u>.</p>

THURSDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2022

Venue: STIAS, 10 Marais Road, Stellenbosch

08:30 - 09:45	<p>A reflective session on the previous day's discussion and the site visits.</p> <p>Moderator: Renee Hector-Kannemeyer (Division of Social Impact, Stellenbosch University)</p> <p>Dr Choice Makhetha Yeki Mosomothane Ellen Tise Prof Elmarie Costandius</p>
09:45 - 11:00	<p>Race and institutional transformation in higher education</p> <p>Prof Melissa Steyn (Wits Centre for Diversity Studies, University of the Witwatersrand)</p> <p>Moderator: Dr Leslie van Rooi (Senior Director: Social Impact and Transformation, Stellenbosch University)</p>
10:30 - 10:45	TEA
10:45 - 12:30	<p>Book-based discussion: Race and higher education</p> <p>Moderator: Prof Nico Koopman (Deputy Vice-Chancellor: Social Impact, Transformation and Personnel, Stellenbosch University)</p> <p>Prof Zsa-Zsa Boggenpool: <i>Law, Justice and Transformation</i>. LexisNexis: Cape Town (2022)</p> <p>Prof Premesh Lalu: <i>Undoing Apartheid</i>. Polity Press (2022)</p> <p>Prof Kopano Ratele: <i>Why men hurt women and other reflections on love, violence and masculinity</i>. Wits University Press (2022)</p>
12:30 - 12:45	<p>Closing session</p> <p>Prof Nico Koopman (Deputy Vice-Chancellor: Social Impact, Transformation and Personnel, Stellenbosch University)</p>
12:45	LUNCH

<p>D3 - Visit 1</p> <p>Maties Sport</p> <p>17 November 2022 14:00 - 17:00</p>	<p>Sport and race</p> <p>Hosted by Maties Sport.</p>
<p>D3 - Visit 2</p> <p>Lückhoff High School</p> <p>17 November 2022 14:00 - 17:00</p>	<p>Die Vlakte and restitution</p> <p>Led by Renee Hector-Kannemeyer (Division of Social Impact, Stellenbosch University) and Wilfred Daniels (Former learner at the Lückhoff High School)</p> <p>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 and Van Noie 2021, p. 245).</p> <p>During this visit, participants will be able to engage with the history and current realities of Lückhoff and the community of Die Vlakte.</p> <p>More information: <u>Stellenbosch Work Centre</u></p>
<p>D3 - Visit 3</p> <p>Moederkerk, Drosty Street, Stellenbosch</p> <p>17 November 2022 14:00 - 17:00</p>	<p>Church and apartheid: Then and now?</p> <p>Led by Dr Wilhelm Verwoerd (Researcher, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Stellenbosch University)</p> <p>One of the Dutch Reformed Churches in Stellenbosch, the <u>Moederkerk</u>, 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. This visit to the Moederkerk will include a walk past the <u>Faculty of Theology of Stellenbosch University</u> and the <u>Oude Leeskamer</u> (site visit to the historic town).</p>