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ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL HYBRID CONFERENCE 2024



## CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

**THEME: DECOLONIZING RESEARCH PRACTICE FOR GLOBAL  
AND LOCAL CHALLENGES IN THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY**

**Date: 28 - 29 August 2024 | Time: 09:00 -16:00 | Venue: LT 01**

**Blended Platform: Physical and Online Presentations**



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The Department of Anthropology and Development Studies is gearing up for its third virtual international annual conference taking place from the 28<sup>th</sup> until the 29<sup>th</sup> of August 2024. The theme for the conference is "Decolonizing research practice for global and local challenges in the 21<sup>st</sup> century". The two day long virtual conference will be the third conference hosted by the department.



## MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

### PROFESSOR AL SHOKANE

#### DEAN: HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

**Allucia Lulu Shokane** (nee' Nkosi) is the Dean of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, at the University of Zululand, where she was previously the Deputy Dean of Research, Innovation, and Internationalisation. Lulu is a Professor of Social Work. She holds a doctoral degree in Social Work from the University of Johannesburg (UJ), South Africa. Her research interests include among others; the broad field of Social Work and Community Development; critical and radical social work, decolonised methodologies, Indigenous knowledge and practices within the context of community development; asset-oriented community-led development (ABCD) – thus specific to social sciences and humanities education. She was the Vice-President of the Association of South African Social Work Education Institutions (ASASWEI) between 2019-2021. Lulu was a regional Mentor for the National Institute for Humanities and Social Sciences (NIHSS) responsible for Kwa-Zulu Natal regional doctoral schools' capacity initiatives. Lulu also serves as a member of the Academy of Science of South Africa (ASSAf) Standing Committee on Humanities. She is a Rated Researcher by the National Research Foundation (NRF). Furthermore, she is the Editor in Chief of Inkanyiso: Journal of African Thought.



## KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:



### **Prof. Lindsay Marcom**

AN ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR AND ASSOCIATE DEAN,  
GRADUATE STUDIES IN THE FACULTY OF EDUCATION AT QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY  
**COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: CANADA**

**Prof. Lindsay Marcom** is a professor and Associate Dean of Grad Studies at the Faculty of Education at Queen's University, Canada. She earned her Master's degree in Linguistics at First Nations University through the University of Regina in 2006. She then completed her doctorate in General Linguistics and Comparative Philology as a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford University in 2010. She is an interdisciplinary researcher with experience in education, Indigenous languages, language revitalization, student wellness and support for exceptional learners, decolonization, and reconciliation. She is of German, French, and Anishinaabe ancestry and embraces the distinct responsibility this heritage brings to her research. She is an active member of the Kingston urban Indigenous community and works collaboratively with the Kingston Native Centre and Language Nest to foster urban Indigenous language revitalization



### **Prof. Mfanelo Ntsobi**

AN ASSOCIATE RESEARCH PROFESSOR AT GLOBAL CENTRE FOR ACADEMIC  
RESEARCH AND SOUTH VALLEY UNIVERSITY IN ZAMBIA,  
A CEO OF SCI-BONO DISCOVERY CENTRE AND A CHAIRPERSON OF GAUTRAIN  
MANAGEMENT AGENCY.  
**COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: SOUTH AFRICA**

**Professor Mfanelo Ntsobi** is a Researcher, Policy Analyst, Management Scientist and Communication Strategist by training. He is currently serving as the CEO of Sci-Bono Discovery Centre and Chairperson of Gautrain Management Agency in South Africa. He is affiliated to the Global Centre for Academic Research and South Valley University in Zambia as an Associate Research Professor. Ntsobi also supervises post-graduate students at the Davinci Business School. His scholarship is characterised by his association with research organisations and numerous publications, including book chapters, articles and presentation in conferences. Professor Ntsobi is passionate about promoting the use of indigenous knowledge systems for research enquiry, to that end, he has published and presented in conferences advancing Global Southern Epistemologies in knowledge creation.

Ntsobi is continually developing pedagogies for education, its integration with ICT and web-based strategies for optimum functioning of the ducation system. His PhD, titled "Pedagogical Integration of Technology as an enhancement to Teaching and Learning in Gauteng Public Schools" is a manifestation of his interest in the use of digital applications and scientific approaches for provision of pragmatic solutions.

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**Prof. Desalegn Amsalu**

A RESEARCH HEAD AND ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF SOCIAL ANTHROPOLOGY AND LAW- ADDIS ABABA UNIVERSITY.

**COUNTRY OF ORIGIN:** ETHIOPIA

**Prof Desalegn Amsalu** has been a researcher at the Institute of Ethiopian Studies since 2008. He completed his PhD in Social Anthropology in 2016. He has done extensive fieldwork in Ethiopia since 2008. His publications are related to topics of identity and victimhood, inter-ethnic relations, social marginalization and vulnerable groups, as well as legal pluralism. He also lectures courses at the Department of Social Anthropology at Addis Ababa University. Since July 2018, he is the head of the research unit at the Institute of Ethiopian Studies, Addis Ababa University. Desalegn Amsalu, PhD, Assistant Professor, Social Anthropology, Institute for Ethiopian Studies, Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia. Email: [d2amsalu@yahoo.com](mailto:d2amsalu@yahoo.com)



**Prof. Morgan Ndlovu**

A FULL PROFESSOR AND NRF-RATED SCHOLAR, AN ASSOCIATE EDITOR OF THE INKANYISO: JOURNAL OF AFRICAN THOUGHT, A FORD FOUNDATION INTERNATIONAL FELLOW AND A MEMBER OF THE INTERNATIONAL ADVISORY BOARD OF THE AFRICAN RESEARCH UNIVERSITIES (ARUA)'S CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE ON NOTIONS OF IDENTITIES IN AFRICA.

**COUNTRY OF ORIGIN:** SOUTH AFRICA

**Morgan Nkululeko Ndlovu** is a full Professor and NRF-rated scholar. He is a transdisciplinary scholar who publishes on decolonizing knowledge and power, indigenous knowledge systems (IKS), education rights, and transformation with specific to Africa. His most recent publications include *Performing Indigeneity: Spectacles of Culture and Identity in Coloniality (Pluto)*, and *Marxism and Decolonization in the 21st Century: Living Theories and True Ideas (Routledge)*. He is an Associate Editor of the *Inkanyiso: Journal of African Thought*, a Ford Foundation International Fellow, National Research Foundation-rated scholar and a member of the International Advisory Board of the African Research Universities (ARUA)'s Centre of Excellence on Notions of Identities in Africa. He is currently editing a Routledge-commission Handbook of Decolonization. Professor Ndlovu is available to supervise Masters, doctoral and post-doctoral fellows within his research field.





**Dr. Pedro Mz**

A SENIOR LECTURER, DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY, UNIVERSITY OF ZULULAND, A RESEARCH ASSOCIATE AT THE RAYMOND MHLABA CENTRE FOR GOVERNANCE AND LEADERSHIP AT NELSON MANDELA UNIVERSITY.

**COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: SOUTH AFRICA**

**Dr Pedro Mzileni** is a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Sociology at the University of Zululand, and a Research Associate at the Raymond Mhlaba Centre for Governance and Leadership at Nelson Mandela University. His research areas are on higher education studies, decolonisation, African Thought, sociological theory, and spatial transformation. He also writes columns for Al Jazeera English International.



**Prof. King Costa**

A CHANCELLOR OF AMADI UNIVERSITY COLLEGE IN SWAZILAND AND A PRO-VICE CHANCELLOR AT THE SOUTH VALLEY UNIVERSITY, A MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE GLOBAL CENTRE FOR ACADEMIC RESEARCH – KNOWN AS GCAR.

**COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: SOUTH AFRICA**

**Professor King Costa** is currently the Chancellor of AMADI University College in Swaziland and Pro-Vice Chancellor at the South Valley University - GCAR satellite centre in South Africa and Managing Director of Global Centre for Academic Research, also known as G-CAR. He is also the Chairperson of the Local Organising Committee of the South African chapter of the 8th World Conference on Qualitative Research, which is jointly hosted by GCAR and Sci-Bono Discovery Centre. He is the author of the COSTAQDA Cloud-based Software, which caters for researchers across different disciplines.

King Costa is a member of the Scientific Committee for the World Conference on Qualitative Research, a premier yearly international conference on qualitative and mixed-methods research. The World Conference on Qualitative Research attracts scholars across the globe from different disciplines and industries (<https://wcqr.info/committees/>). In 2023-2024, he was chairperson of the Local Organising Committee for this conference on its 8th Edition for the African chapter, hosted at Birchwood Conference Centre in Johannesburg on the 23rd to 25th of January 2024.

Dr King Costa is a Management Scientist, registered with the Southern African Institute for Management Scientists. Dr King Costa is a Full Member of the Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology of South Africa (SIOPSA). He is also a member of the Southern African Research and Innovation Management Association (SARIMA).

Dr Costa has a Postgraduate Certificate in Business Administration from the University of Bedfordshire, England, and a Postgraduate Certificate in Human Resources and Leadership awarded by Cambridge International Qualifications (CIQ). He holds a Doctor of Philosophy in Business Leadership and Management from South Valley University ( a Private Higher

Education institution registered with the Higher Education Authority - Zambia) and a PhD in Leadership and Management from Logos University (a Christian University), Jacksonville, Florida. He is currently a Harvard Scholar on the Harvard Macy Institute 2021-2022 Programme for Educators in Health Profession.

He has delivered talks in conferences and continues to publish on educational pedagogies that focus on research coaching and mentoring. He has delivered sessions on Qualitative Evidence Synthesis at the University of Western Cape (SA) and the University of Manchester through the National Centre for Research Methods (UK).

King is continually doing some post-doctoral CPD programmes via online platforms, and currently has a Certificate in Research Methods from Harvard Medical School; Certificate in Introduction to Systematic Reviews from John Hopkins University; Certificate in Improving Global Health : Focussing on Quality and Safety from HarvardX; Certificate in Research Ethics endorsed by the Global Health Network and Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine.

In 2021-2022, he enrolled at Harvard Macy Institute for the Programme for Educators in Health Professions. He also obtained a Certificate of Completion in Good Clinical Practice for Social and Behavioral Research from the Society of Behavioral Medicine. He also has a Certificate in Knowledge Synthesis: Systematic Reviews and Clinical Decision Making provided via University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Centre. King Costa has further completed training on Essential Elements of Ethics from the Global Health Network in association with Multi-regional Clinical Trials, The MRCT Centre of BRIGHAM and WOMEN'S HOSPITAL and HARVARD. He is also a certified EDP Practitioner (Assessor) and a Constituent Assessor for the Service SETA on Generic Management Qualification 59201. Dr Costa is also a Certified Peer Reviewer from the Publons Academy – a division of the Web of Science Group.

He has practiced as a leadership and management consultant with over 20 years' experience in Human Capital consulting and Organizational Development. He has worked with many organizations within the public, private and non-governmental sector in both South Africa and different African countries including Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Liberia, Namibia, Botswana, Lesotho and Swaziland. He specializes in helping and enabling professionals within the HR, Healthcare and Enterprise Development fields to understand their area of maximum contribution and maximize contribution and organizational returns. He is a change agent and employee engagement specialist – helping organizations unlock value in people and teams while at the same time enhancing a productivity-centric culture. He is also learning and development specialist, a conference keynote speaker, a motivational speaker, facilitator and author.



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**DAY 1: WEDNESDAY, 28 AUGUST 2024**

<b>09:00 - 09:10</b>	Programme Director: <b>Dr Zinhle Mthembu and Dr Stanley Maphosa</b>
<b>09:10 - 09:20</b>	Message of Welcome: <b>Ass. Prof Mdiniso (Head of Department)</b>
<b>09:20 - 09:40</b>	Opening Remarks: <b>Prof. Allucia Lulu Shokane</b> (Dean: Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences)
<b>09:40 - 10:00</b>	Community entry and exit processes by researchers: <b>Mkhwanazi Traditional Council</b>
<b>10:00 - 10:45</b>	Keynote Address: <b>Prof. Lindsay Marcom</b>

**Move to breakout rooms**

**BREAKOUT SESSION 1:**

Main Theme: Centering Indigenous Knowledge: Reclaiming African Voices in Research Practice

Break away sessions into sub-themes. 15 minutes per presentation. Q & A session will be after all the presentations are completed.

<b>SESSION 1</b>	<b>Parallel Session 1 (10:50 - 12:20)</b> <b>Chair: Mr. NC Monyela</b>	<b>Parallel Session 2 (10:50 - 12:20)</b> <b>Chair: Dr. S. Cele</b>
	<p><b>Ms. Aniekie Motloutsi</b> <b>University of Zululand</b></p> <p>Traditional Healers as Health Communication agents during health crises in the Global South: A possible double-edged sword role.</p>	<p><b>Dr. Neo R. Mofokeng and Sithembiso Mthembu</b> <b>University of Zululand</b></p> <p>Exploring how Ukuhloniphisa inkulomo is a Radical Language Device for Understanding isiZulu's Complex Expression of Poverty</p>
	<p><b>Mr. Sanele Sibongiseni Mhlongo</b> <b>Madumelana Foundation</b></p> <p>Decolonising social entrepreneurship: Towards developing a model on sustainable Indigenous social entrepreneurship for community development in King Cetshwayo District Municipality</p>	<p><b>Ms. Zimigonaphakade Sigenu</b> <b>Human Sciences Research Council</b></p> <p>Beyond Translation: Indigenous Language Concepts as Tools for Decolonizing Knowledge Production</p>
	<p><b>Dr. Wiseman Mbatha</b> <b>University of South Africa</b></p> <p>Reclaiming Indigenous Languages in African Academia: A First Step to Decolonizing</p>	<p><b>Ms. Nompumelelo Ngcobo</b> <b>University of KwaZulu-Natal</b></p> <p>Decolonising Ulundi through Indeginization: A Case Study of Mfolozi Game Reserve</p>
	<p><b>Ms. Lucy Jinja Mashiri</b> <b>University of Zimbabwe</b></p> <p>Empowering Communities through Africanized Research Methodologies: Bridging the Gap between Academia and Local Knowledge</p>	<p><b>Prof. Mfanelo Ntsobi</b> <b>Sci-Bono Discovery Centre</b></p> <p>Epistemology of the South: A Perspective for Decolonising Knowledge Production and Global Inclusion and Global Inclusion</p>
	<p><b>Mr. Baolong Chen</b> <b>Communication University of China</b></p> <p>Speak Hokkien: Language Revitalization and Discursive Opportunity Structures for Chinese in Penang, Malaysia</p>	<p><b>Dr. Edmore Ntini</b> <b>University of KwaZulu-Natal</b></p> <p>State responses to local political vulnerability: a Pierre Bourdieu and Michael Foucault perspectives</p>

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**BODY BREAK: CREATIVE ARTS LIVE PERFORMANCE - UNIVERSITY OF FINLAND (10 min)**

**12:30 - 13:15**

Keynote Address: **Dr. Mmatshilo Motsei**

Break away sessions into sub-themes. 15 minutes per presentation. Q & A session will be after all the presentations are completed.

**SESSION 2**

**Parallel Session 5 (13:30 - 14: 15)**  
**Chair: Mrs. Madinga-Molefe**

**Parallel Session 6 (13:30 - 14:15)**  
**Chair: Dr K. Tembe**

**Mr. Marole Nkosikhona Moloi and Sibongamandla Silindokuhle Dlomo**  
**University of KwaZulu-Natal**

Functions and Powers of Local Government in South Africa: Examining Chapter 7 of the Constitution and Developmental Local Government in Inkosilangalibalele Municipality.

**Dr. Peter Nkala – National University of Science and Technology**

**Mr Esau Ncube – Egressions Travel Agents in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe.**

The efficacy of joint ventures as a vehicle for socio-economic development and poverty reduction among new farmers and investors in Matabeleland North, Zimbabwe

**Mr. Yi Hu**  
**China**

Advocacy For Founding the Public Opinion Research Institute in China

**Prof. Zoliswa Fikelepi-Twani & Nonceba Cynthia Mbeshu-Mhlauli**  
**University of Zululand**

Optimizing Indigenous visual arts viability and sustainability in South African Classroom Practice

**Dr. James Zotto & Dr. Lumuli Mbonile**  
**University - Tanzania**

(Indigenous subsistence systems and survival strategies in southern tanzania: the narrative of local socio-economic and political formations)

**Nomkhosi Nomcebo Masinga**  
**University of Zululand**

Conceptualising research in higher institutions through the interface of African Indigenous Knowledge and community engagement

**CREATIVE ARTS PERFORMANCE (14:30 - 14:45)**

**14: 45 - 15:30**

**DAY 1 - Round Table:**

Politics of Decolonizing Research Production in the Global South and Global North.

Moderator: **Dr. Neo Mofokeng**

Panel: **Prof. Lindsay Marcom; Dr. Pedro Mzileni; Prof. King Costa & Prof. Morgan Ndlovu**

**15:45 - 16:00**

Vote of thanks: **Ass. Prof Joyce M Mdiniso**

**CLOSURE- DAY 1**

**DAY 2: THURSDAY, 29 AUGUST 2024**

**UNIZULU ANTHEM**

<b>09:00 - 09:10</b>	Programme Director: <b>Dr. Zinhle Mthembu and Dr. Stanley Maphosa</b>
<b>09:10 - 09:20</b>	Welcome, and Opening Remarks: <b>Ass. Prof. JM Mdiniso</b>

**CREATIVE ARTS PERFORMANCE - UNIVERSITY OF FINLAND (09:30 – 09:45)**

<b>09:50 - 10:35</b>	Keynote Address: <b>Prof. Alice Alterianus-Owanga</b>
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**BREAKOUT SESSION 1:**

Main Theme: Epistemologies and the Decolonization of Knowledge Production: Reclaiming African Agency

Break away sessions into sub-themes. 15 minutes per presentation. Q & A session will be after all the presentations are completed.

<b>SESSION 1</b>	<b>Parallel Session 1 (10: 50 - 13:00) Chair: Mr. Lesiba Phahladira</b>	<b>Parallel Session 2 (10: 50 - 13:00) Chair: Dr Ngwamba</b>
	<p><b>Mr. Mlamuli Tabhu</b> <b>Sol Plaatjie University</b></p> <p>African Philosophy Revisited, A Quest for a Liberating Perspective</p>	<p><b>Dr. Davies Phillip Manzini</b> <b>University of Zululand</b></p> <p>Investigating responsiveness as an established qualitative research method for a decolonization project through the lens of the ancient African-cultural paradigms</p>
	<p><b>Dr. Notsi, L</b> <b>University of Zululand</b></p> <p>Conversations among Basotho women about geophagy and Indigenous knowledge systems</p>	<p><b>Dr. Kwazinkosi Sibanda</b> <b>University of South Africa</b></p> <p>The colonial fingerprint in South-South migration and women entrepreneurship in knowledge production: A case of Southern Africa region</p>
	<p><b>Dr. Edmore Ntini</b> <b>University of Zululand</b></p> <p>A taxonomy of Civil servants on the state violence in a neoliberal besieged authoritarian state: reflections on qualitative researcher.</p>	<p><b>Ms. Nompumelelo Ngcobo</b> <b>University of KwaZulu-Natal</b></p> <p>Decolonising Ulundi through Indeginization: A Case Study of Mfolozi Game Reserve</p>
	<p><b>Dr. Carina Rozani</b> <b>University of Zululand</b></p> <p>Decolonizing Health System in South Africa: A Plea for Western Health Systems to Collaborate with Indigenous Health Systems</p>	<p><b>Dr. Nandipha D. Siwahla-Madiba (NGO) - Sci-Bono Discovery Centre</b></p> <p>Role of leveraging science, technology, innovation, and research (STIR) to decolonize knowledge production: Bridging the digital divide in Africa</p>
	<p><b>Ms. Sokutu Vuyiswa</b> <b>University of Zululand</b></p> <p>Decolonizing African religious practices and the challenges faced by selected South African leaders</p>	<p><b>Dr. Mandla Mubecua</b> <b>University of Johannesburg</b></p> <p>Reviewing South Africa's 30 Years of Democracy through the Lens of Social Identity Theory</p>







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