

## **Media Advisory**

## Unisa to host the 2024 Unisa Teaching and Learning Festival in Pretoria

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The University of South Africa (Unisa)'s College of Human Sciences will hold the 2024 Teaching and Learning Festival on Wednesday, 24 July 2024 at its Muckleneuk Campus in Pretoria under the theme: "Education for social justice: Envisioning the future we want 30 years post-1994."

The theme underscores the importance of Higher Education in shaping society and is an invitation to reflect on the role that has been played by individual facilitators of education in the broader UNISA community over the years.

Through this festival, the University aims to provide an opportunity for academics to showcase their work that has, over time, underscored issues of social justice through inculcating critical thinking and to reflect on value-based teaching and the kinds of values taught to further social justice in South Africa and beyond.

Prof Marilyn ('Lyn') Ossome will deliver keynote address and focus on the imperialism and crises of social reproduction in Africa.

Prof Ossome is an illustrious Kenyan academic specialising in feminist political theory and feminist political economics. She is currently Senior Research Associate at the University of Johannesburg and a member of the advisory board for the Strategic Initiative for Women in the Horn of Africa, amongst other accolades.

She serves on the board of the International Association for Feminist Economics (IAFFE) and on the executive committee for the Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa (CODESRIA). She is also an author of *Gender, Ethnicity and Violence in Kenya's Transitions to Democracy: States of Violence.* 

Her research focusses particularly on gendered labour, queer feminist history and gendered violence, as well as agrarian and land studies. Her work on feminism includes articles on Arab refugee women, Kenyan media and anti-rape discourse, and agrarian movements in Africa.

Members of the media are invited to attend and cover the festival as follows:

Date: Wednesday, 24 July 2024

**Venue:** 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Function Hall, Kgorong Building, Muckleneuk Campus, Tshwane

**Time:** 09:30 – 15:00

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