

Inaugural DRS Research CoP Conference

Date: 20 - 22 October 2021

Time: 09:00 - 15:00 (daily)

“Reinvigorating research during and beyond Covid-19 Pandemic in Higher Education Institutions”

Day 1: 20 October 2021

Programme Directors: Dr Thelma Louw
Dr Makwena Molotja

Time	Item	Presenter
08:30 – 11:00	Part 1: Official Opening	
08:30 – 08:35	Opening Remarks and Ground Rules	Programme Directors
08:35 – 09:00	Official Opening, welcome and Purpose of the Conference	Prof. Steward Mothata Registrar University of South Africa
09:00 – 09:45	Inculcating the Love of Research Among Professional and Administrative Staff.	Prof Soul Shava Department of Science and Technology Education University of South Africa
09:45 – 10:00	Questions and Answers	
10:10 – 10:05	Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Ms Lindelwa Mahonga Unisa Gauteng
10:05 – 10:50	Keynote Address	Prof. Sioux McKenna Director: Postgraduate Studies Rhodes University
10:50 – 11:05	Questions and Answers	
11:05 – 11:10	Health Break	

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11:10 – 12:40		
Part 2: Presentation of Papers		
11:10 – 11:30	Establishing an Integrated Regional Academic Literacies Support Model: Finding ‘Nearness’ During a Time of Covid-19.	Mr Jacques du Toit & Ms Adèle Blacker Unisa Western Cape
11:30 – 11:40	Questions and Answers	
11:40 – 12:00	Occupational Health and Safety Needs of Women in The Construction Industry: A South African Perspective.	Dr Vuyokazi Sigaqa Unisa Eastern Cape Prof Lindiwe Zungu Unisa Health Studies
12:00 – 12:10	Questions and Answers	
12:10 – 12:30	Support Systems for First-Year Students in a Context of Transition.	Mr Mikhail Monyela & Mr Tiyiselani Maluleke Unisa North Eastern
12:30 – 12:40	Questions and Answers	
12:40 – 13:20	Lunch Break	
13:20 – 15:00		
Part 3: Presentation of Papers		
13:20 – 13:40	Re-Imagining Learning with Relational-Ethical Humanity – A Conceptual Paper.	Dr Shahieda Jansen Unisa Western Cape
13:40 – 13:50	Questions and Answers	
13:50 – 14:10	UNISA Mobile Library Bus Services as Student Support to Promote Learning: A Case in an Open and Distance Learning Institution of South Africa.	Ms Mercy Mokgele Unisa North Eastern Dr Tšhegofatšo Makgakga Unisa Mathematic Education
14:10 – 14:20	Questions and Answers	

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14:20 – 14:40	The Transition from Traditional to Digital Learning Support Spaces: Understanding Digital Learning Design to Support as Vehicle for Interaction and Engagement.	Mr Richard Wright Unisa Western Cape
14:40 – 14:50	Questions and Answers	
14:50	Day 1 Closing Remarks & Day 2 Announcements	Mr Mbodi Khorombi Unisa Midlands

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Day 2: 21 October 2021

**Programme Directors: Mr Siyabonga Seme
Dr Thelma Louw**

Time	Item	Presenter
08:30 – 09:45	Part 1: Day 2 Opening	
08:30 – 08:35	Opening Remarks and Ground Rules	Programme Directors
08:35 – 08:40	Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Mr Gilbert Mokwatedi Unisa North Eastern
08:40 – 09:25	Keynote Address	Prof Thenjiwe Meyiwa Vice Principal : Research, PG Studies, Innovation and Commercialisation University of South Africa
09:25 – 09:40	Questions and Answers	
09:40 – 11:30	Part 2: Presentation of Papers	
09:40 – 10:00	Research Support Amidst and Beyond the Covid-19 Pandemic: (Im)Possible Mission?	Prof Moloko Sepota & Dr Lesiba Molepo Unisa North Eastern
10:00 – 10:10	Questions and Answers	
10:10 – 10:30	Servicing Library Clients in An Open Distance E-Learning (ODEL) Institution in The Wake of the COVID-19 Pandemic: Lessons, Challenges and Opportunities.	Mr Mduzuzi Ncongwane & Ms Wilhelmina Zaal Unisa Western Cape
10:30 – 10:40	Questions and Answers	
10:40 – 11:00	Disruptions of Learning and Opportunities Created by Covid-19 Pandemic: A Case Study.	Ms Mienke Fouche Tshwane University of Technology
11:00 – 11:10	Questions and Answers	
11:10 – 11:15	Health Break	

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11:15 – 12:15		
Part 3: Presentation of Papers		
11:15 – 11:35	Pitfalls and Disruptions of Covid-19 In an Open Distance Learning Institution: A Case Study of Students in O.R. Tambo District Municipality in the Eastern Cape Province.	Dr Vuyokazi Sigaqa, Dr Christiane Sitshange & Dr Themba Mzangwa Unisa Eastern Cape Dr Tšhegofatšo Makgakga Unisa Mathematic Education
11:35 – 11:45	Questions and Answers	
11:45 – 12:05	Experiences of Offender Students Who Are Registered for Online Modules at Unisa: A Case Study of Gauteng Correctional Facilities.	Ms Pindiwe Seloma Unisa North Eastern
12:05 – 12:15	Questions and Answers	
12:15 – 13:00 Lunch Break		
13:00 – 14:30		
Part 4: Presentation of Papers		
13:00 – 13:20	Managing Diversity and Digital Identities in Decision-Making During COVID19: A Regional Facilitation of Learning Perspective.	Mr John Abrahams Unisa Western Cape
13:20 – 13:30	Questions and Answers	
13:30 – 13:50	Learning Reimagined: Effects of Covid-19 Pandemic on Students and Virtual Learning. A case of Unisa Gauteng Region.	Mr Hector Mothudi Unisa Gauteng
13:50 – 14:00	Questions and Answers	
14:00 – 14:20	HIV - Serodiscordant Married Couples After HIV Statuses DisClosing: An Exploratory Qualitative Study.	Dr Joshua Ndlela Unisa Eastern Cape
14:20 – 14:30	Questions and Answers	
14:30	Day 2 Closing Remarks & Day 3 Announcements	Ms Amisha Benode Unisa PARC

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Day 3: 22 October 2021

Programme Directors: **Dr Smangele Ntuli**
Dr Makwena Molotja

Time	Item	Presenter
08:30 – 09:45	Part 1: Day 3 Opening	
08:30 – 08:35	Opening Remarks and Ground Rules	Programme Directors
08:35 – 08:40	Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Ms Penelope Shezi Unisa KwaZulu Natal
08:40 – 09:25	Keynote Address	Prof Les Labuschagne Executive Director: Research, Innovation & Commercialisation University of South Africa
09:25 – 09:40	Questions and Answers	
09:40 – 11:30	Part 2: Presentation of Papers	
09:40 – 10:00	Digital Readiness During A Pandemic: The Need for Diverse and Transferable Learner Support Models to Harness Information Literacies Development Among Undergraduate Students.	Mr Avron Beaumont Unisa Western Cape
10:00 – 10:10	Questions and Answers	
10:10 – 10:30	Experiences and Cultural Sources of Meaning in Life Among Tribal Leaders in a Sepedi Context.	Ms Khomotso Khoza Unisa North Eastern
10:30 – 10:40	Questions and Answers	
10:40 – 11:00	Teaching Staff's Views on Using Big Data Analytics to Influence Decision-Making in Higher Education: A Case of South African TVET Colleges.	Mr Thapelo Selowa & Mr Ifeanyi Ilorah Tshwane University of Technology Mr Sello Mokwena University of Limpopo
11:00 – 11:10	Questions and Answers	
11:10 – 11:20	Health Break	

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11:10 – 11:30	Experiences of Small Business Enterprises During Covid-19 Pandemic Era: A Case of The Hawker’s Market in Polokwane District.	Ms Isantia Mogashoa Unisa North Eastern
11:30 – 11:40	Questions and Answers	
12:00 – 12:40	Lunch Break	
11:20 – 12:45	Part 3: Presentation of Papers	
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11:40 – 11:50	Questions and Answers	
11:50 – 12:10	Unpacking Tuition Support Strategies to Mediate the Shift from Blended Spaces to Online Tuition Support Spaces During Covid-19.	Ms Bronwyn Wright Unisa Western Cape
12:10 – 12:20	Questions and Answers	
12:20 – 12:30	Vote of Thanks and Conference Closing	Mr Matthews Kokong Acting Deputy registrar: Student Administration and Systems