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2ND MAZISI KUNENE MEMORIAL LECTURE

TOPIC

“Emasisweni Kusekhaya”

Kunene’s African Indigenous Philosophy
Lighting the Way into the 22nd Century

Mazisi Kunene was a champion of isiZulu literature, and the conservation of its unique forms. From a young age, he would write his poems originally in isiZulu, and would only later translate them into English and other languages. In 1993, UNESCO honoured him as the first Poet Laureate of Africa, for the extensive work he had done in documenting and preserving the isiZulu language.

UNESCO has declared 2022 – 2032 the international decade of indigenous languages. Considering this, UKZN’s School of Arts and the Centre for Creative Arts found it befitting to create a platform that focuses on Mazisi Kunene’s lifelong love for and relation with the isiZulu language.

This is the second Mazisi Kunene Memorial Lecture, and it will be presented by Prof. Zodwa Motsa-Madikane, Executive Director of the Department of Leadership and Transformation at UNISA.



PROFESSOR ZODWA MOTSA-MADIKANE

English Professor, University of South Africa

Zodwa Motsa is a Full Professor of English at the University of South Africa. Currently in the Vice Chancellor’s Office as the Executive Director: Department of Leadership and Transformation, Prof Motsa has been the Director of Scholarship in the Change Management Unit, Director: UNISA-Ethiopia Centre and Chair of Department: UNISA Department of English. She has published widely on English drama, theatre, Africa literatures and the impact of colonial education in Africa. A Fulbright scholar (of Michigan State University), Prof Motsa has also supervised several Master’s and Doctoral candidates. She is a translator, an interpreter, and a writer whose interests in education in Africa, identities, and curriculum justice in the post-colonial era inform both her scholarly research and creative writings.

A grounded teacher of literatures, Prof Motsa balances with ease and equal expertise her position of exploring the literary and grammatical word in English and in siSwati. Her primary ethos is the positioning of the African mind as unique and equal contributor to the world tapestry of knowledges.

DATE

FRIDAY, 14 OCTOBER 2022

TIME

15H00 - 17H30

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