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IN COLLABORATION WITH THE SOUTH AFRICAN COALITION FOR RESTORATIVE JUSTICE
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RESTORATIVE JUSTICE AND (RE-)INTEGRATION: TRANSFORMING COMMUNITIES THROUGH DIALOGUE, PEACEMAKING, AND SOCIAL JUSTICE



DATE:
MONDAY, 20 NOVEMBER 2023

TIME:
14H00-16H30

PLATFORM:
ZOOM

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**THIS YEAR INTERNATIONAL RESTORATIVE JUSTICE WEEK WILL BE COMMEMORATED FROM 19 – 25 NOV 2023,
WITH THE THEME:**

REPAIR & REFORM: RESTORING DIALOGUE, SOLIDARITY & JUSTICE IN TODAY'S SOCIETIES.

Every year, non-governmental organisations, State departments, community organisations, and academic institutions, working in the field of restorative justice across the world, organise a series of local events to raise awareness about restorative justice.

Restorative justice emphasizes healing, reconciliation, and repairing harm caused by conflict, crime, and violence. It offers a path to address systemic issues and promote social justice. By acknowledging the interconnectedness of individual actions and societal structures, restorative justice encourages meaningful dialogue and collective responsibility. To commemorate International Restorative Justice Week this year, this online colloquium aims to explore the significance of restorative justice and its transformative potential to positively influence all dimensions of society. By delving into the importance of including restorative justice in various ecosystems, we aim to highlight how peace-making can impact schools, workplaces, legal systems, and communities at large.

GUEST SPEAKER: TAMARA HÖFER, MSC BSC (HONS)

Topic: Transforming communities through dialogue, peacemaking, and social justice: Reflections on the Alexandra Peace Building Programme in Gauteng, South Africa



FACILITATOR: DR HEMA HARGOVAN

Senior Lecturer: Community Development

School of Built Environment and Development Studies

Hema Hargovan has a BA (Law); Hons (Criminology); LLB; LLM and a PhD in Criminology. She has vast experience in the fields of criminology, criminal justice, victimology, and community development. She actively collaborates with non-governmental organisations in South Africa and abroad. Dr Hargovan serves as a member of the National Council for Correctional Services, and on the editorial boards of the South African Crime Quarterly and the International Journal of Restorative Justice. Her research interests are in the disciplines of law, criminal justice, social justice, criminology, and victimology. She has published widely in these fields and presented award winning papers at numerous international and local conferences.

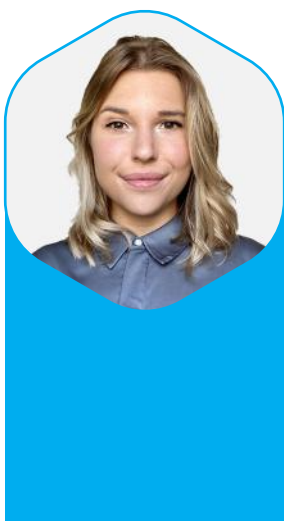


WELCOME ADDRESS: PROFESSOR ERNEST KHALEMA (14H05-14H15)

Dean and Head: School of Built Environment and Development Studies

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Professor Ernest Nene Khalema (BA, GDip. Ed, MEd, PhD, University of Alberta-Canada) is the Dean and Head of School of Built Environment & Development Studies (SoBEDS). He was formerly interim Academic Leader of Community Engagement (2018-2019) and Academic Leader for the Discipline of Community Development (2016-2018) within SoBEDS. Before joining UKZN he was a professor in various Canadian universities from 2001 to 2011 and served as an Adjunct Professor of Public Health from 2012 to 2018 at the University of Alberta's School of Public Health (Canada), specializing in African migrant epidemiology, health equity for vulnerable populations, and chronic disease prevention. Professor Khalema also served as Senior Research Specialist (SRS) and later promoted to Chief Research Scientist (CRS) at the Human Sciences Research Council of South Africa (2011-2016) where his seminal work on migration, critical African Diaspora and indigenous studies, and urban mobilities/livelihoods studies received national and international recognition. Professor Khalema is a recipient of numerous national and international teaching, research, leadership, and community awards in the area human rights and anti-oppression sector and has led projects in Canada, Mozambique, Brazil, and the Caribbean.



KEYNOTE SPEAKER:(14H15–14H45)
TAMARA HÖFER, MSC BSC (HONS)

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Tamara is a motivated and adaptable expert in penal reform, who uses an evidence-based approach to inform national and international prison research and strategy for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and His Majesty’s Prison Service in England & Wales. Tamara previously worked as a prison officer in England & Wales as a participant of the Unlocked Graduates Programme, a leadership scheme for outstanding graduates. As a frontline officer, Tamara made a difference to the lives of some of the most vulnerable people of our society and gained vast knowledge on reformation and reintegration. Tamara is applying her knowledge in penal reform and research to innovative solutions in supporting prisons tackling staffing problems and poor prison conditions affecting outcomes for incarcerated individuals and undermining the fundamental EU values and international principles, such as the Nelson Mandela Rules, on which judicial cooperation on criminal matters is based. Additionally, Tamara is researching innovative solutions to reducing reoffending. As part of her professional career, Tamara has witnessed Khulisa’s initiatives in Alexandra.

KHULISA SOCIAL SOLUTIONS: 14H45 – 15H15



MS LESLEY-ANN VAN SELM



MR CHRIS NDLOVU



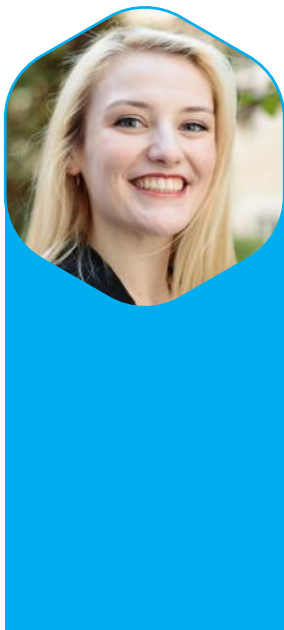
MR AFRICA MONYAI

Topic: Community development through restorative justice: It’s all about participation and partnerships

The genesis of Khulisa Social Solutions dates to 1997 when Lesley Ann, inspired by stories narrated by Credo Mutwa during the previous decades, in collaboration with the Departments of Correctional Services, Education, Community Safety and Social Development, the first ever offender rehabilitation programme was introduced at Leeuwkop Prison just outside Johannesburg. Today Khulisa operates throughout South Africa. Khulisa’s mission is to address social vulnerabilities and inequalities by providing support and developmental know-how, through key partnerships, for initiatives at a community level that demonstrate social impact, inspires, empowers, and enables vulnerable children, youth, and the community at large.

Mr Africa Monyai has a degree in the social sciences from the University of the Free State, with majors in psychology and criminology. Mr Monyai has research skills in the social and behavioural sciences.

Mr Christopher Ndlovu works as a Youth Centre Manager at the Thusong Youth Centre NPO in Alexandra which runs Kids and Youth programmes. He attended Khulisa’s capacity building workshops and gained experience in management, running Dialogue Circles, Mediation, and working with ex-offenders. He runs dialogue circles every Thursdays focusing on peace making.



SOCIETY OF MEDIATORS: 15H15 – 15H45
ELEANOR TACK

Topic: Mediation as a tool for Peace Building

The Society of Mediators (SoM) stands as a beacon of hope and change in the realm of conflict resolution. Established in 2012 as a registered charity, SoM is committed to transforming the landscape of dispute resolution by championing mediation as a powerful alternative to litigation. With a core mission to advance public education and promote the widespread use of mediation for the public benefit, SoM has been a catalyst for positive change. The Free Mediation Project, a flagship initiative, exemplifies their dedication to providing accessible mediation services to those who might otherwise be excluded from conventional channels.

Beyond bridging gaps in access, SoM is a trailblazer in offering information, training, and awareness within the legal profession. Their vision extends to effecting a paradigm shift in how conflicts are approached, fostering a culture where mediation takes center stage. Having successfully conducted courses for law students and law firms, coupled with a commitment to pro bono mediation schemes, SoM has been a force for good in the legal community. The announcement of an expanded Mediation Training Programme in 2017, now open to the public, underscores their commitment to democratizing conflict resolution skills. The Society of Mediators, is not merely an organisation; it is a catalyst for positive change, and a testament to the belief that mediation has the power to transform lives and build bridges towards a more harmonious society.

QUESTION AND ANSWER PANEL: 15H45 – 16H15

SOUTH AFRICAN COALITION FOR RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

MR MIKE BATLEY (RESTORATIVE JUSTICE CENTRE)

Mike Batley is a co-founder and director of the Restorative Justice Centre (RJC), a vibrant, multicultural civil society organisation. Within this context he played a pioneering role in bringing restorative justice into the criminal justice system and public discourse, and in developing associated services in South Africa.

MS LISA HARRIES (RESTORE)

Lisa Harries of RESTORE has worked with young offenders for over 17 years in Cape Town’s Pollsmoor prison. Lisa’s work has been underpinned by a MA in Restorative Justice, which she obtained from the University of Hull, and a charity (RESTORE), which she co-founded. Through RESTORE, they facilitate monthly victim awareness programmes. Lisa is a qualified Mediator through FAMAC and has conducted research for the Institute of Justice and Reconciliation (IJR) on intergenerational trauma.

MS VENESSA PADAYACHEE (MIDWAY)

Venessa has been a social worker working in the criminal justice sector for over 28 years. She has a degree in Social Work, Diploma in Human Resource Management and a Masters in Criminology. Her passion is to affirm the dignity and value of every human being despite their circumstances. She is the co-founder of Midway Services (Coaching and Mentoring NPO). She is a social work consultant and works in the area of prisons, reintegration, youth at risk, and trauma work and counselling.

DR HEMA HARGOVAN (UKZN)

MS LESLEY-ANN VAN SELM (KHULISA SOCIAL SOLUTIONS)

CONCLUDING REMARKS: MR MIKE BATLEY (16H15 – 16H25)

VOTE OF THANKS: DR HEMA HARGOVAN (16H25 - 16H30)