

College of Graduate Studies

School of Interdisciplinary Research & Graduate Studies (SIRGS)

6th Indigenous Epistemologies Seminar Series:
"Decolonising Innovation: Indigenous Wisdom as Catalyst for African Solutions"



DATE: 7 – 9 October 2025
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INVITATION

The School of Interdisciplinary Research and Graduate Studies (SIRGS) is in the College of Graduate Studies (CGS) at the University of South Africa (Unisa). Among other things, the mandate of the School is to promote interdisciplinary research and indigenous epistemologies with a view of transforming the academe and society. Conferences, seminars and workshops are some of the vehicles that we use to that end. The 2025 College of Graduate Studies Indigenous Epistemologies Seminar Series Week is from 7 to 9 October 2025 with the theme: **Decolonising Innovation: Indigenous Wisdom as Catalyst for African Solutions.**

This week was deliberately chosen because we officially celebrate our rich and diverse heritage during September, and 24 September is designated as Heritage Day. Our indigenous knowledge is part of our heritage that is in danger of being lost if we do not promote it. The School of Interdisciplinary Research and Graduate Studies is acutely aware of the fact that promoting indigenous epistemologies will allow our students and lecturers to attain epistemic freedom that may support sustainable development in our societies.

Define tomorrow.

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PROGRAMME

Date	Time	Guest Speakers	Join the Seminar on MS Teams
7 October 2025	09:30 – 10:00	Traditional Welcome and Blessing Prof Khanyisile Mbatha, Acting Director: SIRGS, College of Graduate Studies (CGS)	https://tinyurl.com/mpw6kfwf TEAMS LINK
7 October 2025	10:00 – 11:00	Prof Malik Maaza, UNESCO ITL/NRF Africa Chair in Nanosciences & Nanotechnology, College of Graduate Studies (CGS), Unisa, South Africa	https://tinyurl.com/mpw6kfwf TEAMS LINK
7 October 2025	12:00 – 13:00	Dr Lehasa Moloi, College of Human Sciences (CHS), Unisa, South Africa	https://tinyurl.com/mt7nszfc TEAMS LINK
8 October 2025	10:00 – 11:00	Prof Mishack Gumbo, College of Education (CEDU), Unisa, South Africa	https://tinyurl.com/zv8a8jmw TEAMS LINK
8 October 2025	12:00 – 13:00	Dr Victoria Adeleke, College of Law (CLAW), Unisa, South Africa	https://tinyurl.com/53aff847 TEAMS LINK
8 October 2025	14:00 – 15:00	Dr Rossano Wells, Directorate Councillng & Career Development (DCCD), Unisa, South Africa	https://tinyurl.com/3zskaeza TEAMS LINK
9 October 2025	10:00 – 11:00	Prof Anthony Brown, College of Graduate Studies (CGS), Unisa, South Africa	https://tinyurl.com/ssnjrjd TEAMS LINK
9 October 2025	12:00 – 13:00	Prof Nokuthula Hlabangane, College of Human Sciences (CHS), Unisa, South Africa	https://tinyurl.com/t5r9kkjp TEAMS LINK
9 October 2025	14:00 – 15:00	Dr Amanda Simayi, Nelson Mandela University, South Africa	https://tinyurl.com/ycx74s36 TEAMS LINK