

Colloquium on ‘A Southern African Dialogue on the Professions and Professional Work’ University of Pretoria, 18-19 September 2017

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

This colloquium aims to initiate a national discussion amongst scholars and practitioners on the changing nature of professions, professional work and professionalisation projects. It situates the discussion in a Southern African context specifically and a Global South perspective more broadly. Given that much of the work in this area is empirically & theoretically based in contexts outside Southern Africa & the Global South, this colloquium asks two questions ‘What would a Southern African sociological project on professions and professional work look like from a theoretical, empirical and methodological perspective? Second what are policy implications of this work in the context of a developmental state? In answering these questions, we will engage in a number of activities.

A keynote address by, Professor Mike Saks (University of Suffolk) a leading international scholar in the sociology of professions, former chair of RC52 (Sociology of Professional Groups) and a research professor in Health Sociology (<https://www.uos.ac.uk/people/professor-mike-saks>), initiates the dialogue. Second, participants will present papers on their current scholarly work and receive feedback from discussants. Third a capacitating workshop will be facilitated for emerging scholars including Ph.D. and Masters scholars working on the professions. This trio of activities will contribute to both initiating our dialogue and taking it forward.

The Colloquium is organised by Professor Debby Bonnin (Department of Sociology, University of Pretoria) and Dr Shaun Ruggunan (Human Resources Management, University of KwaZulu-Natal) It is supported by the International Sociology Association RC52 (Sociology of Professional Groups) ***A selection of papers will be published in a special issue of Professions and Professionalism (listed in Scopus) guest edited by the convenors.***

Potential participants working in the area of professions, professional work and professionalisation as either established researchers or emerging scholars are invited to submit an abstract of 300 words with your name, institutional affiliation and contact details to socprof2017@gmail.com Successful submissions will be invited to submit an extended abstract.

Deadlines:

- **Abstract submission:** 20 July 2017 (24:00 GMT)
- **Notification letters:** 28 July 2017
- **Registration deadline for presenters:** 18 August 2017
- **Extended Abstract:** 18 August 2017

GRADUATE WORKSHOP – RESEARCHING THE PROFESSIONS IN A SOUTHERN CONTEXT

University of Pretoria, 19 September 2017

The Colloquium on ‘A Southern African Dialogue on the Professions and Professional Work’ will be followed by a Graduate Workshop. The purpose of the Workshop is to encourage research in this area by graduate students (honours, masters and doctoral) and early career academics as well as provide opportunities for development and mentorship. The workshop is open to those who are already working in this area as well as those who are considering future research (or thinking about a research topic). Presentations could take the form of oral papers, research proposals or posters.

The workshop will encompass the following activities:

1. Plenary lecture – ‘Key Debates in the Professions’
2. Presentations by participants of their oral papers, proposals or posters followed by feedback and discussion.
3. Round-table – research ideas in progress
4. Getting your research published

Those who are interested in attending the workshop and/or presenting their work should please email the organisers socprof2017@gmail.com with the following information:

Name:

Contact details (email and phone number):

Institution:

Degree Registered:

I wish to participate by presenting: a paper / poster / proposal / research idea in the round table / attending. (indicate which is appropriate)

Title of Presentation:

Deadline: 31 July 2017

Limited funding is available to assist student participation.