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request the pleasure of your company

to the

2017 Dr Phyllis Naidoo Memorial Lecture

Topic: Advancing the Platform of Non-Racialism – Marking Seventy Years since the Signing of the Three Doctors' Pact

Panelists:

- ▶ Mr Mthetheli Raymond Xuma representing the Dr AB Xuma Family
- ▶ Dr Kreesan Naicker representing the Dr Monty Naicker Family
- ▶ Miss Roshan Dadoo representing the Dr Yusuf Dadoo Family



Date

Thursday, 17 August 2017

Time

18h00

Venue

IKS Multi-purpose Room | Special Collections Gandhi Luthuli Documentation Centre | (below the Library) Westville Campus | UKZN

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The Dadoo-Xuma-Naicker Pact, 9 March 1947

(Doctors Pact)

[Comment : In 1943, a conference of the South African Indian Congress resolved to explore ways of achieving co-operation with the African National Congress. However, it was not until Dr Monty Naicker gained control of the Natal Indian Congress and Dr Yusuf M. Dadoo, control of the Transvaal Indian Congress that Indo-African co-operation became a reality. Both Monty Naicker and Yusuf Dadoo departed radically from the 'old guard' of Indian politics.

A joint declaration of the three doctors as presidents of their respective bodies was made on 9 March 1947 (Dr A.B. Xuma served as president-general of the A.N.C.). This declaration of co-operation was considered 'imperative for the working out of a practical basis of co-operation between national organisations of the non-European peoples'. Today the Pact is seen as an epochal agreement that has played a major role in the liberation struggle. The pact set the scene for the Congress of the People (held in Kliptown 25-26 June 1955) which adopted the Freedom Charter. Today, the Charter remains the basic manifesto of the liberation struggle. What follows is the content of this Pact .]



Signing of the historic Doctors Pact, March 9 1947

Joint Declaration of Natal Indian Congress, Transvaal Indian Congress, and the African National Congress.