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Invites you to a seminar by

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Title:

**Between a rock and a hard place: when a choice
between education and sex with the educator is
no choice**

Date:

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Time:

11:00 - 12:00

Venue Platform:

ZOOM Conferencing

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Abstract: Beginning in early childhood, large numbers of girls enrol in school. In the Southern Africa region, neither basic nor higher education is provided at little or no cost to learners, students and their families. Evidence suggests that keeping girls in school when they reach higher grades appears to be linked to whether or not education is affordable. Therefore, it is possible that successful sequencing [prioritising education over sexual relationships] for some adolescent girls and young women (AG&YW) is facilitated by transactional sex; without which, they remain uneducated and locked in poverty. Even in the absence of an appetite for a luxurious lifestyle or consumption of luxury consumer goods, the costs of education mean that transactional sex may remain a feature of some girls and young women's lives.

Bio: An associate professor in psychology, Mzi Nduna is an educator, a researcher and an advocate with an ethic of community engagement. Mzi is affiliated to, and supports, a variety of academic and civil society projects and national government initiatives aimed at bridging the gap between science, theory and practice in the field of sexual and reproductive health and rights. Mzi has published 60 peer-reviewed journal articles, three special-issue journals, seven book chapters and a number of research reports, as well as an edited book. She served as a member of the scientific committees for the First Trans Medical and Advocacy Conference in Africa in 2011; of the 4th, 5th and the 6th Sexual Health and Rights Conferences in Africa in 2010, 2012 and 2014, and of the 7th South African AIDS Conference. A former board member of GenderDynamix and the National Shelter Movement, Mzi currently sits on the Boards of the IRANTI, SisterLove SA, Sonke Gender Justice and HURISA. She was an expert panel member of the South African National AIDS Council (SANAC) Women's Sector, the national Presidential GBV+Femicide Interim Steering Council and SafAIDS's Transforming Lives Programme. Her debut monograph is published by the Centre for Sexuality, AIDS and Gender