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Keynote Speakers:

Professor Paulus Zulu & Ms Roshan Dadoo

DATE: 31 August 2024

TIME: 14h00 – 16h00

VENUE: Howard College Theatre,
Howard College Campus

THEME:

“Struggles
for Freedom
from
Apartheid:
South Africa
and
Palestine”

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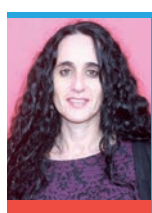
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KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Professor Roshan Dadoo is the Coordinator of the South African BDS Coalition, the leading collective advocating for Palestinian solidarity in South Africa. Her career spans significant roles including her tenure at the Department of International Relations and Cooperation (DIRCO), where she specialised in Middle Eastern affairs and served as Political Counsellor at the South African Embassy in Algiers.

Ms Dadoo's activism roots trace back to her upbringing in exile and her role in the Anti-Apartheid Movement and PSC UK. She continues to be an active member of the Palestine Solidarity Campaign (PSC) and has previously contributed to South African refugee and migrant rights organisations. Dadoo remains dedicated to promoting social justice and international solidarity through her ongoing advocacy work.



RESPONDENT

Professor Monique Marks is a former Head of the Urban Futures Centre (UFC) at Durban University of Technology (DUT), where she led pioneering research initiatives in urban safety, drug policy interventions, and urban design until February 2024. She now practices privately as a Health Coach and Clinical Social Worker and is associated with the University of Stellenbosch. An esteemed researcher, Professor Marks held the position of Chair at the Human Science Research Council (HSRC) Press and has been actively engaged in global drug policy dialogues. Her influence has extended internationally as a visiting research professor at the Australian National University.

Additionally, Marks directed the Bellhaven Harm Reduction Centre (BHRC), a crucial facility providing medical and psycho-social services daily to 200 vulnerable individuals affected by drug use disorders. Her expertise is further enriched by her credentials as a certified health coach and registered social worker, emphasizing integrated medical interventions.



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Professor Paulus Zulu, Professor Emeritus and Director of the Maurice Webb Race Relations Unit (MWRRU) at the University of KwaZulu-Natal, is a distinguished Social Scientist specialising in political economy, with a notable career both nationally and internationally. Since 1984, Professor Zulu has authored numerous chapters in significant publications such as "The Hefer Commission: An International Comparative Perspective" (2004) and "Understanding the South African Political Culture" (2012). In 2013, he released his debut book, "A Nation in Crisis: A Search for Morality," followed by his latest work, "Momentous Epochs in the History of the ANC." His contributions extend to pivotal papers presented at international conferences on topics ranging from democracy in education to social exclusion and African nation-building.

Zulu's recent academic contributions include the article "The Politics of Decolonisation and Africanisation of the Curriculum" in the British Journal of Politics. Notably, from 1994 to 2022, Zulu was a Member of the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences in Vatican City Rome, where he also served as a Council Member until his retirement in 2022.



DIRECTOR
OF PROCEEDINGS

Professor Dasarath Chetty, CEO of DC Communications and adjunct professor at Durban University of Technology, is a distinguished figure in sociology with over two decades of teaching experience. Prof Chetty has delivered over 91 invited papers across 31 countries and boasts an extensive publication record. Professor Chetty's current leadership roles include serving as President of the RC10 International Sociological Association (2018-2023, 2023-2027) and holding visiting professorships at esteemed institutions like the University of Wuppertal (Germany) and Mahatma Gandhi University (India).

Chetty's contributions are globally recognised, evident in his advisory role at MAHSA University (Malaysia) and his past appointments as Pro-Vice-Chancellor at UKZN and President of various South African sociological and welfare associations.