

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY 2ND-3RD SEPTEMBER

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY THROUGHPUT

2025

SEMINARS



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THE PHD THROUGHPUT PROJECT IS A FLAGSHIP ANNUAL POSTGRADUATE DOCTORAL EDUCATION SEMINAR SERIES, IN THE UKZN HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES THAT COVERS SEMINAL FOCUSES RELEVANT TO PHD RESEARCH, AND AIMED AT MEETING MAINLY 4 OBJECTIVES:



To assist current and future doctoral students in critical and constructive scholarly research capabilities and capacity development across all seminal aspects that form the main aspects of the PhD research focuses and processes;



To guide students to optimally perform in all aspects of PhD scholarship and produce an excellent research proposal at the beginning, and then a doctoral thesis in their area of specialisation, at the end of their PhD research journey;



To support students in their individual topical research focuses, as well as theoretical and conceptual framework development and uses of theories and concepts, for data generation and analysis, both generically and topics specifically; and



To prepare students to produce cutting-edge research in their theses as well as in the parallel or subsequent publication endeavours, in academic, public and/ or governance sector scholarly research careers, as the case may be.

The seminars are characterised by their future-facing enhancement and advancement of innovative research approaches. They also include the use of digital and AI tools, and formatively constitute a pivotal part of the College of Humanities' commitment to adding to the PhD interactive and collaborative research experience. And each seminar serves as an enabling entryway or gateway to personally focused and committed-to, knowledge-generation, impacting and shaping the H&SS academia of the future.

The 2 days of seminars are both in-person as well as live-streamed virtually, so as to allow students for optimum personal scholarly and research engagements with our seminar presenters, and also from wherever they may find themselves. Ultimately the seminars strive to assist, guide, and support students in achieving excellence in their research endeavours through both conceptually-relevant and contextually-relevant theories, concepts, and methods, and methodologies. And, being both critical and constructive, within transparent

and accountable ethical research frameworks, it fosters collaborative and interactive personal, societal, environmental and ... transformative research engagements, especially through interdisciplinary, multi-disciplinary and transdisciplinary approaches, methods, and the related relevant research instruments.

Both newly registered, current and future doctoral students are welcome to attend. This year's Throughput Seminar Series promises to serve as an important milestone for many in their doctoral research journeys.



WE ALSO AIM TO HAVE ATTENDING STUDENTS TO COMPLETE, AND DEFEND THEIR PROPOSALS, A.S.A.P., IF THIS IMPORTANT STEPPING STONE STILL NEEDS TO BE CROSSED.



DATES

Tuesday & Wednesday 2nd-3rd September

VENUE

Protea Hotel, Durban Umhlanga

A comprehensive pedagogical programme shall be shared with students who have registered to participate in this project closer to the commencement date.

PLEASE ALSO COMPLETE THE ONLINE REGISTRATION FORM

[APPLY HERE](#)

Registration Closing Date: 27 August 2025

FOR ANY QUERIES CONTACT:

All registered PhD Students at the Proposal and Ethical Clearance stage in the College of Humanities are required to attend.

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