

CALL FOR ABSTRACT

Workshop on Decolonisation and internationalization of higher education

The purpose of the workshop is to initiate a University of Venda wide/dialogic conversation around diverse local (South African) histories and their decolonial responses and resistances, reexistence to Western colonial as well as imperial designs in world-historical perspective: Muslims, Indigenous Peoples, Black Peoples, etc. in different world-regions such as Africa and the Caribbean. The workshop is particularly keen on addressing the formation and transformation of Western principles of knowledge (epistemology) and understanding (hermeneutics), while exploring the role of the invention of the Western ideologies for the conception of Christian European identity and the relevance of constructs Indians, Coloureds and Blacks, in the invention of the modern colonial racial matrix in South Africa. Since the 2015 Student Movement of #Decolonise Higher Education Curriculum, South African Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) have been in discussion about decolonisation of the curriculum in HEIs. University of Venda started this conversation a long time before 2015 and will be continuing by hosting a workshop in which stakeholders (internal and external, respectively) will be provided with a platform to debate, formulate their working understandings of the meaning(s) of decolonisation within the University of Venda community context.

Themes to be explored include:

- How do you define decolonisation, decoloniality, Africanisation juxtaposed to internationalisation of Higher Education Institutions (HEIs)?
- What values might we espouse and/or what values should we aspire to uphold in a decolonised university community and/or society?
- What is the role of teachers (as service providers) and students (as primary service users) in the decoloniality debate?

Submission

Abstracts should be a maximum 500 words focusing on one of the above or related themes. Abstract should be submitted as a word document and must include, title, author(s) names, affiliations, email address and phone numbers and a list of key words. Abstract should use font type Times New Romans with 12-point font size. Abstract is expected by 8 October 2018.

Please submit your abstract to: Decolonization@univen.ac.za