

INTER-FACULTY RESEARCH EVENT

Women of the World
DVC Research & Internationalisation and
Faculty of Health Sciences

DATE

17 November, 2022
12:00 - 14:00

HYBRID EVENT

Venue: Neuroscience Institute
Auditorium, Groote Schuur Hospital
Online: MS Teams
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PROGRAMME

12:00 – 12:05 Welcome & Intro | Interdisciplinary research at UCT
Prof Sue Harrison

12:05 – 12:10 Welcome & context of theme: 'Women of the world'
A/Prof Lionel Green-Thompson

12:10 – 12:15 Interdisciplinary research at FHS
Dr Yolande Harley



NOLUNDI LUWAYA

Nolundi Luwaya is director of the Land and Accountability Research Centre (LARC). LARC is research centre in the Law Faculty. The Centre is concerned with power relations, and the impact of national laws and policy. Customary law is used in framing the balance of patriarchal and autocratic power within which rural communities struggle for democratic change in the former homelands. Nolundi has taught on customary land rights and women's land rights, including teaching African Customary Law at UCT.

Her research interests include: rural women's land rights under customary law and methods for understanding and protecting these rights that are informed by the experiences of rural women. She is also interested in questions of legal pluralism and the challenges involved in teaching law in a plural system such as we have in South Africa.

12:15 - 12:25

A/Prof Elena Moore in the Department of Sociology at the Faculty of Humanities has authored various books, chapters and journal articles focused on her research interests which include the field of personal life, kinship, gender, intergenerational relations, care, customary law, family law and policy, and feminist theories.

Book titles include 'Generation, Gender and Negotiating Custom in South Africa', 'Divorce, Families and Emotion Work', and 'Reform of Customary Marriage, Divorce and Succession in South Africa' which was co-authored with Chuma Himonga.

Elena is the recent recipient of the a Wellcome Career Award and the Distinguished Teaching Award 2021.



ELENA MOORE

12:25 - 12:35



AMEETA JAGA

A/Prof Ameeta Jaga in the School of Management Studies is the Deputy Dean of Transformation and Inclusion in the Commerce Faculty. Ameeta is an NRF-rated scientist and a non-resident Fellow at the Hutchins Centre for African and African American Research, Harvard University. She is a member of the 2022 cohort of UCT's future research leaders' programme. Her research focus deals with the geopolitics of knowledge production, and a gendered and social class analysis of work-family concerns. Her current projects include advancing support for breastfeeding at work for low-income mothers and forging gender equitable recoveries from COVID-19's effects on work, family, and employment. She has been developing her interest in exploring transdisciplinary and decolonial methodologies. Ameeta has published in Gender, Work and Organisation; Work, Employment and Society, and International Breastfeeding Journal. She is associate editor for the journal Community, Work and Family.

12:35 - 12:45

Prof Lillian Artz is the director of the Gender, Health and Justice Research Unit (GHJRU) in the Health Sciences Faculty. She has worked in domestic violence, sexual offences, incarcerated and institutionalised women, and women's rights to freedom and security in Africa for almost 30 years. Lillian has worked as a technical consultant to a wide range of national human rights institutions, international development agencies and justice systems on law and policy reform in Southern, Central and East Africa. Key projects have focused on female and other key populations in prisons and psychiatric settings, working with local governance structures to prevent and respond to gender-based violence, the epidemiology and prevalence of child sexual abuse, the prevention of torture and ill-treatment places of detention, and the medico-legal management of sexual and other forms of gender-based violence in conflict-affected, post-conflict and transitional African states. She was a co-PI on South Africa's first national prevalence study on child sexual abuse and maltreatment, and is a Senior Technical Advisor for the global 'What Works Prevent Violence: Impact at Scale Programme' Research Consortium.



LILLIAN ARTZ

12:45 - 12:55



MERCY BROWN-LUTHANGO

Dr Mercy Brown-Luthango is a senior research officer at the African Centre for Cities in the Faculty of Engineering & the Built Environment. She has 20 years of research experience in academia and the NGO sector. Her main research focus is on the creation of sustainable human settlements with particular interest in the management of urban land and housing. As part of this focus, she has done research on the effectiveness of upgrading informal settlements as a tool to improve safety and reduce crime and violence in these spaces. Most recently she studied the potential for socio-spatial transformation in the Voortrekker Road Corridor Integration Zone (VRCIZ), one of the strategic corridors identified by the City of Cape Town to address the legacy of Apartheid spatial planning in the city. She also worked on: "Youth, Identity and the City," employing photovoice and other participatory research methods to engage a group of thirteen youth from marginalised areas, exploring and reflecting on issues of identity, inclusion, and mobility (spatially, emotionally, and socially) in the city. Mercy is currently part of a research team conducting research on the intersections between food security and access to infrastructure in Mossel Bay.

12:55 - 13:05

13:05 – 13:30 Discussion time & Qs for speakers
13:30 – 14:00 Finger lunch