







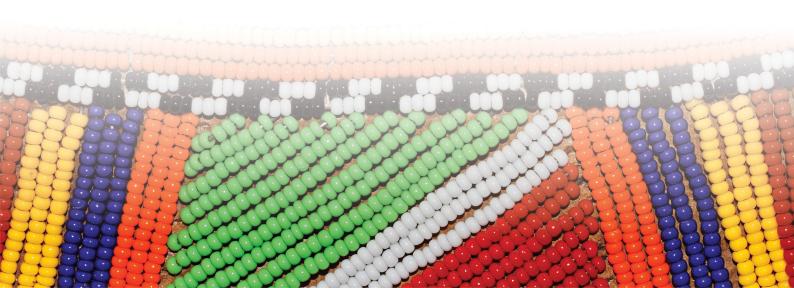
International Research Training Group - Transformative Religion

IRTG SUMMER/ SPRING SCHOOL (23-27 SEPT 2024) UNIVERSITY OF KWAZULU-NATAL

RELIGION, HEALING AND POWER

PRE PROGRAMME - MONDAY 23 SEPTEMBER

13:00 - 16:00	Empirical Engagements with Healing
	Two Guided Excursions are planned for the afternoon: (1) Warwick Street Herbal Market (2) Umlazi Isangoma Traditional Herbal Market
16:00	Arrival and Registration
17:00	Spring/ Summer School Welcome Reception Coastands Hotel, Musgrave

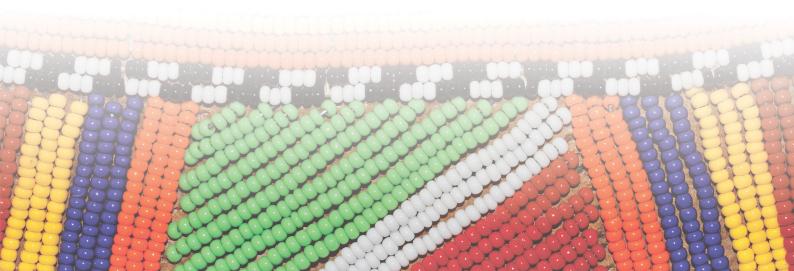


DAY 1
TUESDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2024: UKZN - UNITE CONFERENCE CENTRE

09:00 - 09:30	Opening and Welcome:
	Prof Federico Settler & Prof Regina Römhild
	Keynote Address
09:30 - 11:00	African Traditional Religious notions of well-being, and healing in South Africa
	Prof Nokuzola Mndende
	Nelson Mandela University, and Founder, Icamagu Institute
11:00 - 11:30	Coffee Break
	Henri Vogel Memorial Panel:
11:30 - 13:00	Postcolonial/ Gendered Perspectives on Health and Healing
	- Chairperson: Annachiara Jung Forte
	Healing through tradition: Nguni indigenous practices and rituals for transgender and gender-diverse people Sizwesamajobe Sithole
	Eurhythmics, Gymnastics: Aligning the Four Bodies in Post-Pandemic Germany Armanc Yildiz ———————————————————————————————————
	Conceptions Of Well-Being Among African Women Volunteers In South African Faith Communities Lerato kaNomsa Msweli

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13:00 - 14:00	Lunch Break
	Wilhem Gräb Memorial Panel:
14:00 - 15:30	Health, Development, and the Anthropocene
	– Chairperson: Nadine Bowers-du Toit
	Healing the Environment: An Appraisal of African Traditional Religion and Ecological Sustainability in Southern Africa <i>Philipp Öhlmann</i>
	Ecological leadership and healing practices: On the intersection of healing, ecological conversion, and theology Almila Akca and Ignatius Swart
	"Our goal is always - We want to get that healing": Healing as UN Post-2030 Agenda? - Integrating Situated Knowledge for Social Transformation <i>Nina van der Puije</i>
	Jehovah Rapha and Amanzi: Ritual Healing and Christian Inculturation in an African Initiated Church Li'Tsoanelo Zwane
15:30 - 16:30	Embodiment as the Fifth Research Area in the IRTG
	Seyram Amenyedzi, Armanc Yildiz
17:00 – 17:30	Light Dinner, UKZN Centre for Jazz
17:30 - 19:00	Artistic Performance by African Music and Dance Ensemble



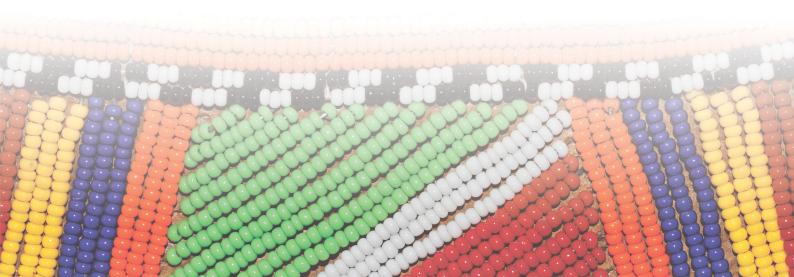
DAY 2

WEDNESDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 2024: UKZN - UNITE CONFERENCE CENTRE

	Opening and Welcome: Prof Maheshvari Naidu
09:00 - 09:30	Prof Nana Poku Vice-Chancellor & Principal, University of KwaZulu-Natal
	Keynote Address
09:30 - 11:00	Mental Health: A Bio-Spriritual Question for Idenity and Meaning
	Prof Suvira Ramlall
	School of Psychiatry, UKZN
11:00 – 11:30	Tea & Coffee Stretch Break
11:30 - 13:00	Panel 3: National Healing and Contested Identities
11.30 - 13.00	- Chairperson: Kieryn Wurts
	Mental illness experiences: The rituals for healing afflicted social bodies in Southern Africa
	Maja Jakarazi & Nomsa Ntshangase
	'Das eine ist verbunden mit Gott, das andere aber auch': service provision as part of religious life in the Eritrean Orthodox community in Berlin, Germany
	Susanna Trotta
	Religious Ritual, Discursive, and Identity Powers Framing Interfaith Responses of Healers to Covid-19
	Xolile Simon
13:00 -14:00	Lunch break
14:00 - 17:00	Open Workshop 1: "Grief and Healing Connections with Poetry: Drawing on Indigenous African and Hindu/Sufi Poetic Mediums" Maheshvari Naidu and Ntando Hlabisa
17:00	Depart UKZN Campus to Coastlands Hotel (5-minute commute)
	Free Evening – Reading -Supervision Meetings

DAY 3
THURSDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2024: UKZN - UNITE CONFERENCE CENTRE

09:00 - 09:30	Welcome: Dr Cherry Muslim
	Prof Vivian Ojong
	Dean of Research
	College of Humanities, University of KwaZulu-Natal
	Panel 4: Religion, Health and the Public Sphere
	– Chairperson: Xolile Simon
	Religion, De-/Postcoloniality, and Bio-/Necropolitics in South Africa: Towards a Diversity-Conscious HIV/AIDS Discourse
	Ulrike Ernst-Auga
	Crossing the Red Sea —Biblical references and orientation in processes of social Transformation
	Jakob Langen
09:30-11:00	From Trauma to Healing: revising debt, land and dignity in South Africa
	Sabrina Keller & Skhumbuzo Zuma
	"A Deep Crisis of Purpose in Our Society Today" - The Interpretive Power of Religion in the Nexus of Nation and State, the Example of Former German Chancellor Angela Merkel.
	Georg Breitfeld
11:00 - 11:30	Tea & Coffee Stretch Break

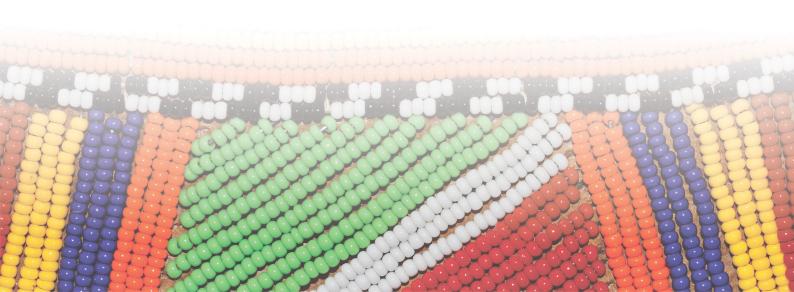


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11:30 - 13:00	Panel 5: Health, Indigenous Healing and the Sensory — Chairperson: Vuyolwethu Qinela
	Healing liturgies: Shembe's understanding of the concept of death in the hymnal of iBandla lamaNazaretha **Hlabisa Mlungisi** ****
	Aesthetically healing Impambano: Healers accounts of managing mental illness in Langa Zikhona Kokoma
	The Religious lives of everyday objects
	Federico Settler
	Contemporary Spiritual Transformations and Mental Health in Zimbabwe Maja Jakarazi
13:00-14:00	Lunch break
14:00 - 15:30	Open Workshop no.2: Psychiatrisation, Individualisation and Depoliticisation of experiences of suffering Ulrike Kluge
15:30 - 16:00	Tea & Coffee Stretch Break
16:00 - 18:30	Supervision Sessions
18:30	Depart Hotel for Evening Feedback Discussion over Collective Dinner

DAY 4
FRIDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 2024: UKZN - UNITE CONFERENCE CENTRE

08:30 - 09:00	Arrival at UKZN Howard College Campus (Coffee)
09:00 -11:00	Open Workshop 3 : Situating Methodologies & Transdisciplinarity **Regina Römhild**
11:00 - 11:30	Tea & Coffee Stretch Break
11:30 - 13:00	Administrative Meeting/ Summer School Wrap-up/ Evaluation
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch Break and Closure of Summer School



Keynote Speakers

Professor Nokuzola Mndende

Nelson Mandela University, and Founder, Icamagu Institute



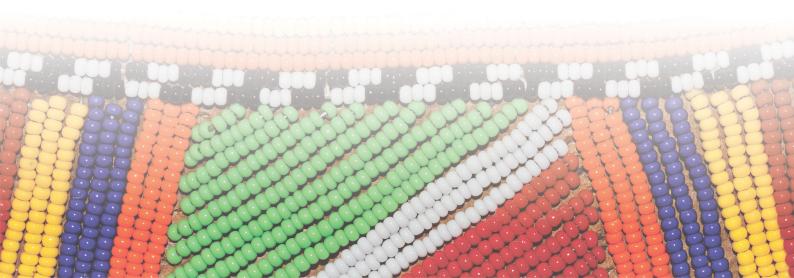
Professor Nokuzola Mndende is an adjunct professor in the Sociology and Anthropology department. With an extensive career in the areas of African Culture, Feminist/Womanist theology, African Spirituality, and Indigenous Knowledge Systems, she is leader in Africa-Centred Knowledge Systems. Dr Mndende received her PhD in 2002 from the University of Cape Town, specialising in African Traditional Religion. She is a qualified diviner/Spirit medium (iGqirha). Dr Mndende thus straddles between two systems of thought as uGqirha (Dr) and iGqirha (qualified diviner) and uses the combination of these two systems to educate and consult for the national government, media houses, and legal fraternity on issues regarding indigenous institutions of

health, gender, and religious systems. Currently she produces Ibuzwa Kwabaphambili (Ask the Elderly), a radio programme on Umhlobo Wenene FM, that won the Liberty National Radio Award in 2017.

She is a first representative of African Religion of the Religious Broadcasting Panel of the SABC and presenter of African indigenous theology at Umhlobo Wenene FM. Dr Mndende was also a member of Parliament in the South African National Assembly between 1999 and 2003, and a member of the Ministerial Advisory Committee on Religion in Education. She is a part-time Commissioner to the Commission for the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Cultural, Religious and Linguistic Communities and member of the advisory team that drafted the National Curriculum Statement (syllabus) on Religious Studies. She is an author and co-author of more than 15 journal articles, book chapters and children's storybooks. Dr Mndende is team member of the NIHSS Project titled "Maternal Legacies of Knowledge and rethinking of the Eastern Cape"

Topic of Keynote Address:

African Traditional Religious notions of well-being, and healing in South Africa



Keynote Speakers

Professor Suvira Ramlall

School of Psychiatry, University of KwaZulu-Natal



Suvira Ramlall is the Clinical Head of Specialised Psychiatry at King Dinuzulu Hospital Complex, Durban, and Associate Professor in Psychiatry at the University of KwaZulu Natal (UKZN). She serves on the KwaZulu Natal Provincial Technical Advisory Committee for Mental Health, is the immediate past President of the College of Psychiatrists, and a Member on the Education Committee of the Colleges of Medicine of SA. Over three decades of public service, she has worked closely with the District office, KZN Mental Health Directorate and the National Mental Health Directorate in policy and service development and implementation. With the South African Society of Psychiatrists, she serves on the national executive of the Public Sector Sub-Committee. During the pandemic, she was a member of the Technical Working Group for the Ministerial Advisory Committee for Covid 19.

She has published in local and international journals, co-edited a South AfricantextbookonTalkTherapyandherlatestbook,Inpowerment:Building

Mental and Emotional Resilience, was released on 9^{th} August 2023 at the Durban International Book Fair. She advocates for community mental health and co-manages the KZN Mental Health Advocacy Group which hosts the Annual Mental Health Symposium in July and the Mental Health Walk and Fair in October, for the last 9 years.

Her interest in spirituality and mental health are both personal and professional. Guided by her own personal journey and self growth, she has identified the importance of a spiritual dimension which is lacking in the approach to mental wellbeing as well in the medical model of health and wellbeing. She has written a chapter titled From Psyche to Soul: Psychotherapy & Spirituality in Talk Therapy Toolkit; supervised a Masters study on Spirituality amongst medical students and co-authored a manuscript on a nationwide panel study on religious involvement and depression in South Africa. She has addressed national psychiatrist forums on Spirituality, mental health and psychotherapy and adopts a holistic biopsychosocial-spiritual-cultural framework in her clinical work and teaching related to health, mental health and mental disorders.

Topic of Keynote Address:

Mental Health: A Bio-Spriritual Question for Idenity and Meaning

