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## SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

CORDIALLY INVITES YOU  
TO A WEBINAR

TITLE:  
**DEATH AND  
HEALING**

The recent years have brought immense surprising deaths that left many institutions in a state of distress. Unexpected loss means hurried adjustment and requires a boundless adjustment – and this can be a terrifying experience. COVID-19 truly has indicated that we need to come together and start conversing about topics that we never otherwise would have thought of talking about – “Death and Healing” in a university context. Loss of loved ones may lead to diverse emotional trauma like - depression, panic disorder, post-traumatic stress disorder, and full of fear and anxiety. In addition, the grief-stricken person may display feelings of powerlessness, hopelessness, hurt and anxiety. Hence the School of Social Science and their Community Engagement Team have decided to organize a healing space where; as a university and the public we will learn about issues about death and strategies we can be empowered with to heal from such pain

FEBRUARY

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2022

Time: 12h30 – 15h00

Platform: Zoom

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### Speakers:

**Dr Fumane Khanare:** (Educational psychologist) -Senior Lecturer, University of the Free State

**African Religion:** **Dr VVO Mkhize** author, poet, African/healer/spiritualist, Founder and Director of Umsamo African Institute and South African Healers Association. He is a columnist for Isolezwe in Durban and Ukhozi FM

**Hinduism:** **Pandit D. Raghubir**, representing Arya Samaj (South Africa)

**Islam:** **Dr Cherry Muslim:** Lecturer in Religion at UKZN

**Christianity:** **Reverend Lauren Matthew**, Minister of the word at the Methodist Church of South Africa, Lecturer of Theology at UKZN

**Pastor Mervin Naidoo:** Senior Pastor of The Corner Stone Church, Founder and Director of the School of The Spirit Bible Church

**Mr Che Chetty:** Lecturer of Religion UKZN

**Ntombekhaya Mtwentula:** (Clinical psychologist) -Lecturer in the Department of Psychology, UKZN

**Dr Fikile Vilakazi:** Lecturer UKZN, African healer

**Mr Dion Mbaile:** Icebolethu Group

**Organised and assembled by:** **Dr MC Kgari-Masondo** (Acting Academic Leader for Community Engagement) with the CE Team on behalf of the School of Social Sciences

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**Mabuyi Gumede** is a Lecturer in the Programme of Cultural and Heritage Tourism at the University of KwaZulu-Natal, Durban, South Africa. She holds a PhD in Coastal and Marine Tourism Management from the same university. She also holds a Masters degree in Recreation and Tourism, a Bachelor (Hons) degree in Education and a Bachelor of Arts in Pedagogics and Sociology from the University of Zululand. She also holds a Teachers Diploma from Eshowe College of Education. She has also attended training in Integrated Development Planning and Community Leadership from the North West University and lastly, Gender Mainstreaming in Local Government, an initiative by the Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA) in collaboration with the South African Local Government Association (SALGA). Her research interest lies in Marine Tourism Governance, Tourism Management, Sustainable Development, Land Reform and Restitution, Gender inequalities, Social stratification, Migration, Mobility and Refugee Studies as well as Environmental studies, with special reference to Climate Change and associated challenges. She is actively involved in various community projects and is the Culture and Heritage Ambassador for the KZN Department of Arts and Culture.



**Professor Mariam Seedat-Khan** CCS is an Association for Applied and Clinical Sociology-AACS certified clinical sociologist, member of the UKZN-Imbokodo, women in leadership. She was named phenomenal woman by UKZN for Simply Managing Academic Related Tasks, developed to assist students with learning during COVID-19. She is a board member of the International Sociological Association RC46 Clinical Sociology, and AACS. She serves as the working group convener for Clinical Sociology for the South African Sociological Association SASA. Her professional memberships include the Asia Pacific Sociological Association, Canadian Sociological Association, and the World Academy of Science, Engineering, and Technology. She is a visiting professor at Taylors University in Malaysia and Covenant University in Nigeria. She is the current chair of The International Research Network for Applied and Clinical Sociologists RC46.



**Dr Siyanda Kheswa (PhD)** is a lecturer for Information Studies, School of Social Sciences, University of KwaZulu-Natal. He coordinates Postgraduate Diploma in Records and Archives Management and Postgraduate Diploma in Information Studies respectively. A member of the School of Sciences Higher Degrees Committee, a member of the Community Engagement team for the school and a youth football coach at Izhwe Youth Football Programme.

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**Mervin Naidoo** is the founder and Senior Pastor of Cornerstone. He is a simple man with a deep love for the Scriptures and people. He has a Master's Degree in Counselling which is a resource in Ministry. His sensitivity to the realm of the Prophetic makes each service a supernatural encounter with God. His love for the Scriptures is evident in his teaching and writing. His unique teaching gift and anointing is engaging making the Word alive at every service. He is a regular teacher on KZNs Christian Radio Station- Highway Radio. Mervin Naidoo has served as Chairperson for eight years at Highway Radio. In 2017 Mervin pioneered the first Free Bible School in KZN. Since, the School has trained and Graduated over one thousands students. Many of whom have planted Churches and are involved in Missions. Mervin has been involed in Full Time Pastoral work for over 25 years and has a wealth of experience at grassroots community life and challenges. Mervin Naidoo is married to Sharon his wife for over 23 years with 2 children. Tehillah his daughter is a final year Law Student and Jo-El his son is a B.comm. Student.



**Dr Velaphi Bhedlindaba Mkhize** is a poet, an author and an African healer/spiritualist. He is the President and Founder of both Umsamo African Institute and South African Healers Association. Dr Mkhize is now a consultant on Umsamo Philosophy and is highly regarded as an authority on African traditions, culture, values, ancestral wisdom and African healing. He is a columnist for Isolezwe newspaper based in Durban and Ukhozi FM.



**Lauren Matthew** is an ordained Methodist minister in the Methodist Church of Southern Africa. Currently Lauren is a Lecturer in the Department of Religion at UKZN and is a PhD candidate researching the intersections of Decoloniality, Queer Theory and Wesleyan Studies.

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**Dr Kgari-Masondo** is an ordained Pastor, Apostle and Arch-Bishop at The People of God Christian Ministries International. She is a motivational teacher, counsellor, and certified marriage officer by the Department of Home Affairs in South Africa. She is a Senior Lecturer of Economic History and Development at Howard College at the University of Kwa Zulu Natal. She is a Cluster leader of Culture and the Acting Academic Leader of Community Engagement for the School of Social Sciences. Her research interests are in socio-environmental concerns, indigenous knowledge, forced removals, teaching and learning matters and gender issues. She has been appointed UNICEF and the Department of Basic Education (DBE) to construct a framework to be used by DBE for the implementation of mother tongue education in South Africa. Dr Kgari-Masondo has published nationally and internationally below are some of her most quoted publications:

"A home makes one Motho'- the idea of 'humanness,' 'home' and History in Lady Selborne's forced removals, circa 1905 to 1977" (2008). "For peace sake": African languages and Xenophobia in South Africa" (2019), The Kaleidoscope model as an eminent stride to decolonising indigenous historical themes (2018), In pursuit of a decolonized history teacher: Agency and boldness in fostering change (2020); Progress of an African student during COVID-19 and beyond in higher education: Re-colonisation of decolonisation? (2021)



**Mr. Che Chetty** is a lecturer in the Discipline of Religion at Howard College. His main research focus is Hinduism, Buddhism and other Far-Eastern religious traditions. However, Che has a fascination for all matters pertaining to mysticism, and mysterious forms of spirituality, and how that intersects with locating meaning in human life.



**Dr Cherry Muslim** holds the Islamic Studies post within the School of Religion, Philosophy & Classics and is the Director for the Islamic Studies Research Unit (ISRU). She is a co-founder and member of the Muslim Personal Law (MPL) Network whose members consist of gender activists, academics, lawyers and counsellors who assist women with challenges in Muslim marriages, divorce and GBV.

Before joining UKZN, she worked for close on 20 years at an Islamic institution run by women for women where theological teaching and learning of Islam took place. It was here that she learnt and eventually taught the process of janazah ghusl (washing of the deceased before burial) and experienced death and grieving on an entirely different level.