

# Student experiences in higher education institutions: The Geography of 'Race'

## Anti-Racism Network in Higher Education Colloquium

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It is now almost two decades since the advent of constitutional democracy, during which time South African society and various institutions continue to reconfigure in the direction of social change. Geographies of places and institutions such as the university may highlight ways in which racism works or may be undermined through institutional structures and discourses that permeate the university mandates of teaching and learning, research and community engagement.

Given that the university is a contested site for struggles between hegemonic and marginalised discursive practices, what is the pulse of student engagement? How, in the everyday day life on campuses, in residences, in lectures, do students navigate the spaces? To what extent are the spaces racialised and how do these intersect with other discursive practices? This colloquium invites students, student leaders, researchers on student life and student development to share their views, insights and research.

Programme			
08h30-09h00	Tea and registration		
09h00-09h15	Opening remarks	Prof Melissa Steyn (Wits)	Chair: Prof Ronelle Carolissen (SU)
09h15-09h45	Welcome Address	Prof Russell Botman (SU)	
09h45-10h30	Keynote Input Q and A	Prof Norman Duncan (University of Pretoria)	
10h30-11h00 Tea Break			
11h00-12h30	Panel 1  Q and A	SAUS chairperson (SA union of students) UWC (SRC) CPUT (SRC) UCT (SRC) SU (SRC)	Chair: Prof Beverley Thaver (UWC)
12h30-13h30 Lunch			
13h30-15h15	Panel 2  Q and A	Dr Llewellyn MacMaster (SU) Mr Andre Daniels (UWC) Dr Shose Kessi (UCT) Ms Daniela Gachaco (CPUT) Prof Rob Pattman (SU)	Chair: Mr Allan Zinn (NMMU)
15h15-15h45	Wrap-up and other matters		Mr JC van der Merwe (UFS), Dr Rozena Maart (UKZN), Prof Tammy Shefer (UWC)

