



**6th International Conference on Community Psychology
Durban, South Africa
27-30 May 2016**

Report by the Student Division of the Psychological Society of South Africa (PsySSA)

Dr Suffla, co-chair of the conference and the scientific committee, addressed delegates in the opening plenary address, calling for a compassionately critical stance in the engagements at the 6th international Community Psychology Conference (ICCP2016) in Durban. The conference did, indeed, deliver a critical redesigning of architecture to community psychology and new vibrant theories and perspectives. We would like to thank the PsySSA Student Division Vice Chairperson of Kwazulu-Natal, Samantha Cockcroft, for her continuous efforts with the ICCP2016 student crew throughout the conference. The feedback on behalf of the students was rich and diverse.

We advocate that students become more involved in the future of Community Psychology, and its shaping and development.

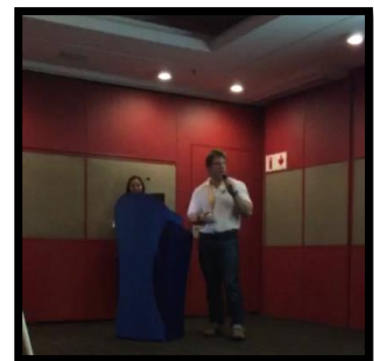
Several students presented papers at ICCP2016.



Jessica Wohlfarth, 3rd year Psych student, presenting on Culture and discrimination, disadvantage for PTSD diagnoses and symptom experience



Maham Hasan, Hons Psych student and PsySSA Student Division secretary, presenting on Cybernetic perspective on the MustFall movement



Shaun Nortje, Hons psych student and PsySSA Student Division Chairperson, presenting on Fallist movements and South Africa's need for a responsive psychology



Manuel van der Neut, 2nd year Psych student, presenting on Absolute tolerance, tolerating the intolerable



Nlah Dlamini-Ngcoya a third year UNISA student presenting on Marriage obligation, did you marry for the right reasons?

The student volunteers were largely from Kwa-Zulu Natal, but some attended all the way from Gauteng. We had a great learning experience and got a chance to be present in an international conference dealing with current psychological issues. We worked hard and had the opportunity to engage with international and national delegates. The student Division twitter account was abuzz with live tweets and retweets, as well as lives streaming of Student Division presenters on the Facebook page.

Here are a few quotes from our volunteers to share their experience.

"Amazing experience and an awesome privilege to be able to connect with so many prestigious academics and attend thoughtful and innovative presentations" – Manuel

"Volunteering at the ICCP was a catalyst in allowing me to connect with material that I previously looked at in just an academic sense. It was an exceptional experience" – Kirana

"Greatest experience ever, the conference was diverse in every aspect. I'm planning on doing community based documentary back home, one of the delegates inspired me" – Phoondie

"Being a part of the ICCP was such an amazing experience. I got exposed to the realities of psychology in context when delegates presented their work" – Bayanda

"... international event allowed me to meet non-South African with different perspectives I can use in my research" – Vishanya

"Good to see that the fundamental issues we face in this country are evident in countries where delegates were from" -Sibelele

"Inspiring collaboration of beautiful minded people coming together to help out communities prosper thrive and heal" – Jordan



PsySSA Student Division's Student Crew
After a great day of exposure to presentations on critical community psychology

PsySSA Student Division Executive:
Shaun J Nortje **Chair**
Maham Hasan **Secretary**
Samantha Cockcroft **KZN Vice Chair**
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