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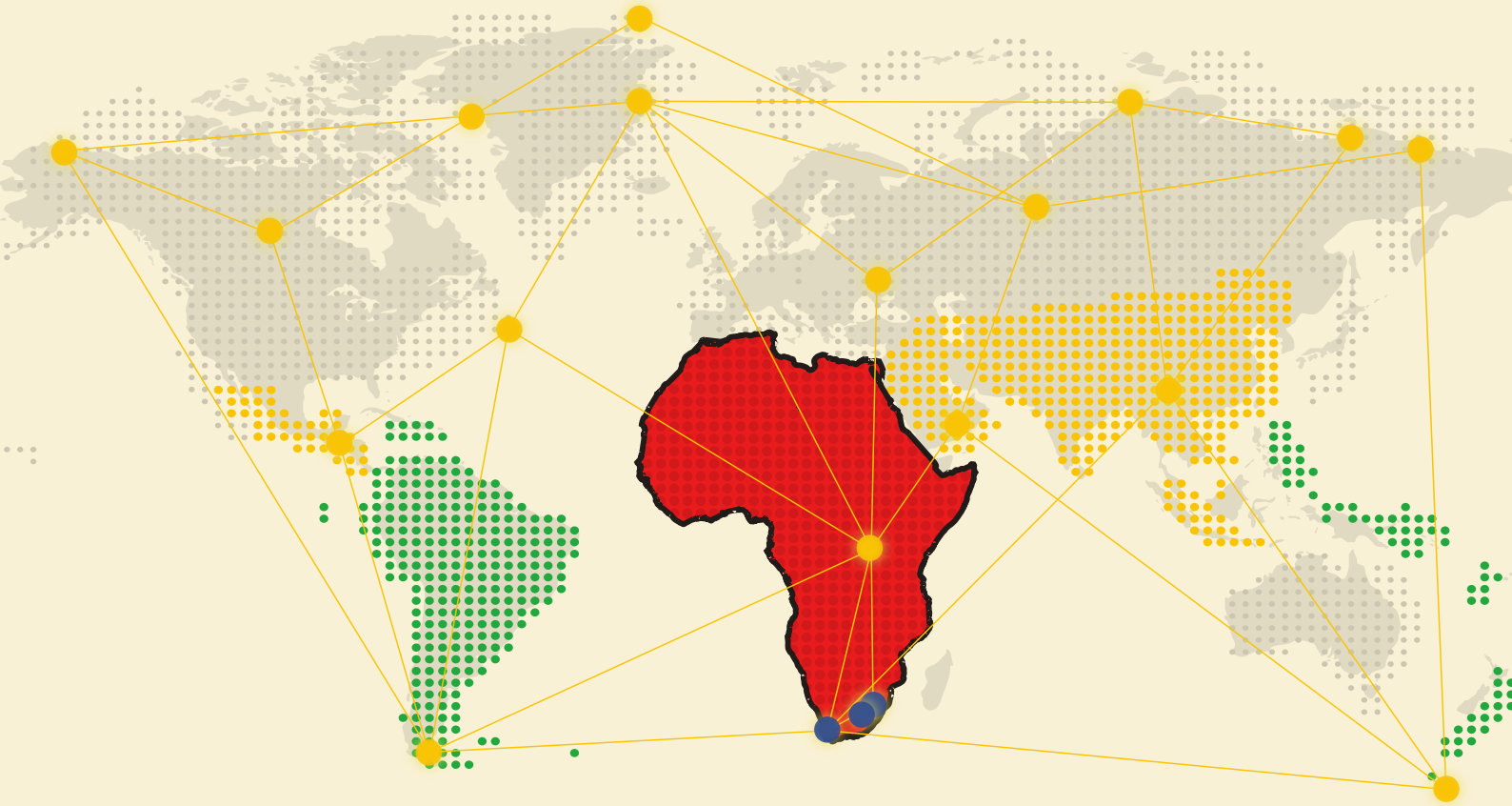

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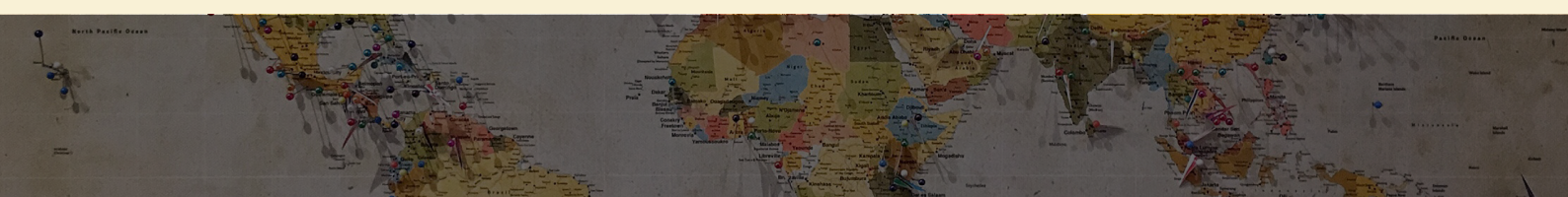


Keynote Speakers

Shose Kessi
Department of Psychology, University of Cape Town

Shose Kessi is Associate Professor in the Department of Psychology at UCT. Her research centers on political psychology, community-based empowerment and social change, exploring issues of identity, such as race, class, and gender, and how these impact on people's participation in transformation efforts. A key focus is the development of Photovoice methodology as a participatory action research tool that can raise consciousness and mobilise community groups into social action.

Her research has been published in local and international journals. Before joining UCT, Shose worked in the development sector in the area of reproductive health, HIV/AIDS, development finance, and programme evaluation. She completed her PhD in 2010 in Organisational and Social Psychology at the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) and joined UCT in 2011. Shose was the UCT Mandela fellow at the WEB DuBois Research Institute, Hutchins Centre, Harvard University for 2014; and visiting scholar in the Department of Behavioral and Psychological Sciences at the LSE in 2017. Shose is one of the founding members and first chairperson of the UCT Black Academic Caucus and served on the VC's Special Executive Task Team in 2016. She is now Deputy Dean for Transformation in the Humanities Faculty.

Sabelo J. Ndlovu-Gatsheni
Change Management Unit, University of South Africa

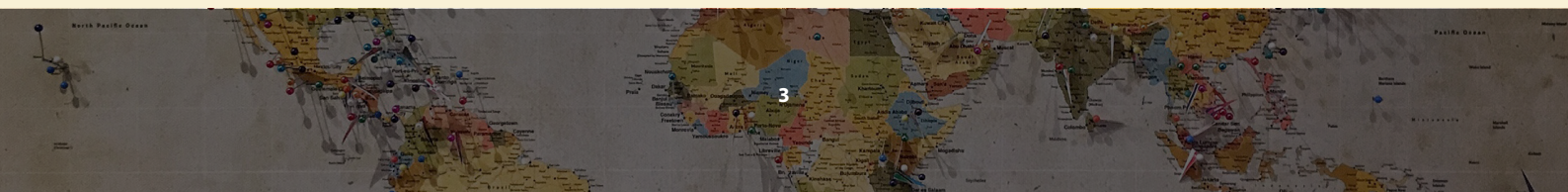
Sabelo J. Ndlovu-Gatsheni is Professor, founding Head of Archie Mafeje Research Institute for Applied Social Policy (AMRI) and currently Acting Executive Director of the Change Management Unit (CMU) in the Vice-Chancellor's Office at the University of South Africa (UNISA). He is also the founder of the Africa Decolonial Research Network (ADERN) based in at the University of South Africa. He is a National Research Foundation (NRF) rated social scientist; a member of the Academy of Science of South Africa (ASSAf); a Fellow of African Studies Centre (ASC) in the Netherlands; and a Research Associate at the Ferguson Centre for African and Asian Studies at The Open University in the United Kingdom.

Professor Ndlovu-Gatsheni has published over a hundred publications and his major publications include *The Ndebele Nation: Reflections on Hegemony, Memory and Historiography* (Amsterdam & Pretoria: Rosenberg Publishers & UNISA Press, 2009); *Do 'Zimbabweans' Exist? Trajectories of Nationalism, National Identity Formation and Crisis in a Postcolonial State* (Oxford & Bern: Peter Lang International Academic Publishers, 2009); *Redemptive or Grotesque Nationalism? Rethinking Contemporary Politics in Zimbabwe* (Oxford & Bern: Peter Lang International Academic Publishers, 2011); *Empire, Global Coloniality and African Subjectivity* (New York & Oxford: Berghahn Books, June 2013); *Coloniality of Power in Postcolonial Africa: Myths of Decolonization* (Dakar: CODESRIA, 2013); *Nationalism and National Projects in Southern Africa: New Critical Reflections* (Pretoria: Africa Institute of South Africa, 2013); *Bondage of Boundaries and Identity Politics in Postcolonial Africa: The 'Northern Problem' and Ethno-Futures* (Pretoria: Africa Institute of South Africa, 2013); *Mugabeism? History, Politics and Power in Zimbabwe* (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, August 2015); *Decolonizing the University, Knowledge Systems and Disciplines* (North Carolina, Carolina Academic Press, April 2016); *The Decolonial Mandela: Peace, Justice and Politics of Life* (New York and Oxford: Berghahn Books, March 2016); *Joshua Mqabuko Nkomo of Zimbabwe: Politics, Power and Memory* (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2017; and *Epistemic Freedom in Africa: Deprovincialization and Decolonizatio*n (London & New York: Routledge, July 2018).

Nelson Maldonado-Torres
Department of Latino and Caribbean Studies, Rutgers University

Nelson Maldonado-Torres is Professor in the Department of Latino and Caribbean Studies, member of the core faculty of the Comparative Literature Program, and faculty affiliate in the Doctoral Program in Women and Gender Studies at Rutgers University, New Brunswick. A former president of the Caribbean Philosophical Association (2008 – 2013), Maldonado-Torres specialises in transdisciplinary decolonial thought, race theory, and in the work of the Caribbean and African philosopher and psychiatrist Frantz Fanon. He has been Director of the Center for Latino Policy Research at the University of California, Berkeley (2009 – 2010), and Chair of the Department of Latino and Caribbean Studies at Rutgers (2012 – 2015).

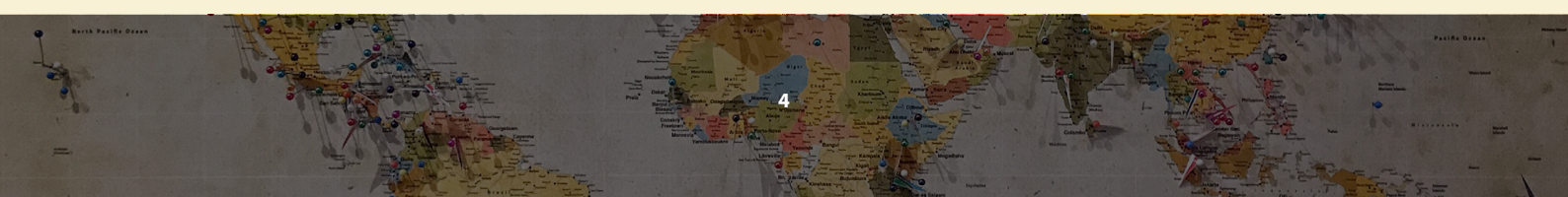
He is a board member of the Frantz Fanon Foundation in Paris, France, and honorary member of the Fausto Reinaga Foundation in La Paz, Bolivia. His publications include *Against War: Views from the Underside of Modernity* (Duke UP, 2008), and the collection of essays *La descolonización y el giro decolonial*, compiled by the Universidad de la Tierra (Chiapas, Mexico) in 2011. He has guest edited two issues on "mapping the decolonial turn" for the journal *Transmodernity*, and is currently working on two book projects: *Theorizing the Decolonial Turn*, and *Fanonian Meditations*. He also works in a programme on Black consciousness and decoloniality with the Blackhouse Kollective in South Africa.



Programme

Thursday, 21 February 2019

08:00 – 08:45	**Registration and Tea**	
08:45 – 09:00	**Opening and Welcome** Chair: Serena Isaacs **Professor Tyrone Pretorius** Rector and Vice-Chancellor, University of the Western Cape	
09:00 – 09:45	**Opening Panel** Chair: Shahnaaz Suffla **How Well Does Science Travel?** **Re-framing and Re-figuring a Psychology from the South** Maria Florence, Garth Stevens, Peace Kiguwa and Glenn Adams	
09:45 – 10:30	**Keynote Address** Chair: Garth Stevens **Fanonian Meditations: The Decolonial Turn in Psychology Against Metaphysical Catastrophe** Nelson Maldonado-Torres *Department of Latino and Caribbean Studies and the Comparative Literature Program, Rutgers University, USA*	
10:30 – 10:45	**Tea**	
10:45 – 12:15	**Of Blackness, Africanness and Africanicity** Chair: Rashid Ahmed **Kwame Nkrumah and the language of oppression: Reciprocal determinism in the Republic of Ghana** Allen Chukwuhdi **Decolonialisation: A critical perspective of cultural hybridity in African psychology** Anjela Adamson **Re-imagining psychology: An Afrikanist perspective** Julia Simango and Puleng Segalo **The psychology of C. N. Manganyi: Making black expertise visible** Sipho Dlamini and Kopano Ratele	**Invisibilities, Silences and Omissions** Chair: Neo Pule **The danger of a single feminist narrative: Africa(n) centred feminism for black men** Refiloe Makama and Kopano Ratele **Who wants to be erased? Social representations of world history and decolonisation of knowledge** Rosa Cabecinhas **Is there place for disability in a decolonial psychology in the South?** Leslie Swartz **Decolonial character of psychology: The silencing of African bioethics** Nozi Niyawose and Bonginkosi Chiliza
12:15 – 13:00	**Plenary Lecture** Chair: Annabella Osei-Tutu **Decolonial Psychology: Who needs it?** Glenn Adams	
13:00 – 13:45	**Lunch**	



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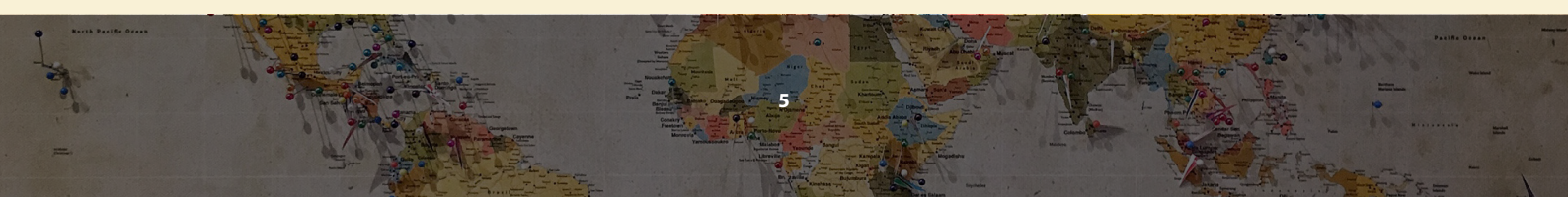
13:45 – 14:30	**Keynote Address** Chair: Umesh Bawa **Towards a Decolonial Psychology: Defining and Confining Symbols of the Past** Shose Kessi *Department of Psychology, University of Cape Town, South Africa*
14:30 – 15:00	**Dialogue** **Decoloniality and the Black Conscious Psychology of Steve Bantu Biko in the Lecture and Therapy Rooms** Saths Cooper and Kopano Ratele in Conversation

15:00 – 15:15	**Tea**

15:15 – 16:45	**Dignifying Rage and Identity** Chair: Peace Kiguwa **Gendering black rage** Hugo Canham **Nakedness as decolonial praxis** Mpho Mathebula **Towards a critical social psychology of place and identity: Hair salons and the geographies of black subjectivity** Johanna Lukate **Narratives of black women on hair in the workplace** Maria Sol Knight	**Decolonising Psychological Engagements** Chair: Sipho Dlamini **Decolonising well-being: Eliciting local narratives in Ghana** Annabella Osei-Tutu, Vivian Dzokoto, Glenn Adams, Joakim Norberg and Bertjan Doosje **Decolonising psychoanalysis: Unconscious instinctual wish/phantasy in relation to unconscious organising principles** Ruby Patel and Tanya Graham **Decolonial Psychology in the Making on Behalf of Indigenous Nations in South Peru** Cristina Herencia **Decolonisation of psychology: The case of neuropsychology in South Africa** Theophilus Lazarus

16:45 – 17:30	**Book Launch** Chair: Saths Cooper **Power and Identity in the Struggle for Social Justice: Reflections on Community Psychology Practice** Sandy Lazarus **Transforming Transformation in Research and Teaching at Universities** Rob Pattman and Ronelle Carolissen **Time to Remember: Reflections of Women from the Black Consciousness Movement** Sam Moodley, Refilwe Moloto and Nozizwe Madlala-Routledge

17:30 –	**Cocktails and Jazz**



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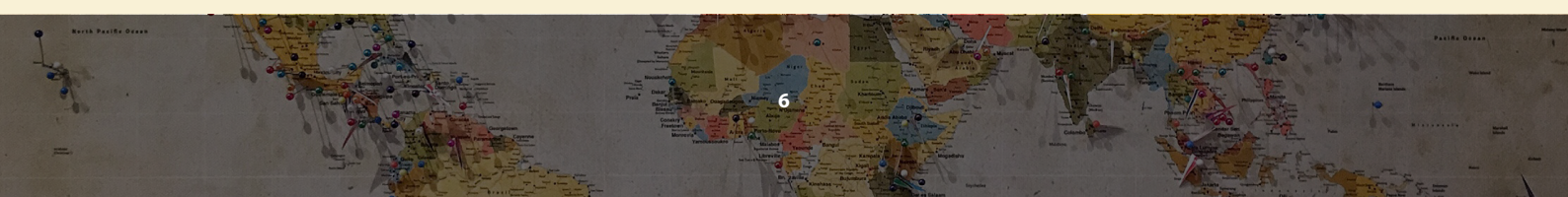
08:30 – 09:30	**A Community Dialogue Through Drama** **Telling Stories, Remembering Pasts, Imagining Futures** Drama for Life, Wits School of Arts	
09:30 – 09:45	**Reflective Dialogue** Haile Matutu and Neziswa Titi	
09:45 – 10:30	**Keynote Address** Chair: Hugo Canham **The Cognitive Empire and the Challenges of Decolonising the Mind** Sabelo Ndlovu-Gatsheni *Change Management Unit, University of South Africa*	
10:30 – 10:45	**Tea**	
10:45 – 12:15	**Liberating Curricula** Chair: Ronelle Carolissen **A decolonised psychology curriculum? Reflections of a psychology student** Qhawe Plaatjie **Decolonising curricula in community psychology: The use of reflexivity as pedagogic strategy** Tanya Graham and Lynne Goldschmidt **Autoethnographic reflections on the decolonisation of the psychology curriculum** Thandokazi Maseti and Sarah Uren	**Critiques, Innovations and Visions** Chair: Sabrina Liccardo **Decolonising the 'deradicalisation' agenda: Critique, reflexivity and knowledge production** Lutfiye Ali **A decolonial praxis of organisational capacity building with marginalised youth in a South African township** Siseko Mkalipi **Student leaders' articulations through dreams of indigenous images, knowledge and understandings: A pluralistic approach** Neo Pule and Michelle May **Decolonising research methods in psychology: A systematic review** Kershia Sunjeevan and Samukelisiwe Mahlawe
12:15 – 13:15	**Change Stories** Chair: Alison Lazarus **"Time to Remember": Women of the Black Consciousness Movement Share their Stories** Sam Moodley, Mamphela Ramphele and Shahida Issel	
13:15 – 14:00	**Lunch**	



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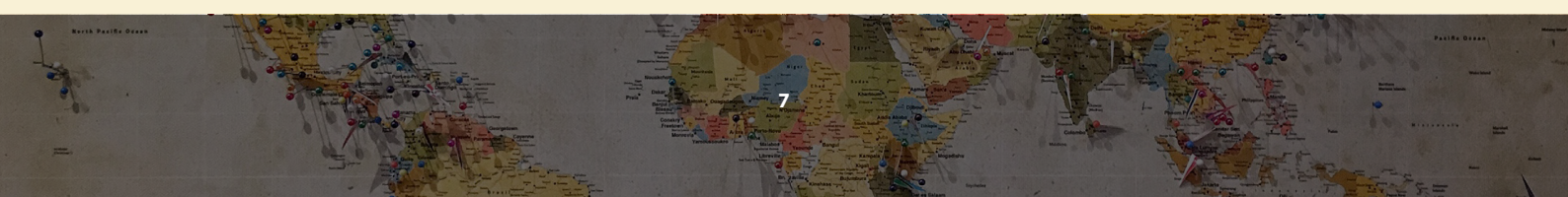
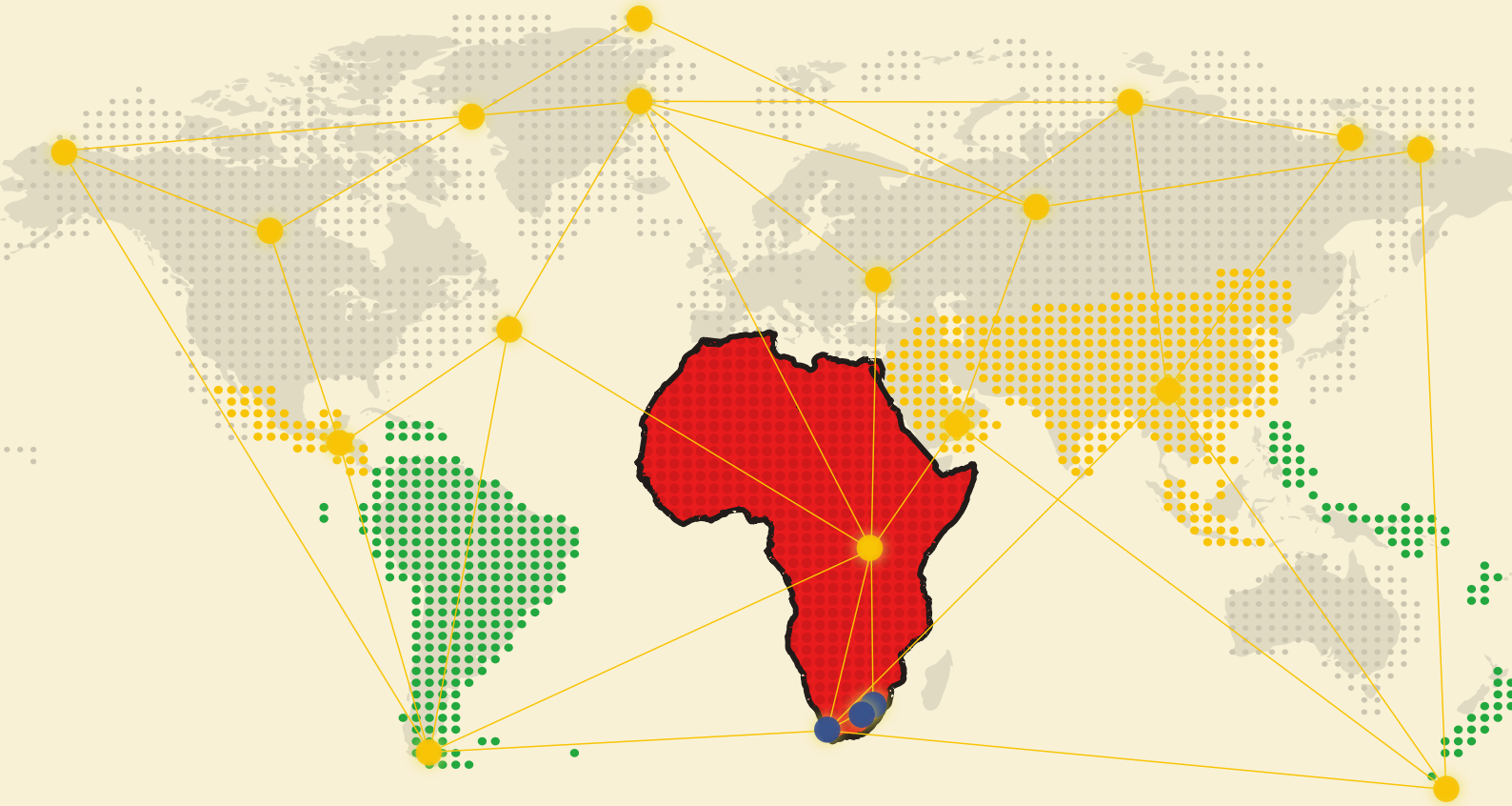
14:00 – 15:30	**Re(Imagining) Teaching and Pedagogies** Chair: Clare Haggard **Ten markers for decolonial teaching praxis: The case of community psychology** Ronelle Carolissen **Towards a decolonial pedagogy of inclusion: A cultural historical model for teaching/learning** Joanne Hardman **Addressing the role of African worldviews and the ways of knowing in teaching: A decolonial approach** Patrick Mweli **Teaching research methods centring decolonial feminist approaches from the South** Floretta Boonzaier, Haile Matuzu, Ruth Urson and Ngoakwana Modubi	**Reflections and Reflexivity as Critique** Chair: Lutfiye Ali **Using reflexivity to understand how coloniality operates within the interview** Monique Huysamen and Floretta Boonzaier **Broadening global understandings of identity using South and Southeast Asian perspectives** Geetha Reddy and Sindhuja Sankaran **State funding for black-owned businesses/brands or state funding for pro-black businesses/brands – A critical psychology perspective** Vuyani Muleya and Michelle May	**Roundtable Discussion** **Decolonising the Research Interview: Student-led Roundtable** Refiloe Makama, Sipho Dlamini, Nicholas Malherbe, Neziswa Titi and Rebecca Helman

15:30 – 16:30	**Webinar** Chair: Glenn Adams **Decolonising Psychological Imperialism: Social Inequality and the Search for Dignity in the Global South** Sunil Bhatia *Connecticut College, USA* **Decolonising Participatory Action Research (PAR) in Community Psychology: Tales of Tension toward Transformation for Liberation** Jesica S. Fernández *Santa Clara University, USA* **The (Post) Colonial Predicament for American Indian Mental Health Services: Reflections on Some Early Career Lessons** Joseph P. Gone *Harvard University, USA*

16:30 – 17:00	**Closing Conversation** Chair: Mohamed Seedat **Southern Contributions, Global Futures: Where to for a Decolonial Psychology** Nelson Maldonado-Torres and Floretta Boonzaier

17:00 – 17:15	**Vote of Thanks** Maria Florence