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Decolonial Feminist Ethics of Care

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Panellists

Shose Kessi
Faculty of Humanities, University of Cape Town, South Africa.

Hugo Canham
Institute for Social and Health Sciences, University of South Africa, South Africa.

Fataneh Farahani
Department of Ethnology, History of Religion and Gender Studies, Stockholm University, Sweden.

Marina de Regt
Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

Guno Jones
Faculty of Law, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

Moderator

Nadira Omarjee
Institute for Social and Health Sciences, University of South Africa, South Africa.

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Professor Azwihangwisi Mavhandu-Mudzusi

Head: Office of Graduate Studies and Research, College of Human Sciences, University of South Africa, South Africa

Professor Azwihangwisi Helen Mavhandu-Mudzusi is an established NRF rated researcher. She is the Head of Research and Graduate Studies at the University of South Africa (UNISA). Her research focuses on HIV and LGBTIQ+, especially in rural communities. Her focus is not only on research, but also on social issues, and activism. Her activism is more evident in my advocacy for LGBTIQ+ individuals and community engagement programme focusing on HIV prevention among learners in rural farm schools. This is shown by her publications, seminars, dialogues, awareness campaigns, and the number of students she supervises to broaden community understanding and acceptance of the LGBTIQ+ community from 2011 to date. She co-edited a book entitled: ***(Un) Silence LGBTI experiences and identities in institutions of higher education***. Prof Mavhandu-Mudzusi has a passion for supporting and developing young academics, which is evident in her establishment of the Postdoctoral Incubation Programme for academics who have just obtained their Ph.D. Over the years, Prof Mavhandu-Mudzusi has sustained her academic excellence record, evidenced by her winning several research-related awards.

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Nadira Omarjee is a decolonial feminist scholar, working internationally. Previously, she was a Senior Researcher at the Nordic Africa Institute on the Africa Scholar Programme at Uppsala University, Sweden. She is currently a Research Associate with the Identity, Diversity and Inclusion (IDI) Research Group in the Sociology Department at the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, the Netherlands. Nadira's current research interest focuses on decolonial feminist pedagogies with her latest book titled: *We belong to the Earth: towards a decolonial feminist inquiry rooted in uhuru and ubuntu.* This book deals specifically with the ways in which conscientisation can lead towards justice and healing. It attempts to connect the classroom to the community by inserting lived experiences against epistemicides: the personal is political. As a facilitator, she employs a decolonial feminist ethics of care in her work, knowing that we are all produced through coloniality and that the project of decolonising the self is ongoing.

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Professor Shose Kessi

Faculty of Humanities, University of Cape Town, South Africa.

Shose Kessi is Dean of the Faculty of Humanities at the University of Cape Town; Professor in the Department of Psychology; and co-director of the Hub for Decolonial Feminist Psychologies in Africa. She has published on the social psychology of racism in higher education and her latest co-authored book is on decolonial, pan-African, and feminist contributions to psychology.

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Dr Guno Jones

Faculty of Law, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

Guno Jones is an interdisciplinary scholar whose principal interests include political discourses on citizenship, postcolonial migration, and the nation in the Netherlands, Belgium, and the United Kingdom; politics of World War II heritage in the Netherlands and its former colonies; the afterlives of colonialism and slavery in the Netherlands; legal histories of conquest, slavery, and indenture; and European political constructions and regulations of inter-racialized intimacies.

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Fataneh Farahani is professor in Ethnology at the department of Ethnology, History of Religion and Gender Studies at Stockholm University. Her main field of study is migration and displacement. By integrating ethnographical methodologies and intersectional approaches into the heart of migration scholarship, she extends the theorization of gendered (non)belonging to the contexts of spatial, temporal, cultural and linguistic (im)mobilities. The distinctive contributions of her work include: 1) applying gender and sexuality to the field of migration studies, 2) integrating race and translocational understandings in the field of masculinities studies, 3) analysing the field of epistemology and knowledge production through the lens of race, 5) integrating critical race and whiteness studies in the study of hospitality and hostility in civil societies.

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Marina de Regt is a feminist anthropologist who works at the Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology of Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam. She has done (collaborative) research in Morocco, Yemen, Ethiopia and Jordan and published extensively about a wide variety of topics. Her research has moved from the study of health care workers in a Dutch-Yemeni development project to migrant domestic workers in Yemen, and from the history of migration between Yemen and Ethiopia to adolescent girls' migration in Ethiopia. She also wrote about her friendships with Yemeni women and the impact of the war. In addition to academic publications, Marina aims to disseminate her research results to a wider audience. She has been involved in various film projects and is the initiator of the website *Lives in Perspective* (www.livesinperspective.org), with fictive stories of people living in conflict-ridden parts of the Middle East and Africa.

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Professor Hugo Canham

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Hugo Canham is a Professor at the Institute for Social and Health Sciences, University of South Africa. His work is located along the fault lines of black studies, African feminism, African queer theorisations and necropolitics. He studies the phenomenology of living at the margins of human value, suffering and death. His work is invested in detonating the binaries between the human and the natural, multispecies world. It may be understood within the transdisciplinary rubric of Black Planetary Studies. His book, *Riotous Deathscapes* is published by Duke University Press and copublished by Wits University Press in 2023.

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Ms Nomagugu Ngwenya

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Nomagugu Ngwenya is a PhD candidate at the University of South Africa (UNISA), and an emerging scholar at UNISA's Institute for Social and Health Sciences (ISHS). Having completed a Master's degree in Psychology at the University of the Witwatersrand, her interest are primarily set in critical social psychology. Through the exploration of race relations and gender dynamics, her work often aims to advocate for the inclusion of intersectional identities that are predominantly marginalised or overlooked. Within the Institute, she is currently working on projects that are aimed at understanding healing, and violence within community contexts; as well as leading on a campaign aimed at fostering social cohesion within surrounding communities of the Institute.

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