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Thematic area	African Psychology	Health Psychology	Trauma & Violence	
Chair	Ratele K	Deacon E	Suffla S	
08:15-10:15	"MOTHO O, KE MOTHO!": The Meaning of being Human According to the Batswana Elders Lephondo M A Narrative Analysis of Tertiary Students' Experiences with the Calling to become Traditional Healers Qhogwana S A Supervisor as a Gobela?: Ukuthwasa as Praxis to Decolonize and Heal the Supervisor-Student Relationship Thabolwethu Tema Maphosa Exploring African socio-cultural practices as strategies of prevention and enhancing resilience in Teenage Pregnancy Lekeka M Demographic and Family Network Influences On Psychosocial Health In Agincourt, South Africa: A Sem Analysis Ugwu L & Idemudia ES Ancestral Whispers: Redefining Calling Through Ukuthwasa and Relational Vocations Nabo-Bazana S & Bazana S	Cascade of risk: Community and caregiver perspectives on adolescent food insecurity, alcohol use and sexual risk in underserved communities Davids EL At a crossroads of risk: The mental health impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on hypertensive patients in South Africa Haine P, Coetzee B, Van Vuuren MJ, Kagee A & Shongwe L The mental health impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on diabetic patients in South Africa: Key insights and implications Haine P, Kagee A, Coetzee B, Van Vuuren MJ & Shongwe L The Role Of Peer Educators In HIV Prevention At A Higher Education Institution Soni TD Psychological impacts of irregular school attendance among high school learners in Vhembe district, Limpopo Province of South Africa. Magadani H Adaptive behaviour functioning of adolescents with perinatally acquired HIV infection and the efficacy of social skill training in Limpopo, South Africa Koko MB & Idemudia E S	Change with Intersecting systems of power: examining patriarchy, structural inequality, and systematic failures in everyday violence against women and girls in a Johannesburg informal settlement Mbambo N, Suffla S & Malherbe N Juxtaposing the South African Truth and Reconciliation Commission and the Transforming Historical Harms model Mbatha K "The Forgotten Ones": Revisiting the History of the South African Cape Coloured Corps Arendse D The Psychological Consequences of Digital Dating Violence Among Adolescents: A Call for Intervention Singh A, Swart LA, & van Niekerk A Exploring the Link Between Online and Offline Dating Violence Among South African Adolescents Singh A, Swart LA, & van Niekerk A Reflections on hosting a mental health GBV workshop in Mpumalanga, decolonizing therapy and social activism. Omar N	

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Opening Ceremony - PsySSA President

Arrival Tea and Coffee

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	Assessment & Evaluation	Gender	Counselling Psychology	Educational Psychology
	Green J	McLachlan C	Maree J	Govender R
5- :15	Emotional Social Screening Tool for School Readiness (E3SR-R) - Revised: IsiXhosa adaptation Reddi P, Munnik E, & Smith M.R Validating the updated psychometric properties of the SSAIS-R: Delphi insights on the ecological validity of the findings Clayton A & Fourie J	O8:15-09:15 Roundtable Has the Final Trump Card Been Played? The Erasure of Trans and Gender- Diverse People. McLachlan C, Brouard P, Msweli S, Victor C & Frizelle K	Career construction counselling intervention to promote the sense of calling of a disadvantaged black woman Maree J Inclusion of practice-based evidence research in mental health care provision: Implications for trainee and practitioner Rawatlal K	Navigating the Effects of Community Disorder on Child Development: An Ecological Exploration of Parenting on Social Contexts in South Africa. Rinquest N, Ismail G, Taliep N Time management: The pathway to academic success and well-being for grade 10 learners in Bloemfontein Ndashe T & Ramarumo M
	Enhancing Cognitive Stability in ADHD: The Impact of HEG Neurofeedback on Executive Functioning and Attentional Control Moodley N The process of translating the Experiences in Close Relationship (ECR) Scale into isiXhosa. Hadebe, M Social Well-being of Young Adults in Kenya, Namibia and South Africa Green J, Laher S & Thalmayer A Investigating the Psychometric Properties of the Coping Strategy Indicator (CSI) in a South African Male Incarcerated Offender Sample Jordaan J & Cronje M	O9:15-10:15 In Conversation with Time: Narrating Stories of Friendship Between Men Across Generations Bashe P Indlela ibuzwa kwabaphambili, from boys to father: The role of boys and fathers in preventing teenage pregnancy Mfene X Perceived Societal Reaction as Experienced by Divorced Men Makgahlela D & Maepa M	Successful adaptation of first- year students: Guidelines to facilitating resilience and well- being from an experiential learning perspective Mduduma T Couples Coping Enhancement Training - Sexual Minority Stress (CCET-SMS) Relationship Education Programme: Initial Pilot Testing Results Randall A & Totenhagen C Integrating "old" truths and "new" evidence to address people's evolving career counselling needs Maree J Beyond office walls: An exploration into psychologists' perspective on the role of remote work in career counselling Frieslaar C, Peer A & Ismail H	Exploring bullying as a mental health priority for grade 10 learners at a local school in Bloemfontein Free State Mabena M & Ramarumo M Application of three phase needs assessment framework to identify mental health priority issue areas for grade 10 learners at a local school in Bloemfontein Free State province. Ramarumo M Unveiling the Mental Health Struggles of Grade 10 Learners within the community of Beinsvlei in Bloemfontein Free State Ngubo L & Ramarumo M



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Thematic area	Decolonising Psychology	Teaching & Training	Clinical Psychology
Chair	Malherbe N	Dockrat SY	Viljoen B
Chair 10:45 - 12:45	Malherbe N 10:45 - 11:45 Dialogue: Writing and Publishing Books on African Psychology: Nurturing a Knowledge Ecosystem Suffla, S. Ratele K, Malherbe N, Dlamini S, Kiguwa P, & Barnes B Suffla S 11:45 - 12:45 Decolonizing Healing Landscapes: A Scoping Review of Spiritual Black Outdoors and Trauma Resistance in Johannesburg and Tshwane Mokobedi V "You can't parachute in transformation": Black women's experiences of the nGAP in South African universities Maseti T F*ck Decolonisation in Psychology Van Der Walt F	Educating for Peace: Exploring the Role of Curriculum in School Violence Prevention in South Africa Reuben S, Bobat S, Deveduthras N Fostering Resilience in Future Psychologists: Self-Efficacy and Coping Resources in Psychology Honours Students Magwegwe N & Kazi TB Exploring the concept of mentorability among a group of undergraduate students at a public university in South Africa Van Rensburg R, Richards Z, Gomes S, Meyers C, Billings-Padiachey A, & Wagner F Exploring the Alignment of the Registered Counsellor and their Intended Role: A Graduate Tracer Study in South Africa Calvert KL, Melrose S, & Byne K Scoping best practices for community engagement by tertiary education institutions: A scoping review Christian C & Nkwanyana A Reclaiming our African identities: The role of African Academic staff in teaching an African centred Psychology Qhogwana S	The Mindfulness Walk - Taking Psychotherapy From The Consulting Room Into Nature En Route To The Facilitation Of Well-Being In Society Van Zyl JD Acculturation, Quality Of Life And Mental Health Of African Refugees In Europe Idemudia ES The Addictive Society: an unconscious perspective. Howes D A Systematic Review of Digital Mental Health Interventions for Students During the COVID-19 Pandemic. Kader Z, & Padmanabhanunni A The Parent-Child Relationship and Well-being of Adolescents in Families with a Current History of Maternal Mental Illness. Mabusela T & Phakane S Bridging Mental Health interventions and African healing practices: The role of AmaGqirha (South African, Xhosa Divine Healers) in advancing an integrative model of clinical practice. Siswana A
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Se	exuality	Clinical Psychology	Childhood Studies	Community Psychology
Ne	el JA	Makgahlela M	Burrow G	Franciscus G
45 In	ovited Address: Inducting Empirical esearch with Sexual Minority dividuals across the Globe andall A	Post-modern perspectives on grief and bereavement for the enhancement of clinical care among diverse populations Religious Beliefs as a Source of Meaning-Making in Bereavement: Implications for Research on Death and Grief Therapy Marindi IK, Mphela L, & Mothapo M African Traditional Religions' beliefs, practices and rituals serve as bereavement-related meaning making pathways Mulaudzi N & Khumalo I Student Narratives on Continuing Bonds with Deceased Parents in a South	"I don't know what to do": Teachers' perceived incompetence to Disclose Child Sexual Abuse a perpetuating factor? Makhosazane Mabaso N Exploring Parenting Styles Among isiZulu Parents in Rural KwaZulu-Natal: A Qualitative Study Dlamini A & Ismail H Transitioning from High School to Higher Education Institutions (HEIs): A Case Study of High School Learners at Mpumalanga, South Africa Masekoameng S, Pitsoane E, & Bayane P Breaking Barriers: The Critical Need for Free Adolescent Counselling from an NPO Perspective	10:45 - 11:45 Roundtable: The experiences of teaching Solution-Focused Brief Therapy and its usefulness within community settings Franciscus G, Symington S, Chitanga J, Byne K, Ann Retter CC
Ge	ender	African University Setting	Burrow G	Occupational Wellness
Exx of ide Ma Be set Un GN NA Bla ple MC 'Zzco bo rel bo	ender el JA 45 - 12:45 Aploring the influence Contextual factors and ealised masculinity on ale Students' Help-Seeking ehaviours and access to ervices in College and niversity Campuses wambe S Gwambe S, kosi S & Sikweyiya Y ack men narratives joy, easure and excitement. Indukwevho NE amalek crates and curbside enversations': Working with exps' and young men's gender lationality in an open-access exing gymerrington S	Molepo M & Makgahlela M Bereaved mothers and fathers on Continuing Bonds with a Miscarried Child in a South African Township setting Sathekge M & Mothapo M Suicide bereaved mothers and continuing bonds in Township community setting, South Africa Mabyana NP, Maotoana M, Setwaba M, Makgahlela M & Mothapo M	Child and Adolescent mental health and associated risk and resilience factors in the uMgungundlovu Education District in KwaZulu - Natal Ramparsad B Exploring Perceptions of Parenting Stress and Mental Healthcare-Seeking Beliefs: A Qualitative Study of Muslim Millennial Parents in Cape Town. Hoosen Z & Mkabile S	Pillay A 11:45 - 12:45 Roundtable: Depression and its toll on health care professionals - how can we help? Pillay A, Kramers-Olen, A & Den Hollander, D

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	Environmental & Climate Psychology	Professional Regulatory Support & Guidance	Educational Psychology	Social Psychology
	Barnes B	Ngcobo-Sithole MB	Metsing M	Cherrington A
5 <i>-</i> 45	Stories of life beside the coast: Navigating the difficulties and successes of negotiating living, leisure pursuits, and spiritual journeys in the ocean. Gwadiso X, Canham H, Malherbe N, & James S Exploring environmental determinants of health: Insights from Collaborative public engagement Monakali S, Hendricks L, & Zeeman N What is our response to climate change: Climate psychology or consumer psychology? Ahmed R & Basadien T	Professional Conduct: Upholding Standards in Healthcare Ngcobo-Sithole MB HPCSA complaints management process and analysis of trends in complaints Mabasa K Health Professions Council of South Africa	Epigenetics In Education. Elevating Educators And Rewriting Educational DNA Hattingh B Promoting Educators' Psychological Well- Being Following Learner Victimisation in Mopani District of Limpopo Province, South Africa: Guidelines and Strategies. Badimo TP What do educators know about dyscalculia in the UK, Italy, Vietnam and South Africa - Implications for SA policymakers and Researchers. Erasmus P & Roulstone A Strategies of Teachers Using the Neurosequential Model in Education to Ameliorate the	The Lived Experiences Related to the Mental Health of Women who Separated with their Partners During Pregnancy, in Cottondale, Mpumalanga, South Africa. Thema JR The Role of Sense of Entitlement in Predicting Intimate Partner Abuse Risk Among Dating Youth in Workplaces Lekomanyane L & Ajele K Perspectives of Blessees: A Psychological Framework for Understanding and Preventing Intergenerational Sexual Relationships Sibanyoni S Young male's perceptions of mental health: A scoping
	Crisis & Disaster		Effects of Childhood Adversity Glanville N	review Moagi M
	Peters F		The Relationship between	What is your name?
	An Interpretive Phenomenological Analysis Of Psychological Treatment Effects On Individuals Who Experienced Motor Vehicle Accidents In Namibia Janik M "School-based Mental Health Professionals' Preparedness and Experiences during the COVID-19 Pandemic in the Western Cape, South Africa" Everett S & Kagee A An Autoethnography of a Self-Employed South African Psychotherapist During COVID-19 Nel J		Perfectionism, Psychological Distress, and Resilience in South African University Students **Botha M & Mawila-Chauke** **Botha M & Mawila-Chauke** **The Relationship between Particular Psychological Distress, and Resilience in South African University Students **Botha M & Mawila-Chauke** **The Relationship between Particular Psychological Distress, and Resilience in South African University Students **Botha M & Mawila-Chauke** **The Relationship between Particular Psychological Distress, and Resilience in South African University Students **Botha M & Mawila-Chauke** **The Relationship between Particular Psychological Distress, and Resilience in South African University Students **Botha M & Mawila-Chauke** **The Relationship between Particular Psychological Distress, and Resilience in South African University Students **Botha M & Mawila-Chauke** **The Relationship between Particular Psychological Distress Psychological District Psychological Distress Psychological Distress Psychological Distress Psychological District Psychologic	Boltman M, Makama R, Thomas N Understanding attitudes as emergent social information systems that encode social identity; and polarization as an identity-imbued system configuration Quayle M



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Thematic area	Gender	Psychology & the Media	Risk, Resilience, & Recovery
Chair	Stephens A	Crause E	Ramparsad B
16:00-18:00	Domestic Workers' Dreams Of Freedom Mathebula M Conversations Mothers have with their Children about Political Identity Skinner N & Makama R Moving in Between Choices and Conflicts: Grandmothers and Granddaughters' Intergenerational Narratives of Embodied Gender and Race Rasodi R & Kiguwa P Creative Resilience MVP: A Co-Designed Digital Mental Health Intervention for Young Women Living with HIV Mashaba M, Mtshali N, Young T, Hendricks L	Framing Men's Mental Health: An Analysis of Narratives in South African Men's Health Magazine Mashaba M, Andipatin M, Faroa B Using social media as a participatory tool to produce educational content aimed at reducing pre-teen pregnancy in under-resourced areas in Cape Town, South Africa. Thomas N, Hendricks L Black African Women Journalists and Bloggers Experiences of technology-facilitated gender-based violence Mhlangulana A Clinical Psychology Richards L 17:00-18:00 Roundtable Navigating Community Service in South Africa: Reflections on the Challenges, Opportunities and Societal Impact Richards L, Bassa H, Thompson LT, Ngubane Y, King M	The resilience of informal caregivers of people with dementia embedded in their experiences, challenges and coping Manyathi L & Mfene X The mental health of children and youth in the Ehlanzeni Education District of Mpumalanga Province: Associated risk and resilience factors Nkhwashu L Health And Wellness Experiences Of Students Studying In Distance Learning Institution Ncongwane H Surviving the Storm: The Psychological Toll of Economic Crises and the Urgent Need for Community-Focused Mental Health Support Ebrahim R Exploring the Role of Young Adults' Cognitive Biases on Political Decision-Making in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa. Boshi D & Molokoe K Psychological and social ramifications of road traffic crashes on the families of road traffic crash survivors: Key findings and research gaps Nkuna M
18:00	End of Day 1		

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Developmental Psychology	Professional Regulatory Support & Guidance	African Psychology	Community Psychology
Ismail H	August JO	De Beer M	Durand D
Marital status and level of education differences in quality of life of parents raising children diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Nekhavhambe MS & Maepa MP Autism Spectrum Disorder Through the Lens of Culture: Parental Perceptions and Insights Daniel R, Ismail H, Chetty L, Williamson J, Chetty C Parents' voices: exploring the experiences of parenting autistic children in KwaZulu-Natal Raleigh T & Ismail H A qualitative study on the experiences of women who were diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder in adulthood. Vernon J & Ismail H Maternal emotional and psych-social experiences of support during pregnancy in the low income communities in Cape Town Adams-Adonis N	HPCSA Workshop: Development Pathways Programme August JO & Tabane R Health Professions Council of South Africa	Africanisation in cognitive assessment - from early attempts to modern methods De Beer M Fathers' response to cultural child-rearing roles and practices when rearing a child with autism spectrum disorder Maganya M, Baloyi M, Pierce M, Maepa M Indlela ibuzwa kwabaphambili - Manganyi and Psychology in South Africa Nguse S Money culture: Ubuntu, Economic Behavior, and the Financial Ethics of the Black Professional Nkosi K Bridging the Divide: Psychologists' Perspectives on Integrating African Traditional Healing and Western Psychological Treatment in South Africa Nabo-Bazana S & Buthelezi B Child Intellectual Disability in Khayelitsha, Cape Town, South Africa: Engaging with caregivers, spiritual healers Ndlazi N	Cultural Competence & Congruence: Impacts on Effective Mental Health Treatment & Accessibility for Individuals in Impoverished Communities. Lesala B & Davids S Trauma-Sensitive Mindfulness in Humanitarian Psychology: A Bridge Between Psychological Intervention and Cultural Adaptation Jeebodh-Desai J Therapists' Perspectives on Family Therapy within Multicultural Families of Kwa Zulu Natal Govender V & Molokoe K The psychological impact of gambling and betting among young adults in Africa: A critical review Chitanga J, Melrose S, & Calvert KL The Power of Psychoeducation on Social ills in Rural Settings: South African Context. Sithole-Tetani N The Reciprocal Influence of Psychology and Society: A Social Constructivist Perspective Sigamoney RF

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Thematic area	Decolonising Psychology	Health Psychology	AI & Psychology
Chair	Carolissen R	Roomaney R	Crause E
08:00-10:00	Appositional Consciousness: State of freedom/unfreedom Simango J Exploring African sociocultural practices as strategies of prevention and resilience in Teenage Pregnancy Mkabile S A decolonial approach to "belonging" in South African Psychology Carolissen R Towards Transformative Tutoring: Integrating Decolonial Frameworks, Critical Community Psychology, and Soft Skills in Psychology Education. Zoutenberg Z, Basadien T, Ahmed R, Mamutse S, Rinquest N, & Melesse M Geographies of Refusal: Mobility (In)Justice and the Decolonial Struggle for Belonging Dutta U Afrocentric Approaches to Trauma-Informed Responses in the Context of Climate Change in KwaZulu-Natal Buthelezi N, Mngomezulu T & Makhonza L	Symposium Current Health Psychology in South Africa What should an intervention designed to optimize paediatric adherence to antiretroviral therapy look like and who should be involved? Insights from caregivers, community health workers and experts in HIV Coetzee B & Mhlanga S Students' menstrual experiences and concealment strategies. Setswe K, Roomaney R, Peters F, Mosalisa M & Jackson K Female university students' experiences of sexual and reproductive healthcare. Saal W, Roomaney R, Peters F, Setswe K, Saal W, Mosalisa M & Jackson K Exploring the experiences of stigma in young adults living with type 1 diabetes Maretlwa L & Deacon E	Demonstration Al Integration from datapoint to insights. Helping practitioners move from surveys and questionnaires to business intelligence (using Copilot and the Microsoft 365 Suite). Crause E

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	Assessment & Evaluation	Clinical Psychology	Educational Psychology	Political Psychology
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)- O	Investigating the Psychometric Properties of the Prison Adjustment Questionnaire (PAQ) amongst South African Male Incarcerated Offenders Jordaan J, Pretorius S & Esterhuyse K Navigating Language Diversity in Cognitive Assessments: A Decision Tree Model for Psychologists Truter S Factorial Validity of the Setswana Translation of the Brief Inventory of Thriving in an Adult Sample from South Africa Sithole N, Gobile S, Cromhout A, Wissing M, Mudau T & Schutte L Efficient Test Selection in Culturally Diverse Contexts: A Test-and-Norm Finder for Psychologists Truter S The evolution of psychological assessment: Bridging traditional methods and digital tools in practice Mawila-Chauke D & Clayton A	Mental Health Literacy among Christian Charismatic Pastors in uThukela District: A Study of Conceptions and Attitudes Towards Schizophrenia Mavundla N Evaluating Public Stigma Towards Mental Illness in Windhoek, Namibia Janik M Exploring ambiguous loss and resilience through the interdisciplinary lens of the Joy Seen model. De Backer L Posttraumatic Growth as a Mediator Between Acculturative Stress, Student Stress, and Psychological Well-Being Idemudia EM & Nkarenbi J A Mixed-method study of Crisis perception, Personality, Trust and Happiness on Mental Health of Youth in South Africa Rantho K Exploring Perceptions of Non-Traditional Parenting Among Young Adults in Johannesburg, South Africa Appadoo P	Bridging Psychology and Mathematics: The Impact of Personality on Study Orientation and Maths Achievement Rajab P & Motileng B Development of the Study Orientation Questionnaire in Mathematics - Teacher and Parent Forms Wiggett J, Rajab P & Maree K Psychological, social, and physical ecologies for child resilience: A socioecological perspective Pillay J The mental health of grade 9 students presenting with aggressive behaviours in the Ekurhuleni North District of Gauteng Sekgobela E & Pillay J From Learner to Leader: The Transformative Power of Graduate Attributes De Sousa D Adolescent learners' perceptions of mental health support received at secondary schools in the Sarah Baartman District. Isaacs A & Pillay J	Pillay A 08:30 - 10:00 Roundtable Activism in apartheid South Africa & beyond Cooper S Discussant: Bawa U



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	Screening	Round Table:	Using GPTs in Practice: Explore
	'A 100 African Psychology Films' Initiative and screening of the 'An Epidemic of Loneliness' Ratele K	Training challenges in KwaZulu-Natal in the context of recent disruptive events and historical disadvantage Johnston E, Kramers-Olen A, Siyothula B, Mkhize S, Peters M & Mvelase A	how psychologists can use ChatGPT (Claude, Gemini, Grok) and integrated GPT tools to create, adapt, and deliver psychological resources, ethically and effectively Crause E
		Pillay A	
		11:30-12:30	
		Round Table:	
		The value of Kleinman's explanatory model of illness in enhancing intervention efficacy Pillay A & Pillay I	
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Industrial & Organisational Psychology	Sexuality	Assessment & Evaluation	Ethics
Williams R	Nel JA	Maphula A	Lazarus T
"Threats at my fingertips": the case of cybersecurity awareness in the SANDF Bester K All of Work? All of Life? Ontology of South African Mothers and Remote Work Benton D & Govender J Epigenetics, Power Intelligence And Rewriting Organizational DNA Hattingh B Critical reflection on catchall use and measurement of employee engagement: Toward conceptual clarity Steyn R A nexus on career leadership and depth psychology Parsadh A Navigating Challenges: Key Skills and Characteristics for Effective South African Shop Stewards Matjie M	Gueering psychological practice, training and writing: Towards affirmative (and creative) praxis for LGBTQIA+ people Nel JA How competent are psychologists in working with sexually diverse clients? Victor C Using Photovoice to trouble "compulsory anonymity" during research with gay and bisexual men Pillay S Telling Our Stories: The Power of Poetry and Creative Writing in Queer Mental Health Msweli S The lived experiences of Black African cisgender lesbian women residing in South African townships Dlamini T Ethics, Intimacy, and Reflexivity in Kink Research Martin J	SACERT-Integrated Measures Bank (IMB): A Collaborative Effort Across Multiple Institutions to enhance research and practice Maphula A Assessing Non-English- Speaking Grade 1 Children Using the WISC-V Nonverbal Index: Preliminary Findings from a South African Context Truter S & Shuttleworth- Edwards, A.B. A psychometric comparison of item response formats in child measurement: Harter vs. Likert type format Makhubela M	Ethics: Dealing with Aggressive Partners in Couples Therapy Bassa H Critical reflections on ethical guidelines: Aligning Ethical Procedures in Higher Education Institutions with the Needs of Community-Based Research Jefferis T, Neethling M & Viljoen B Virtual Therapy and Ethical Considerations: Safeguarding Clients and Practitioners Mashiapata MJ Ethical Issues in Adolescent Criminal Neuropsychological Assessment Lazarus T & Lazarus GT Fitting a square peg into a round hole Viljoen B & Nicolau M

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area Chair Ma 13:30 - 15:30 Sy He De	Decolonising Psychology Malherbe N Symposium:	Health Psychology Venter Z	Indigenous Knowledge & Healing Systems
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Na inf Ng Ma No co Do Th Co rev Ri Su	Realing In Space And Time: Decolonial Praxis In South Africa Malherbe N Iderratives of history and healing in a formal settlement spaces Malherbe N Idestalgia and healing in three communities Manual N, Malherbe N & Suffla S The languages we heal in: Considering the complexities and ewards of multilingual research Michardson P, Malherbe N & Malherbe N Marticles and places of healing Morkel J, Suffla S & Malherbe N	Comparative analyses of Individual wellbeing among Sexually and Gender-Diverse Couples in South Africa and Nigeria Venter Z & Mathebula T Navigating Compassion Fatigue Among Palliative Care Nurses in Gauteng Muller C Unmasking distress: An analysis of COVID-19s mental health impact on nurses in South Africa Van Vuuren MJ, Haine P, Coetzee B & Kagee A Shifting Plates: Exploring the Evolution of Plant-Based Diet Discourse in South Africa (2013-2023) Venter Z Genetic Psychology. Healing With 528 Hz - The Alchemy Of The Heart. Hattingh B Taking the Big Step: Comparison between finger pricking method and using the continuous glucose monitor by a Type 1 Diabetic Wells R	Siswana A 13:30 – 14:30 Intersection of African spiritual practices and clinical psychology through the lens of my dual identity as a clinical psychologist and Igqirha kwaXhosa (Xhosa divine healer): Dirty work in clinical practice Siswana A Healing Trauma: Integrating Indigenous Healing and Psychotherapy Basadien T, Melesse M, Ahmed R, Mamutse S & Zoutenberg Z Integrating Ubuntu Philosophy in Promoting and Communication of Mental Health Through Traditional Healing Practices. Hlengwa WM Forensic Psychology Rawatlal N 14:30 – 15:30 Reading the Streets of Pain, Streets of Shame document through a Developmental Psychological Lens Viljoen B Establishing and integrating forensic clinical psychology services within PHC in the JHD - A strategic plan Rawatlal N The Long-Term Impact of Juvenile Criminal Behaviour on Adult Criminal Involvement in South Africa: The Role of Early Intervention Programs Viljoen B

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F A ai P O ai L G d c c c p P Irin d in	Symposium: Developing a successful career in psychology: A dasterclass Dillay A Expanding career horizons in Psychology: Not by Coincidence! Details of the psychology can career Paths Description of the psychology can career Paths Description of the psychologist's 36-Year Description of Insight, Adaptation and Growth Dockhat R Description of the psychologies Dillay S Description of the psychologies Dillay S Description of the psychology Description of	An exploration of educators' perceptions of their psychosocial well-being in primary school contexts in the Eastern Cape. Monakali S, Adoni T-A, & Raats C Resilience-enabling resources for parents of children with Autism Spectrum Disorder Mandaza S & Mawile-Chauke D Caregiver Advocacy for the Educational Needs of Foster Children in Marginalised Care Facilities Methi L Navigating Adolescent Mental Health: Insights from a Mixed Methods Study in Tshwane South De Wit N Redefining Fairness: Assessment Accommodations for an Inclusive Higher Education De Sousa D Psychological interventions utilised to provide emotional support to adolescents in South Africa: a scoping review. Symington S & Chitanga J	Bridging the Mind and Cognition: The Impact of Psychotherapy on Cognitive Functioning in a Trauma- Affected Young Adult Moodley N Neuropsychological Outcome After Covid-19: Two Case Studies Lazarus T The Meaning of Insomnia for South African Women: A Phenomenological Inquiry Baker M Neurocognitive Resilience: Cumulative Risks and Cognitive Function Pillay LG Artificial Intelligence and Neuropsychology Lazarus T Lost but not Defeated: A First- Hand Account of Artificial Intelligence and Cognitive (In) justice Vorster L	Den Hollander D 13:30 - 15:00 Roundtable Rick Turner: The Imagination That Dared to Dream Den Hollander D



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Thematic	Teaching & Training	Health Psychology	Assessment & Research Methods		
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15:45-17:30	The utilisation of microcredentialing as a tool to expand the scope of competence for psychologists Dockrat SY & Rajab, P Policy Development on the Ethical use of Artificial Intelligence for the Psychology Honours students: A Delphi Study protocol Chitanga J, Moodley MC, Retter CCA, & Byne K Why psychology? An investigation into the career motivations of male psychologists practising in Johannesburg Coovadia M The development of an university-wide inclusive mental wellness strategy Dockrat SY & Selepe C	Reflections on peer to peer led interventions: Looking at the way peers are disseminating information <i>Mamutse S</i> Prevalence and risk typology of pedestrian fatalities in South Africa <i>Hector T & Govender R</i> Echoes of Personality: Exploring Sound and Noise Perception through the Lense of the Big 5 Personality Traits *Haymann I, Pottas L, Coetzee N & Graham MA* Psychobiography as a lens for understanding leadership and social change *Harry T* The Significance of Distant Support: How Geographic Distance from Close Family and Friends Can Contribute towards Successful Marriages *Deliwe-Juju Z*	The methodological alignment of qualitative psychology research studies to the research question posed by researchers in South Africa English E, De Klerk W, & De Klerk E Exploring the utility of meta-study to qualitatively construct emotion in psychology Philander S & Maree D Identifying central symptoms of eating disorder and development of the brief version of the EDE-Q-13 for homosexual men: Using network analysis and machine learning Makhubela M The centrality of typical or atypical eating disorder symptoms, and attachment functioning in South African homosexual men: A psychometric network approach Mukhoro R & Makhubela M		
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Thematic area	African Psychology	Environmental & Climate Psychology	Trauma & Violence
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10:00 - 10:30 | Tea/Coffee Break, Exhibition and Poster Presentations



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Thematic	Sexuality	Professional Regulatory	Teaching & Training
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Chair	Brouard P	Mbodi M	Mathenjwa S
10:30 - 12:30	10:30 - 12:00	10:30 - 12:00	10:30 - 11:30
10:30 - 12:30	Roundtable Working with survivors of Conversion Practices Brouard P	HPCSA Workshop: The Impairment Programme of the Health Professions Council of South Africa Mbodi M Health Professions Council of South Africa	Facilitating Critical Social Justice And Citizenship For All UKZN Students
			Educational Psychology Metsing M 11:30 - 12:30 Roundtable Neurodevelopmental Disorders: The present state in SA and the implications for the future. Erasmus P & Metsing M

12:30 - 13:00 | Closing Ceremony



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	Clinical Psychology	Professional Regulatory Support & Guidance	Community Psychology	Self-care
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0 - 30	Symposium: Youth mental health in South Africa: Some recent evidence from on-going research in places of learning and development Sodi T Promoting mental health in places of learning and development in South Africa - the PreHPare initiative Themane M & Sodi T Mental health among adolescents and youth in South Africa: A bibliometric analysis and systematic review Muchemwa M, Marindi I, Manganyi C & Sodi T Personality traits correlate with depression and anxiety among school-going adolescents in Tshwane Townships Maepa MP Prevalence of depression and associated factors among secondary school learners from rural-and-township settings in Mankweng Circuit, Limpopo Province, South Africa Phochana T, Makgahlela M, Sodi T and Darikwa Timotheus	Workshop From Compliance to Critical Engagement: Ethical Reflections on POPIA in Psychological Practice Viljoen B & Kleintjes S	The Impact of Substance Use as a Coping Strategy amongst University Students Ogbonna Z & Ramarumo M Imploring the Hope Revolution Substance Abuse Prevention and Awareness Training Program to Peer Educators within Higher Education Institutions. Myaka N, Makola S, Nkili G, Masondo N Development And Validation Of The Psycho-Social Competency Model For Marital Success And Satisfaction Within A South African Context. Sebitloane OOH & Mathe VC Exploring Public Health Volunteering by Psychologists as a Response to the Healthcare Crisis: Possibilities and Pitfalls Richards L Psychology in Society and Society in people Masekwameng LM Development of a community safety and peace mobile app: A scoping review James S, Ismail G & Taliep N	10:30 – 12:00 Wellness Session Self-care debriefing circles Cherrington A

Closing Ceremony



Poster Presentations

Tuesday, 14 October 2025

10:15-10:45

A psychobiography of Idi Amin: The primitive psychic mechanisms that propelled his lifespan development

Fouché P & Prince C

An exploratory study regarding Genderbased violence among men in Alexandra township, Gauteng Province.

Mushwana M, Mphephu K & Dzhombere F

Exploration of cultural practices and their psychosocial functions on bereavement across the Vhavenda culture, Thulamela Municipality.

Mushwana M

Special educator care experiences of learners with intellectual and developmental disability who have a history of sexual abuse

Mdikana A, Ntshangase S, Phasha NT & Kunutu D

Factors contributing to body image dissatisfaction among female students

Balovi V & Phadu M

Psychological effects of cyberbullying in South African schools: A critical review

Matlou T & de Klerk W

Growth Mindset as a Psychoeducational Framework to Enhance Mental Wellbeing and Professional Readiness in Distance Teacher Education

Khanyile Z & Ntshangase S

Conceptualising Positive Youth Development in the African Context: A Systematic Review of Theory and Practice

Shirima CM, Naudé L & Thalmayer A

Tuesday, 14 October 2025

15:45-16:00

The effects of gender-based violence on the psychological wellbeing of exposed community members, in a selected rural village in Vhembe district of Limpopo province

Radzilani M

Uncovering the Roots of Substance Abuse: Teachers' insights into Precipitating Factors Among Secondary School learners in Capricorn District, Limpopo Province, South Africa

Chueng M

Psychological challenges experienced by correctional services officials: A case of Polokwane Correctional Service Centre.

Maotoana M

Towards An Applied African Psychology In South Africa: A Scoping Review

Kayat B & Cartwright D

The Social Self in a Colonial World: Exploring Coloured Women's Identities and Cultural Expression

Gordon E

Social support, resilience and mental health of university students in Windhoek

Mpofu M, Shino E & Gentz S

Assessing women's birth-giving experience with regard to respect and decision-making in Windhoek state hospitals

Gowases K, Haidula L & Shino E

Poster Presentations



Wednesday, 15 October 2025

10:00-10:30

The Voice of a Generation: An Adlerian Psychobiography of Whitney Houston

Fouché P & Mathebula N

Psychological challenges of student counsellors during practicum training in Sub-Saharan Africa. A scoping Review.

Mphephu K

Trauma Bonding: Exploring the Underlying Belief Systems and Fears that Keep Men in Abusive Relationships

Nekhavhambe V

Intersecting identities: Black student psychologists' experiences in a historically white institution

Lakay J & Salie M

Bridging Faith and Therapy: Insights from Psychologists Working with Muslim Clients

Salie M

Advancing Effective Quality Teaching Practices in Higher Education: A Multi-Dimensional Framework for Evaluation and Professional Development

Kendall J

South African Adolescents' Perceptions of the Return of Incidental Findings in Neuroimaging Research: A Qualitative Study

King M, Seedat S & Matshabane P

Essential attributes for caregivers providing care and support for adult family members who suffered severe traumatic brain injury (sTBI)

Sodi E

Wednesday, 15 October 2025

15:30-15:45

The association between intimate partner violence and antiretroviral therapy adherence among individuals receiving ART care in Johannesburg

Phiri-Sithole L

Exploring family interventions on mental health in South Africa: A systemic review

Adams - Adonis N , Milligan J, Kuiper M, Cootee Z & Kidwell J

The role of Ubuntu as a community intervention strategy in addressing mental health challenges during and post COVID-19 pandemic

Mashamba L, Mulaudzi T, Sundarraju S, Subramanaian R & Netshisaulu O

The Influence of Family Functioning on the Social and Emotional Competence of Preadolescents

Leibrandt V

Supporting learners with complex health issues: What can communities do?

Mavuso M

Our story: Factors influencing teenagemother's resilience towards completion of their education and future goalsetting

Babedi M

Cultural Identity on a Plate: A Qualitative Study on Food Symbolism and Psychological Well-Being in South Africa

Meyer T & Tolken R

Equipping Psychology Students to Sit in Discomfort: A Critical Resilience Tool for Workplace Readiness

Martin L

Poster Presentations

Thursday, 16 October 2025

10:00-10:30

Registered Counsellor's Perspective on the Critical role of Emotional Regulation in Addressing Trauma

Williams PG

Parental identity: A systematic review of definitions, key characteristics, related identity domains, and research trends.

Nel R, Naudé L & Piotrowski K

The role of Family Functioning on the Social and Emotional Competence of Preadolescents

Leibrandt R

Unraveling the Enigma: Exploring the Causal Roots of Infertility as explained by the Bapedi Elders in Moletije Moshate, South Africa, An Afrocentric perspective.

Muila L

Inclusive Voice Through Action Research: **Empowering Communities to Address** Their Own Challenges

Martin L

