

# HSRC partners with DSI to present Science Forum 2020

The HSRC, leading a consortium of South African social sciences and humanities institutions, is partnering with the DSI in presenting this year's Science Forum, which will take place virtually from the 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

The virtual event will be hosted in place of the HSRC-DSI conference, "Radical Reason", which would have concluded the commemoration projects and activities for the 50th Anniversary of the HSRC and 90th Anniversary of the HSRC's predecessor, the National Bureau for Educational and Social Research (NBESR).

Given the global pandemic, the HSRC will lead the consortium at the virtual DSI Science Forum in a series of activities which seek to understand the complexity of our present moment as it presents itself to us as human beings.

Prompted by the global events of 2020 which saw life, science and race raised to new profiles with the spread of the novel coronavirus and the Black Lives Matter protests, we seek to stimulate and engage critical knowledges that reflect the full complexity of today's lived experiences and conditions. In such times – on the horizon of a not yet fully determinable world – radical thought, science, ethics, institutional arrangements, and other shared systems of valuation and understanding are required to give depth and meaning to the full articulation of the questions that we need to be asking now to engender a just and equal world to come. No one discipline or system of thought can

answer, or fully account for, the questions we are facing as humanity today. We call this, in short, the time for radical reason.

Consortium partners include: Sol Plaatje University, the Academy of Science of South Africa (ASSAf), the National Research Foundation (NRF), International Science Council (ISC), Universities South Africa (USAf), Faculty of Humanities at the University of Pretoria (UP), Centre for Humanities Research (CHR) at the University of the Western Cape (UWC), as well as Environmental Humanities South of the University of Cape Town (UCT).

Kindly find more details regarding the Science Forum, the detailed programme and a link to register at:  
<https://esastap.org.za/sfsa2020/>.

## Opening Session

9<sup>th</sup> December 2020

14:00

14:00 Welcome and opening address by South Africa's Minister of Higher Education, Science and Innovation, Dr Blade Nzimande

14:20 Special message from the African Union Commissioner for Human Resources, Science and Technology, Prof Sarah Anyang Agbor

14:30 Messages of Support from International Partners

15:00 Science Forum South Africa 2020 Lecture: Prof Quarraisha Abdool Karim & Prof Salim Abdool Karim – reflections on their careers devoted to “Science for Social Justice”

15:45 Presentation of the “500 Years of the Strait of Magellan Award” to Prof Quarraisha Abdool Karim & Prof Salim Abdool Karim by the Chilean Ambassador to South Africa, HE Ambassador Francisco Javier Berguño Hurtado

16:00 Presentation of SFSA 2020 programme, Professor Crain Soudien CEO HSRC

16:30 Book Launch: Fabric of Dissent: Public Intellectuals in South Africa (HSRC Press)

Sessions hosted by the DSI

16:30

## HSRC Radical Reason Consortium: Plenary Address

10<sup>th</sup> December 2020

09:00

**The Future of Transdisciplinarity: How do we Relearn to be Human in New Ways?**

**Speaker:** Dr Mamphela Ramphele

**Respondent:** Professor Coleen Vogel

**Chair:** Professor Daya Reddy

10:00

# HSRC Radical Reason Consortium: Conversations with Global Thinkers

## 10<sup>th</sup> December 2020

10:00 **Dr Shaj Mohan**

10:45 Interviewed by: Dr Rachel Adams

14:00 **Professor Boaventura de Sousa Santos** in conversation with  
**Professor Sabelo Ndlovu-Gatsheni**

14:45 Moderated by: Professor Tshepo Madlingozi

17:30 **Professor Homi Bhabha** in conversation with **Professor Premesh Lalu**

18:15 Moderated by: Professor Jean Baxen

# HSRC Radical Reason Consortium: Roundtable Discussions

## 10<sup>th</sup> December 2020

11:45 **Discourses of Race**

**Chair:** Professor Himla Soodyall

13:15 **Panelists:** Professor Crain Soudien, Professor Cathy Burns and Professor Collet Dandara

## 11<sup>th</sup> December 2020

09:00 **Peer Review, Research Excellence and Epistemic Justice**

**Chair:** Professor Jane Carruthers

10:30 **Panelists:** Professor Keyan Gray Tomaselli, Mr Phila Msimang, Dr Bridget Farham and Dr Joel Modiri

# HSRC Radical Reason Consortium: Book Launches

## 09<sup>th</sup> December 2020

16:30 **The Fabric of Dissent: Public Intellectuals in South Africa**, edited by  
Vasu Reddy, Narnia Bohler-Muller, Gregory Houston, Maxi Schoeman and Heather Thuynsma

**Presenters:** Prof Vasu Reddy and Prof Narnia Bohler-Muller

**Respondents:** Prof William Gumede and Dr Sithembile Mbete

17:30 **Chair:** Professor Crain Soudien

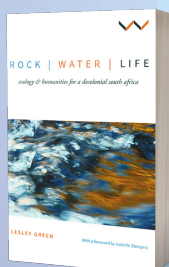


## 10<sup>th</sup> December 2020

18:30 **Rock | Water | Life: Ecology and Humanities for a De-colonial South Africa**,  
Lesley Green (Duke University Press, 2020)

**Presenter:** Professor Lesley Green

19:30 **Chair:** Professor Heidi van Rooyen



# Academic Panels

## 10<sup>th</sup> December 2020

10:00

**10:00** **Influencing Science in Africa Through a Gendered Lens – A Decade of Progress or Stagnation? (HSRC)**

**Chair:** Dr Palesa Sekhejane  
**Moderator:** Professor Cheryl Hendricks  
**Speakers:** Professor Ntebogeng Mokgalaka-Fleischman, Professor Salome Maswime and Professor Felix Dakora

**11:30** **Respondent:** Professor Kgomotso Masemola

**11:45** **Violence Against Women: Gender and Social Justice (HSRC)**

**Chair:** Prof Narnia Bohler-Muller  
**Presenters:** Prof Amanda Gouws, Fundisile Nzimande and Prof Joleen Steyn Kotze

**Education and social justice: themes, debates and dilemmas in post-apartheid South Africa (HSRC)**

**Chair:** Dr Adam Cooper  
**Presenters:** Ms Jacqueline Harvey, Ms Zama Mthombeni and Dr Sylvia Hannan

13:15

**14:00** **The Protection of Personal Information Act No 4 of 2013: A Code of Conduct for Research (ASSAf)**

**Discussants:** Prof Michele Ramsay, Dr Rachel Adams, Dr Harriet Etheredge, Dr Antonel Olckers, Prof Tobias Schonwetter and Prof Collet Dandara

**BEING ALHIV' WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT ADOLESCENTS LIVING WITH HIV IN SOUTH AFRICA?**

**A Youth Dialogue (HSRC)**  
 Koketso Rathumbu and Lerato Morulane  
**Presenters:** Dr Inba Naidoo and Dr Rebecca Hodes  
**Speaker:** Bubbly Winnie  
**Facilitated**  
**Discussion:** K. Rathumbu and L. Morulane

15:30

**African Histories and Philosophies of Technology: African Narratives of Artificial Intelligence (HSRC with the Leverhulme Centre for the Future of Intelligence, University of Cambridge)**

**Chair:** Rachel Adams  
**Opening**  
**Remarks:** Dr Stephen Cave and Dr Kanta Dihal  
**Presenters:** Prof Keith Breckenridge, Dr Samuel Segan and Dr Ejikemeuwa Ndubisi

**National and Provincial response to the COVID-19 pandemic: Early observations and a reflection on the mitigation and relief measures by Government and social partners (DPME and ASSAf)**

**Chair:** Mr Godfrey Mashamba  
**Speakers:** Dr Marietjie Botes and Professor Laetitia Rispel

end 17:00

**17:30** **Respondent:** Prof Jane Taylor

17:30

11:00

## Closing Session

- 11:00** SFSA Closing Plenary Debate with the South African Affiliate Centre of the World Economic Forum's Centre for the Fourth Industrial Research: Disruptive Technology: Narrowing or Widening Inequality
- 12:15** Reflections on SFSA 2020, preparing for South Africa's hosting of the World Science Forum (SFSA 2021 Rapporteur, and response by World Science Forum Steering Committee Members)
- 12:45** Closing address by South Africa's Deputy Minister of Higher Education, Science and Innovation, Mr Buti Manamela
- 13:00** Conclusion of SFSA 2020

13:00



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