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Programme

THE 10TH ASSAF PRESIDENTIAL ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION “The Threat to Leadership in South African Universities“

27 January 2023, 10:00, Zoom Webinar (**Facebook Live stream**)

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10:00

Welcome & introductions

Professor Jonathan Jansen

ASSAf President, Distinguished Professor in Education, Stellenbosch University

10:10

Opening Statements by Panelists (10 minutes per speaker)

Prof Themba Mosia

Vice-Principal, University of Pretoria

Prof Nomalanga Mkhize

Head of Department: History and Political Studies, Nelson Mandela University

Prof Mohamed Saleem Badat

Research Professor: College of Humanities, University of KwaZulu-Natal

10:40

Discussions and Q&A

Prof Jonathan Jansen

Closing

Prof Jonathan Jansen



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BIOGRAPHIES FOR PANELLISTS



PROF THEMBA MOSIA

Prof Themba Mosia has served in various prominent academic and management capacities for just under four decades. He is the immediate past Chairperson of the Council on Higher Education, a statutory body mandated to oversee quality assurance in higher education and advise the Minister on all higher education matters in South Africa. Among other positions of trust, he served as a Board member of the National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS), and was its interim Chairperson in 2015.

Prof Mosia was appointed as an expert advisor to the Commission of Inquiry into the Feasibility of Fee-Free Higher Education in South Africa in the height of the #FeesMustFall movement in 2016 until 2017. He was the Administrator/Vice-Chancellor of one of South Africa's largest universities, an Independent Assessor specialist in another, Chairperson of international Accreditation panels on medical education, and is currently the Independent Assessor of UNISA.



PROF NOMALANGA MKHIZE

Prof Nomalanga Mkhize is a historian based at the Nelson Mandela University in Gqeberha. She has an MA from Rhodes University and a doctorate from the University of Cape Town. Her interests are in African vernacular histories and historiography.



PROF MOHAMED SALEEM BADAT

Prof Saleem Badat is Research Professor in the College of Humanities at the University of KwaZulu-Natal. Prior to that he was Program Director of International Higher Education & Strategic Projects at the Andrew Mellon Foundation in New York. Between 2006 and 2014, Saleem served as vice-chancellor of Rhodes University. Before that he was the first CEO of the Council on Higher Education.

His research concerns equity, redress and social justice in and through universities, and in the wider society. He currently directs a research project on the Histories of Universities in South Africa that involves several universities and senior scholars, early career scholars, postdocs and PhD students. His own research is on a history of universities in South Africa, more specifically the idea of the university and its changing purposes, functions and roles. His new book, *Tennis, Apartheid and Social Justice*, will be published by UKZN Press in March 2023.