

Negotiating Changes in the Process of Transition from School to Higher Education in Africa
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Conference Location - Johannesburg Business School (JBS)

Day One

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8:00 – 8:45		Registration
9:00- 9:15	Prof Emnet Tadesse Woldegiorgis <i>Director of AMCHES</i>	Welcome and remarks
9:00 – 10:00	Prof Samuel Macharia Ndogo <i>Moi University, Kenya</i>	Keynote: What happens to "a dream deferred?" The challenge of transitioning from secondary school to the university: Reflections from Kenya
10:00 – 10:30		Tea/Coffee Break

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Moderator - Prof Tandi Lewin, AMCHES, UJ		Moderator – Mr Ahmed Essop, AMCHES, UJ	
10:30 – 11:20	A Systemic Disjuncture between High School and University Prof Siphamandla Zondi <i>Institute for Pan-African Thought and Conversation at UJ</i>	10:30 – 11:20	Uberisation of Higher Education: Disruption of Undergraduate Students' Development of Critical Agency Dr Sadi Seyama and Dr Fasanmi, Success Ayodeji <i>Education Leadership and Management, UJ</i>
11:20 – 12:10	Transition from secondary schools into higher education in South Africa: Theorising the challenges confronting students with disabilities. Dr Sibonokuhle Ndlovu <i>AMCHES, UJ</i>	11:20 – 12:10	Belonging and Alienation: The legacy of exclusion in South African Higher Education Dr Brian Sibanda and Dr Munyaradzi Mushonga <i>University of the Free State</i>
12:10 – 13:30	Lunch break		
	Moderator – Dr Ndlovu, Sibonokuhle, AMCHES, UJ	Moderator - Dr Sadi Seyama	
13:30 – 14:20	Bridging the gap between high school and university life of rural students in Zimbabwe: What, why and how? Dr Simon Vurayai <i>AMCHES, UJ</i>	13:30 – 14:20	Translanguaging Pedagogy: A Tool to Disrupt Linguistic Barriers for Undergraduate students Transitioning from Basic Education to University Dr Juliet Munyaradzi <i>AMCHES, UJ</i>
14:20 – 15:10	Enabling Spaces: Experiences of rural students in navigating the complexities of higher education. Dr. Helen Agumba <i>Curriculum Studies, UJ</i>	14:20 – 15:10	Negotiating new literacies in a South African higher education setting: A case of first-year B.Ed. students. Dr. Halima Namakula <i>SARChi Teaching and Learning, UJ</i>
15:10 – 16:00	Tea/Coffee Break		
16:00 – 16:50	The transition from high school to university for Black students in South Africa as a liminal space Dr. Marcina Singh <i>SARChi Teaching and Learning, UJ</i>	16:00 – 16:50	Navigating the transition: Enhancing academic literacy for equitable access in South African Higher Education. Dr Laura Drennan <i>WITS</i>

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8:30 – 9:20	Diversity dimensions in admission, administration and reporting of higher education institutions in Ghana and South Africa. Berit Stoppa and Philina Wittke <i>University of Bonn</i>	8:30 – 9:20	Exploring the transition experiences from high school to university among disadvantaged students in a South African University. Dr Elizabeth S. Ndofirepi and Dr Otilia F. Chiramba <i>WITS and UJ</i>
9:20 – 10:10	Doing Transitions. Comparative Perspectives on the Practice of Student Assessment in South Africa and India. Dr. Maria Theresa Vollmer <i>University of Bayreuth</i>	9:20 – 10:10	Management of Students' Welfare Services and Educational Stability of Undergraduates in Nigerian Universities. Dr Fasanmi, Success Ayodeji and Dr Omotesho, Nifemi Bisola <i>Education Leadership and Management, UJ</i>
10:10 -10:40		Tea/Coffee Break	
	Moderator Prof Thandi Lewin, AMCHES, UJ	Moderator Dr Otilia F. Chiramba	
10:40 – 11:30	Exploring the covert exclusion surrounding the transitioning of student from socioeconomically disadvantaged background into university: The case of Malawi. Dr Tiffany V Banda University of the Free State & University of Malawi	10:40 – 11:30	Fostering a sense of student engagement and successful learning among students through the MenTut Programme in higher education institutions. Dr Takalani Yolanda Tshililo and Dr Fhatuwani Ravhuhali <i>University of Venda</i>

11:30 – 12:20	<p>Navigating Complex and Conflicting Social and Linguistic Spaces Between Secondary Education and Higher Education in Cameroon: Turning the spotlight on the students.</p> <p>Prof Valentine Ubanako and Prof Emmanuel Tata Tangong <i>The University of Yaounde 1, Cameroon</i></p>	11:30 – 12:20	<p>The Contribution of Student and Teacher Associations in Alleviating Challenges of Low Participation, High Attrition, and Low Retention Rates: The Case of South Africa.</p> <p>Dr Sphamandla S. Gumede and Dr Maxwel .Z. Shamase <i>University of Zululand</i></p>
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13:20 -14:10	<p>Crossing the river without the help of a bridge: Critiquing the universities' transitional strategies for first years students in Tanzania.</p> <p>Dr Ntimi Mtawa and Dr Nkanileka Mgonda <i>University of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania</i></p>	13:20 -14:10	<p>The role of pre-entry and demographic variables on the perceived uptake of selected student support services at a University of Technology.</p> <p>Dr Lucky Sibanda, Prof. Chux Gervase Iwu And Dr. Tendai Makwara <i>University of Technology. Cape Town</i></p>
14:10 - 15:00	<p>Navigating educational transition in Uganda. An evaluation of student and educator experiences.</p> <p>Dr Monicah Rullonga Kanyesigye and Dr Faith Ahabyoona Mugisha <i>AMCHES, UJ</i></p>	14:10 - 15:00	<p>Investigating paper-based versus digital admission tests for equity of access to Higher Education.</p> <p>Dr Robert Noel Prince <i>UCT</i></p>
15:00 – 15:30	Tea/Coffee Break		
15:30 – 16:20	<p>Transgressing sites of coloniality: "Former model C schools" in South Africa and universities as incubators of prejudice.</p> <p>Paul Maluleka and Moshibudi Motimele <i>Wits and Free State University</i></p>	15:30 – 16:20	<p>The transition of the foundation phase towards scholarship: A case study of a South African University of Technology's Development Journal for Teaching and Learning.</p> <p>Prof Judy Peter, Prof Xena Cupido, Prof Tasmeera Singh, and Dr Leonie Schoelen <i>Cape Peninsula University of Technology,</i></p>
16:20 – 17:00	Prof Emnet Tadesse Woldegiorgis, AMCHES, UJ	Further discussions on the book project	