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Globally, universities were considered as the microcosms of the societies that produced them and they were meant to serve. Following the #FeesMustFall movement and related campaigns in South Africa during 2015, violence and uncertainty have gained a fashionable purchase in the country's universities and their neighbourhood. This situation has raised serious questions about the relevance and future of these institutions to society they are situated in. Answers to these pertinent questions have been difficult to find. Hence, the transformation agenda in South Africa has been unfairly polarised. The foregoing should be understood within the context that the recent transformation discourse in South Africa has been largely centred on Historically White Universities (HWUs). Because most of the Historically Black Universities (HBUs) are led by Black administrators, have a majority of Black students and staff; it is assumed that they are transformed. As such, the voices of the communities in HBUs have been unintentionally silenced in the on-going discourses on the subject of the transformation of South Africa's higher education sector. Of most importance about the calls for the decolonisation of higher education sector in South Africa as advocated by students; is the reminder that the transformation agenda, especially as it relates to socio-economic features remains incomplete. In order to widen informed perspective and bridge the widening gap between scholars and practitioners, this SAAPS colloquium co-hosted by the Universities of Limpopo and Venda seeks to bring together political thinkers in Limpopo, Gauteng and beyond for the purpose of unmuting their voices on the transformation of universities and society of South Africa as a whole.

Participants are invited to prepare their submissions on the broader theme of transformation; which is not limited to the following sub-themes:

- Theorising transformation
- From decolonisation to Africanisation of university
- The 'fallist' movements in HBUs
- Higher education and social justice
- Teaching and Researching Politics in HBUs: The past, present and future
- Radical economic transformation: reality or pipe dream?
- The land question and economic transformation
- The 'corporatisation' of state institutions and its challenges.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Closing date for abstract submission: **15 June 2017**

Notification for abstract acceptance or rejection: **30 June 2017**

Closing date for the submission of camera ready papers: **30 July 2017**

Dates for oral presentations: **13-14 September 2017**

COLLOQUIUM OUTPUTS: Peer-reviewed proceedings, edited volume and/or any other subsidy generating publication.

REGISTRATION: R1000.00

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Full Paper Requirements: Cambria font, 12pts, 1.5 spaces, bold heading and sub-heading, 4000-6000.

Colloquium Venue: Bolivia Lodge, Polokwane (South Africa)

Accommodation: Participants should organise own transport and accommodation. Bookings for accommodation can be done with Bolivia Lodge (e-mail: reservations@bolivialodge.co.za). There are many other establishments in the area.