



University of Fort Hare

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## Conference on Higher Education in South Africa

The University of Fort Hare is extending an open invitation to all interested parties to attend and to read academic papers at a conference to be held at the University from 22 to 24 November 2011.

Conference theme: ***"Beyond the Apartheid University? Interrogating the transformation of the South African Higher Education landscape"***.

The conference goals are:

1. To take a critical look at ourselves as post-apartheid 'free' universities, our relationships with each other in the South African context and how we relate to African universities more generally
2. To assess scholarship and the intricate dynamics that challenge intellectual spaces, practices and contributions in the South African post-apartheid and African post-colonial independence university contexts
3. To express opinion on what has been achieved in terms of transformation of the apartheid university and the state of the university in 2011.

The following is a short overview of the conference theme and sub-themes. Sub-themes below are to be considered as the focus of papers, but participants should feel free to be innovative:

1. Research and the production of knowledge for a Post-Apartheid South Africa? Who is producing what and for whom?
2. The teaching and learning university vs. the research intensive university: historically disadvantaged universities (HDIs) as rural-based institutions and the "Ivy League"
3. Curricula for the millennium "born free" generations: has any progress been made towards an African identity?
4. Universities and their roles in the promotion of citizenship and the public good: what good is respect when it cannot feed an empty stomach?
5. University governance and the decline of collegiality in the face of corporatism
6. The Science System and the perpetuation of privileged positions?
7. Intellectual activism and the re-imagining of Post-Apartheid scholarship
8. Freedom of speech as a form of resistance to intellectualism
9. The professor as public intellectual and the over-simplification of complexity: a marketing ploy?
10. Re-imagining the Humanities in Post-Apartheid / Post-Colonial Higher Education

If you choose to read a paper it is expected that your address should be twenty minutes long, followed by a ten minute session of questions and answers. You are most welcome to pick any of the above themes or to choose an alternative focus for your paper. For more information please contact: Prof Gideon de Wet at [gdewet@ufh.ac.za](mailto:gdewet@ufh.ac.za), or alternatively Mr William Awusi at [wawusi@ufh.ac.za](mailto:wawusi@ufh.ac.za).

1. An **electronic abstract** of not more than 150 words to be e-mailed by 31 May 2011 to [wawusi@ufh.ac.za](mailto:wawusi@ufh.ac.za) and the outcome of reviewed abstracts by 31 July 2011
2. **Full papers** submitted, 6 500 to 7 000 words by 30, September 2011
3. **The conference venue** is East London, beachfront (Esplanade)
4. **Accommodation** to be arranged by yourself. Contact the following tourism offices for guidance: <http://www.tourismbuffalocity.co.za/index.php>, <http://www.eastlondon.org.za/tourism.html>, [http://www.ectourism.co.za/city/4/East\\_London](http://www.ectourism.co.za/city/4/East_London)
5. **Transport:** Flights and private transport to be arranged and paid for by yourself.
6. **Conference publication:** A book to be published with peer reviewed papers, double blind
7. **Registration** fee and closing date: R2 500 per delegate, with an early bird rate of R2 000 payable before 31 August 2011. Conference fee includes bus transport, meals, refreshments and admittance to the opening evening. **Registrations close 15 October 2011**



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