

Annual SAPI/SAPA Conference

Surviving Hate and Being Hated: Psychoanalytic Reflections on Ego Strength and Ego Fragility

Saturday, 27 February 2021, and Sunday, 28 February 2021

PROGRAMME:

Saturday 27 February:

12:00 - 12:45: Welcome, Preamble, Song/Poem
12:45 - 13:50: Kathleen White keynote + Q&A (Chaired by Zama Radebe)
13:50 - 14:15: BREAK
14:15 - 15:20: Wilhelm Verwoerd keynote + Q&A (Chaired by Zama Radebe)
15:20 - 16:20: Conversation with Eusebius McKaiser, Kathleen White and Wilhelm Verwoerd

16:20 - 16:45: BREAK

16:45 - 18:00: Plenary (Facilitated by Maxine Dennis)

Sunday 28 February:

12:00 - 14:00: Clinical Case: Teboho Monyamane | Discussants: Armien Abrahams and Tanya Wilson (Chaired by Siobhan Carter-Brown)

14:00 - 14:30: BREAK

14:30 - 16:30: Panel Discussion: Surviving Hating and Being Hated:

Kathleen White, Wilhelm Verwoerd, Kgamadi Kometsi, Kelly Gillespie (Chaired by Gael Beckett)

16:30 - 16:45: BREAK

16:45 - 18:00: Plenary (Facilitated by Maxine Dennis)

SPEAKER PROFILES:

KATHLEEN POGUE WHITE

Kathleen Pogue White, PhD, is a highly esteemed psychoanalyst, writer and teacher in psychoanalysis. She lives in New York and practices executive coaching and organisational consultation in the corporate, not for profit and foundation sectors. She has a long-standing interest and skill working with groups and understanding the psychodynamics of organisations. In particular, she has deep knowledge and expertise working with groups and organisations around the dynamics of race and racialisation.

The theme of the 2021 SAPI Conference is informed by Dr White's 2002 paper titled "Surviving Hating and Being Hated": Some Personal Thoughts About Racism from a Psychoanalytic Perspective.

Along with her consulting work, Dr. White is a Distinguished Member of the International Society for the Psychoanalytic Study of Organizations (ISPSO); a Fellow of the AKRice Institute for the Study of Groups and Organizations; Director of Systems-Psychodynamic Studies at the Laurence J. Gould Center for Systems-Psychoanalytic Studies at the Institute for Psychoanalytic Training and Research (IPTAR); and a Professional Associate of the Tavistock Institute, London and of Mobius Executive Coaching, Wellesley, MA.

EUSEBIUS McKAISER

Eusebius McKaiser is a Broadcaster, Author, Political Analyst, Debate and Public Speaking Coach, and Lecturer. Eusebius has studied law and philosophy. He specialised in moral philosophy with particular interest in whether or not people are morally responsible for the beliefs they hold. He has also lectured in various areas of academic philosophy in England and South Africa.

Eusebius is the author of three best-selling books, the most recent being Run, Racist, Run. He has previously written columns for Business Day and New York Times. His essays have appeared in many local and international media. He has also appeared as an analyst on many platforms including CNN, BBC and others. Eusebius hosted radio and television shows for many years and is currently completing his fourth book, provisionally entitled Searching for Sello Duiker.

DR WILHELM VERWOERD

Senior Research Associate and Facilitator, Studies in Historical Trauma and Transformation, Stellenbosch University; Teaching Associate, Trinity College, Dublin. As a white, Afrikaans-speaking South African, a former researcher within the South African Truth and Reconciliation Commission (1995-98) and a peace practitioner in (Northern) Ireland (2001-2012), Wilhelm is devoted to (re)humanisation/reconciliation in contexts of deep political division. His main research interests include the (incomplete legacy of the) South African Truth and Reconciliation Commission; shared historical responsibility of white South Africans for apartheid and colonialism; relational processes to transform (white) resistance to social justice in post-1994 South Africa; embodied spirituality of authentic reconciliation. Many of these interests feature in a recent memoir, Verwoerd: My Journey through Family Betrayals (Tafelberg, 2019).

TEBOHO MONYAMANE-CLIFTON

Teboho qualified with an MA in Clinical Psychology from the University of Johannesburg in 2011. She works as a Clinical Psychologist in private practice in Johannesburg mainly working with individual adults, couples, and adolescents. Teboho is part of a multidisciplinary neuro-rehabilitation team at Netcare Rosebank in Johannesburg and is an in-house psychologist at Allan Gray Johannesburg. In 2016 Teboho presented a co-authored paper at the Seeing Red conference, Assissi Institute in Mystic, Connecticut. She was also part of a panel of discussants of a clinical case presentation at the SAPI Conference in 2019.

KELLY GILLESPIE

Kelly Gillespie is a political and legal anthropologist and cultural worker with a research focus on criminal justice and abolition in South Africa. She works at the department of Anthropology at the University of the Western Cape. She writes and teaches about urbanism, violence, sexualities, race and the praxis of social justice. In 2008 she cofounded the Johannesburg Workshop in Theory and Criticism (JWTC), an experimental project tasked with recrafting the work of critical theory beyond the global north. Dr Gillespie has been involved in work on the decolonisation of universities in South Africa, supporting student movement activism and curriculum reconstruction. Dr Gillespie also works beyond the university in popular education projects supporting a broad range of social justice formations.

ZOLANI MAHOLA

Zolani Mahola is a South African singer, actress, storyteller and world-renowned Inspiration Speaker. She is most famously known as the former lead singer of the internationally acclaimed pan-African South African music group Freshlyground since 2002. In November 2019 she performed her new solo show The One Who Sings (a nickname for Mahola, from the Xhosa Lo Uculayo) at the Baxter Theatre in Cape Town, sharing her story and music in an honest, raw and engaging way. Zolani is currently busy recording her debut album.