

**SAAPS 2019 REGIONAL COLLOQUIA
GAUTENG COLLOQUIUM
CALL FOR PAPERS**

The Department of Political Studies at the University of the Witwatersrand will be hosting the SAAPS 2019 Gauteng Region Colloquium. The theme of the colloquium is *Reimagining Decolonisation in the Post-Decolonial Moment*.

Date: 06 November 2019
Venue: Humanities Graduate Centre
Time: 09:00 – 15:30

This colloquium seeks to revisit discourses about decolonisation, its possibilities and mechanisms in a changing global context, using theory and lived local experiences that can be transformative for our understanding of decolonisation in South Africa and elsewhere. This colloquium will comprise four panels, under the topics:

- i. **Political Theory/Philosophy:** *what is decolonial theory and what are the tools for decolonisation in our state, society and/or institutions?*
- ii. **Gender:** *how do we ensure that the discourse of decolonisation includes women and non-binary individuals in its praxis, such that there is no need to have to 'pick a struggle' in the midst of decolonization movements and decisions?*
- iii. **Development and 4IR:** *what does decolonisation look like in the context of socio-economic development initiatives and the 4th Industrial Revolution ("4IR")?*
- iv. **Climate Change:** *are there links and contradictions between decolonisation and climate change that have been missed by the current discourses?*

We invite primarily postgraduate students in their Master of Arts (MA), Doctoral (PhD), and Post-doctoral programmes to submit Abstracts (250-300 words) for consideration for presentation at the colloquium. The abstract submission should also include a short bio (100 words). The final papers should be no more than 2 000 words, and will be presented for 15 minutes alongside other panelists

All interested participants are invited to submit Abstracts) by **Monday, 14 October 2019**.

A committee comprising members of staff from the department will consider these abstracts and select the best submissions for presentation at the colloquium. The successful submissions will be organised into the panels listed above.

Abstract submissions should be sent to Thokozani Chilenga-Butao, at thokozani.chilenga1@wits.ac.za. Participants whose abstracts have been selected for presentation at the colloquium will be contacted by Friday 25 October 2019.