



### CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

#### SAAPS EASTERN CAPE-KZN REGIONAL COLLOQUIUM

Reflecting on South African Youth: 25 Years into Democracy

Venue: UKZN, Pietermaritzburg, KwaZulu-Natal

October 5, 2019

The transition of South Africa, in 1994, to majoritarian constitutional democracy was met with fanfare and expectations. Some called it a miracle. Through the 1996 constitution, South Africa pledged to build a society “based on democratic values, social justice and fundamental human rights.” In its early years, the post-1994 arrangement appeared successful. However, after twenty-five years of its existence, post-1994 South Africa is characterized by pandemic violence including gender-based and Afrophobic violence, high unemployment rates, inequalities, high levels of corruption, and a polarized political terrain. A lot of voices have risen which questions the legitimacy of the post-1994 arrangement. For example, 2012 witnessed the Marikana Massacre, 2015 and 2016 saw the rise of the student movement under the banner of #Fees Must Fall, and “service delivery protests” and “land invasions” are regular experiences.

With a theme titled “Reflecting on South African Youth: 25 Years into Democracy”, the South African Association of Political Studies is hosting a regional colloquium (involving the Universities of KwaZulu-Natal, Zululand, Fort Hare and Nelson Mandela, and Rhodes University) to interrogate the following subthemes

Curriculum transformation  
The 4th Industrial Revolution  
Access to education  
Youth in politics, or the politics of youth  
Migration and youth  
Politics and economics of youth empowerment  
Participation, representations and political parties  
Politics and disabilities  
Sexuality and gender-based violence  
Activism and community outreach by young people  
Youth and International Relations

Academics, researchers and students are invited to submit abstracts for consideration for the colloquium. In encouraging the growth of young and upcoming researchers, we particularly encourage Masters, Doctoral and Postdoctoral students to submit abstracts. Abstracts should be submitted to [mtshalik@ukzn.ac.za](mailto:mtshalik@ukzn.ac.za). The deadline for abstract submission is August 31, 2019. Authors will be expected to present their papers at the colloquium, which will create the opportunity for multi-thematic engagement

and reflection on South Africa's democratic experience and the sharing of research findings. The colloquium is organised by the South African Association of Political Studies, and will be hosted by the School of Social Sciences, the University of KwaZulu-Natal's Pietermaritzburg Campus on October 5, 2019. Presenters will be invited to submit full papers for special issue(s) in peer reviewed journals.

**Guidelines for the submission of Abstracts:**

- The Abstract must be 350 words or less and should include the title, key arguments and findings of the paper.
- The name, institutional affiliation and contact details of the author(s) should be included in the submission.
- Late submissions will not be accepted.
- Abstract should be submitted to [mtshalik@ukzn.ac.za](mailto:mtshalik@ukzn.ac.za).

**Registration Information**

- Registration fee: R50 for students, R250 for academic staff
- Details for registration fee payment will be provided.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

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| Abstract Submission Deadline                                             | August 31, 2019          |
| Notification of Acceptance                                               | September 4, 2019        |
| Colloquium                                                               | Saturday October 5, 2019 |
| Submission of full papers for possible peer reviewed journal publication | October 30, 2019         |

**Organising Committee**

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