

**The College of Human Sciences (CHS) at the University of South Africa will host a two-week long Summer School on Decoloniality with a focus on Power, Knowledge and Being.**

The lectures and discussions will be delivered and facilitated by the following leading international decolonial thinkers and theorists: Professor Ramon Grosfoguel (University of California, Berkeley), Professor Nelson Maldonado-Torres (Rutgers University), Professor Pumla Gqola (WITS University), Professor C.K. Raju, (Albukhary International University), Professor Brittney Cooper (Rutgers University)

This Summer School takes place at a crucial time characterized by an epistemic break in which the dominant Euro-North American-centric epistemology is experiencing a terminal crisis.

This epistemic crisis is opening the way for the rise of epistemologies from the Global South, bringing in a new interpretation of the human experience. What is poignantly emerging is the shifting of the *geography* and *biography* of knowledge resulting in the privileging of the Global South archive and other subjugated knowledges.

**The Summer School will deal with the following pertinent issues among many others:**

- Modernity, Eurocentrism and coloniality
- Epistemic racism/patriarchy/sexism
- Zone of being/zone of non-being
- Knowledge and power
- Coloniality of being and subjectivity
- Development, nationalism and decolonization
- African archive and library
- African intellectual traditions
- Africa and the modern world
- Decolonizing the university

College of Human Sciences  
Decoloniality Summer School

09-20 January 2017  
University of South Africa



**Decolonizing Knowledge, Power and Being**

**At the end of the Summer School the attendees/graduates will be able to reflect seriously and critically on the following important questions:**

- How was the modern world constituted?
- Who is producing knowledge?
- What institutions and disciplines legitimize it?
- What is knowledge for and who benefits from it?
- How is our social existence colonized?
- How do we think about decolonizing being?
- What power hierarchies constitute the cartography of power of the global political-economy we live in and how do we go about decolonizing the world

**The Summer School is targeted at graduate students and academics from South Africa and the rest of the African continent. Admission to the Summer School is on a first come, first served basis!**

### **Programme**

Registered participants will receive reading material and final program in preparation for the seminars, a month in advance. Classes will be conducted over ten days. These are lecture intensive seminars in which participants engage in critical discussion and reflection. Guest lecturers will be available at stipulated times (outside lecture hours) to consult with participants on their research. Spaces for self-organized workshops and discussions will also be created.

### **Registration & Fees**

Prospective participants will be expected to complete a registration form that must be submitted to [mokguwk@unisa.ac.za](mailto:mokguwk@unisa.ac.za) no later than **04<sup>th</sup> November 2016**.

Please note that the *Summer School* is **capped at 100 participants**. **Participants will be accepted on a first come, first served basis.**

Upon submission of the completed registration forms, participants will be required to **pay a fee of R5000.00**. This fee is **inclusive of tuition and lunch** for the duration of the *Summer School (09-20 January 2017 excluding the weekend)*.

Please note that the fees are payable by **30 November 2016**. **Banking details where the fee must be deposited are in the Registration Form.**

### **Accommodation**

Please note that **participants** are **responsible** for reserving their **own accommodation** for the **duration** of the *Summer School*. Participants are advised to **secure** their accommodation well in **advance** of the commencement of the *Summer School*.

### **Transport**

A shuttle service will be available at scheduled times in the day to certain venues without cost. Outside of these times, participants will be expected to make their own transport arrangements should they need to leave campus.