

VUT ANNUAL TEACHING AND LEARNING CONFERENCE PROGRAMME
08 SEPTEMBER 2026 (Day 1)

07:30 - 08:30	Registration		
08:30 – 08:40	VUT Choir		
08:40 – 08:50	Programme Director & Conference Chair Prof Muntuwenkosi Chili (Executive Director CAD)		
08:50 – 09:10	Welcome Dr Mukondeleli Grace Kanakana- Katumba (DVC Teaching and Learning)		
09:10 – 09:40	Presentation Mr Luxolo Rubushe Adapt IT		
09:40 – 10:30	Keynote Presentation – 1 Prof PLO Lumumba PLO Lumumba Foundation		
10:30 – 11:20	Keynote Presentation – 2 Dr Julie Lindsa SFHEA (UniSQ)		
11:20 – 11:45	Mid-Morning Break – Foyer		
11:45 – 12:15	Presentation Slot XXX		
12:15 – 13:00	Panel discussion Slot XXX		
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch		
Parallel Sessions			
ORYX Hall (Session Chair: XXX)		ORYX-1 Room (Session Chair: XXX)	ORYX-2 Room (Session Chair: XXX)
14:00 – 14:20	Ms Ronelle Prinsloo Artificial Intelligence in Higher Education: Legal and Ethical Implications for Teaching, Assessment, and Academic Integrity Institution Name: Vaal University of Technology	Mr Hendrik Prinsloo Procedural Fairness in University Decision- Making: A Legal Framework for Inclusive and Ethical Governance Institution Name: Vaal University of Technology	Mr Moeketsi Mashiloane Customary Law and Legal Education: Integrating Plural Legal Systems into Teaching and Learning Institution Name: Vaal University of Technology

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14:20 – 14:40	Dr Vuyani Langa Reimagining South African Universities: Humanising Pedagogy, Curriculum Decolonisation, and Epistemic Justice Institution Name: Walter Sisulu University https://sl1nk.com/etizemt	Dr Livhuwani Ramphabana Inclusion in Practice? Experiences of Deaf Students Using South African Sign Language in Institutions of Higher Learning Institution Name: University of Kwa-Zulu Natal https://sl1nk.com/m2u5c1d	Dr Sithembiso Govuzela How Digital Transformation Can Be Leveraged to Overcome Barriers and Foster Innovation in Teaching, Learning, and Administration within South African Higher Education Institution Name: Vaal University of Technology https://sl1nk.com/mxtdgyj
14:40 – 15:00	Mr Muraga Sadiki The impact of digital learning technologies on closing foundational Mathematical learning Gaps at University of Technology in South Africa: A quantitative study Institution Name: Vaal University of Technology https://sl1nk.com/z1nd64b	Mr Rewayne George E-Commerce B2c Contracts: Consumer Challenges Viewed Through the Lens of the Reliance Theory Institution Name: Vaal University of Technology https://11nq.com/fr500t4	Mr Teboho Bojabotseha Managerialism and the Corporate University: An analysis of the impact of state-driven metrics and commercialisation on institutional autonomy, academic freedom and knowledge production in a UoT Institution Name: Vaal University of Technology https://11nq.com/giv719t
	ORYX Hall (Session Chair: XXX)	ORYX-1 Room (Session Chair: XXX)	ORYX-2 Room (Session Chair: XXX)
15:10 – 15:30	Dr Vuyo Seti-Sonamzi De-centring to Re-centre: A Decolonial Curriculum as a just cause Institution Name: Vaal University of Technology https://11nq.com/7k2cwfk	Dr Ajuma Walusa Reimagining higher education transformation: Integrating inclusivity and student well-being into sustainable curriculum design Institution Name: University of Free State https://11nq.com/62lbudh	Ms Zandile Maxhalanga Critical Success Factors to Transform Student Retention Through Predictive Analytics in Higher Education Institution Name: University of Fort Hare https://11nq.com/hx1qd20
15:30 – 15:50	Mr Cebo Nyondo From Workshops to Implementation: An Accountability-Based Model for Blended Learning Professional Development in Higher Education Institution Name: Mangosuthu University of Technology	Dr Sizakele Ndlovu Advancing a Decolonial Framework for Critical Reflective Practice in Teacher Education Institution Name: Vaal University of Technology	Ms Noncedo Makapela-Cikizwa Reimagining Teaching and Learning for the Future: Innovation, Inclusive and Impact on Higher Education Institution Name: Vaal University of Technology

15:50 – 16:10	https://sl1nk.com/2fzd23v Mr Tankiso Radebe Beyond the dark side of AI: A comprehensive assessment of AI benefits in teaching and learning at a South African University of Technology Institution Name: Vaal University of Technology https://11nq.com/bayse4j	https://11nq.com/1onfi59 Dr Corneli Van Der Walt Utilising Engeström's Cultural-Historical Activity Theory (CHAT) to enhance first-year student success at the Vaal University of Technology Institution Name: Vaal University of Technology https://sl1nk.com/m8vnfa8	https://11nq.com/w8zu8ey Prof Mathews Ochieng Bridging the Skills Gap: Revamping Construction Education for Articulation and Inclusion Institution Name: Vaal University of Technology https://11nq.com/um9rde9
16:10 – 16:30	Mr Willy Ngaha & Mr Jules Djeumen Leveraging Artificial Intelligence to Improve Teaching and Learning in Large Classes: A Case Study of the Vaal University of Technology Institution Name: Vaal University of Technology https://11nq.com/l4q9a6k	Dr Matjhabedi Mazibuko Plagiarism as a pedagogy of disengagement: A theoretical qualitative study of root causes in university academic writing Institution Name: Vaal University of Technology https://11nq.com/gdsiq8e	Mr Dunn Justin AI-Enhanced Assessment Feedback: Exploring Lecturers' Perspectives on Assessment Practices in a Private Tertiary institution. Institution Name: The Independent Institute of Education Emeris https://sl1nk.com/nhmkrli
16:30 – 16:50	Ms Athini Mbalo Decolonization in Progress or in Principle? Interrogating the State of Curriculum Transformation in South African Universities Institution Name: University of Zululand https://11nq.com/i46xwj0	Mr Sipho Lafleni Reimagining Pedagogy: An Instructor-Student Dual Perspective on Future Teaching Methods Inspired by Sport Institution Name: Vaal University of Technology https://11nq.com/rlbfafb	Mr Kaeane Lancaster Bridging the Digital Divide: Technophobia and the Adoption of Blended Learning Among Older Academic Staff Institution Name: Vaal University of Technology https://11nq.com/oo96nph
17:00	Refreshments / Networking		

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09 SEPTEMBER 2026 (Day 2)

07:30 – 08:30	Registration		
08:30 – 08:45	Welcome: Prof Lazarus Maleho (Dean Faculty of Human Sciences)		
08:45 – 09:35	Keynote Presentation – 3 Prof Monwabisi Ralarala Walter Sisulu University		
09:35 – 10:25	Keynote Presentation – 4 Prof. Nyna Ami University of Kwa-Zulu Natal		
10:25 – 11:25	Keynote Presentation – 5 Ms Phindiwe Kamolane Digital Transformation Artificial Intelligence		
11:25 – 11:35	Mid-Morning Break – Foyer		
Parallel Sessions			
	<u>ORYX Hall</u> (Session Chair: XXX)	<u>ORYX-1 Room</u> (Session Chair: XXX)	<u>ORYX-2 Room</u> (Session Chair: XXX)
11:40 – 12:00	Dr Vuyani Langa Policy, Transformation, and Pedagogical Innovation: Academic Staff Development in South Africa’s Globalising Higher Education Institution Name: Walter Sisulu University https://s11nk.com/55tk9q5	Mr Thabang Molokomme Exploring Challenges of Providing Effective Student Feedback in High-Enrolment Higher Education Classes: Experiences of Academic Staff Institution Name: Vaal University of Technology https://s11nk.com/3md4hsk	Mr Kwanele Shoba A Holistic Academic Advising Framework for Advancing Student Success and Holistic Development in Higher Education Institution Name: Vaal University of Technology https://s11nk.com/iotg5f0
12:00 – 12:20	Ms Itumeleng Mokoena Enrolled But Not Supported: Institutional Obligations for Student Success in South African Higher Education	Mr Ndivhuhweni Mbedzi A Critical Analysis of the Right to Have Access to Social Security in South Africa: a Transformative Constitutional Approach	Ms Felicity Moreki Lecturers’ Experiences with Mendeley as a Referencing Tool

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12:20 – 12:40	Dr Liemiseng Tjabane Professional learning and ethics of care in UOT Institution Name: Vaal University of Technology https://11nq.com/dc7mi99	Prof Teboho Pitso Theoretical Review of Artificial Intelligence Literacy in the Fifth Industrial Revolution: Preparing for the Future Society 5.0 Institution Name: Vaal University of Technology https://11nq.com/hei4osf	Mr Rammakoa Ramotshela & Mr Thapelo Mokole How can Artificial Intelligence supplement teaching and learning Institution Name: Adapt IT https://s11nk.com/ldtv9ju
12:40 – 13:00	Ms Karien Du Bruyn A pilot study on Work-Integrated Learning and Mental Health: Perceptions of engineering students at a University of Technology Institution Name: Vaal University of Technology https://s11nk.com/gx83enu	Ms Carol Motale From Compliance to Consciousness: A Personal Teaching Philosophy, Decolonising the Medical Microbiology Curriculum Institution Name: Vaal University of Technology https://s11nk.com/zyabtgi	Ms Annamarie Kok SDG 2 (Zero Hunger) and Society 5.0: Addressing Student Food Insecurity through Educational Technology and Artificial Intelligence Institution Name: Vaal University of Technology https://s11nk.com/gimke6n
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch		
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14:00 – 14:20	Dr Christopher Chitumwa Navigating Educational Technology in South African Higher Education: A Critical Theoretical Analysis Institution Name: Vaal University of Technology https://s11nk.com/6txfu29	Mr Thabo Makhoana Capability Stories of Social Media Influencers in Emfuleni: Interactive Documentary as Reflexive Research Method Institution Name: Vaal University of Technology https://11nq.com/mozrvsf	Ms Mosela Mofokeng Realisation of Sustainable Development Goals 1 and 2 through South African Higher Education Initiatives Institution Name: Vaal University of Technology https://s11nk.com/5mk2nor
14:20 – 14:40	Mr Teboho Bojabotseha Deconstructing the Jurisprudence of Identity: A Critical Discourse Analysis of Transgender Rights in South African Courts Institution Name: Vaal University of Technology	Mr Quintin Senekal Human-Centred Artificial Intelligence in Higher Education: Enhancing Student Support and Development at a University of Technology in Gauteng Institution Name: Vaal University of Technology	Zakea Shivambu Digital Disruption in South African Higher Education Institution Name: Vaal University of Technology

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14:40 – 15:00	Ms Cornelia Tessendorf Navigating the Future of Work for Artistic Creatives: The Wheel of Artistic Creative Wholeness Institution Name: Vaal University of Technology https://11nq.com/14vj8fg	Ms Lerato Matebesi & Ms Cornelia Tessendorf Preparing Fashion Graduates for Sustainable Futures: Reimagining Sustainability Education for the Future of Work Institution Name: Vaal University of Technology https://s11nk.com/hrj3k2q	Mr Tshenolo Montsiemang Towards making higher education a disability inclusive space: A participatory-action research perspective of a South African university of technology Institution Name: Vaal University of Technology https://11nq.com/zdxxmu8
15:00 – 15:20	Ms Boipelo Bhuda Women in Leadership as Catalysts for Inclusive Transformation in Higher Education Institution Name: Vaal University of Technology https://s11nk.com/xbk8aiq	Mr Yegash Naidu Mapping the AI Divide: Bot Traffic as a Proxy for Digital Inequality in Africa Institution Name: Vaal University of Technology https://s11nk.com/62zr3tz	Ms Josephine Morudu & Mr Thapelo Mokole Beyond the Handshake: Rethinking Partnerships, Innovation, and the Future of Work in African Higher Education Institution Name: Adapt IT https://11nq.com/erdoj0k
15:20 – 15:40	Mr Willy Ngaha Exploring the influence of ChatGPT as an interactive learning tool on student's engagement and academic success in higher education. Institution Name: Vaal University of Technology https://s11nk.com/2ny4s6f	Ms Precious Luvhengo & Mr Thapelo Mokole Bridging the Digital Skills Gap Through University-Industry Partnerships: Preparing Graduates for the Future of Work Institution Name: Adapt IT https://11nq.com/850kxm1	Dr Christopher Chitumwa Beyond The Classroom: Student Educators as Agents of Change in Supporting Extra Lessons in South Africa Institution Name: Vaal University of Technology https://s11nk.com/44my8d6
15:40 – 16:00	Presenter Name Abstract Title Institution Name:	Presenter Name Abstract Title Institution Name:	Presenter Name Abstract Title Institution Name:
16:00 – 16:30	<u>Closing Remarks</u> Dr Mukondeleli Grace Kanakana- Katumba (DVC Teaching and Learning) (ORYX Hall)		
18:00 – 22:00	GALA DINNER		

VUT ANNUAL TEACHING AND LEARNING CONFERENCE PROGRAMME 10 SEPTEMBER 2026 (Day 3)

08:00 – 09:00	Registration		
	Parallel Sessions – workshops		
	<u>ORYX Hall</u>	<u>ORYX-1 Room</u>	<u>ORYX-2 Room</u>
09:00 – 13:00	Mr Innocent Mamvura Learning Analytics and Evidence-Based Decision Making for Higher Education Practitioners Institution Name: University of the Witwatersrand	Dr Julie Lindsa Integrating AI Tools as Collaborative Learning Partners Institution Name: SFHEA (UniSQ)	
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch		
14:00 – 16:00	Mr Innocent Mamvura Learning Analytics and Evidence-Based Decision Making for Higher Education Practitioners Institution Name: University of the Witwatersrand	Dr Julie Lindsa Integrating AI Tools as Collaborative Learning Partners Institution Name: SFHEA (UniSQ)	
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