



SOUTH AFRICAN SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

28th Conference

Sociologies from the Global South and Beyond: *Teaching, Learning, Research and Social Engagement...*

Wednesday 5th to Friday 7th July 2023

University of Zululand Main Campus, KwaDlangezwa, South Africa

In the 1970s, in the wake of the Civil Rights Movement, student protests contributed to the inclusion of Marx, alongside Durkheim and Weber, in what subsequently generally became the contested Sociological theoretical ‘canon’. In the mid-2010s, South African university students similarly drove the quest for epistemic decolonisation in the struggle against coloniality in all forms. These struggles, although geographically different, arguably go beyond Weber to see not many *kinds* of Sociology, but rather many *sociologies*.

In their attempt to grasp, understand and change society, sociologies have spoken out of their own contexts while stretching disciplinary boundaries. Inter-disciplinary engagements have enabled unique, well-informed and holistic perspectives. Sociological perspectives have been multi-vocal, multi-directional and multi-orientational.

In periods of momentous change, Sociology, *qua* discipline, has managed to excavate its own literary resources and borrow from beyond them to make sense of its present. In doing so, grounded in the empirical, its concepts and theories have often prefigured different futures for humanity. For better or worse, Sociology has been implicated in the making and remaking of society. Sociological concepts of yesterday have become part of the spoken and written vocabularies of today. In this sense alone, sociologies make their mark on society and are thereby themselves transformed.

As the foci of sociologies are endlessly open, as theory and practice have demonstrated, the conference theme is also inclusively broad and reflexive. The sub-title of this year’s theme, *Teaching, Learning, Research and Social Engagement*, however, intends to place our core intellectual and practical activities at the centre of our discussions.

From whatever vantage point or circumstances we do our Sociology, the papers and presentations that ground our scholarly interaction will reflect our own specific location, give an indication of what we think is important, and reveal something of ourselves and our work in and from the global South and beyond.

Sub-themes:

- Classical Sociology and its critiques
- Contemporary sociological theories and worldviews in practice
- Indigenising sociology in Africa
- Local sociologies towards epistemic decolonisation
- Decolonising sociology curricula
- Social research and methodology as and for decolonised practices
- Digital transformations of sociology
- Social issues in contemporary South Africa
- Theory and practice in social research
- Community engagement and sociology
- Interdisciplinary, transdisciplinary, and non-disciplinary approaches to Sociology

The 28th SASA Congress will take on a hybrid format with a combination of virtual and face-to-face presentations.

Abstract submission process:

Abstract Deadline: **Monday 17 April 2023**

Abstracts should be no longer than **250 words**.

Please indicate in your abstract the relevant **Working Group** under which you would prefer your abstract to be considered. A full list of the Working Groups is available at <https://www.sociology.africa/annual-conference/sasa-working-groups>

Abstracts should be submitted to the Working Group convener of your choice *and* to: SASA@unizulu.ac.za

Details on registration to follow shortly on the SASA website.

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