8TH HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCE CONFERENCE 2017

THEME: DECOLONIZING KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTION AND DISSEMINATION IN THE HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

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The University of Zululand, through the Faculty of Arts, is most pleased to host the 8th Humanities and Social Sciences conference. This year’s theme is Decolonizing knowledge production and dissemination in the Humanities and Social Sciences. The University is proud to be able to offer the conference as a platform on which academics will critically discuss and unpack the notion of decolonization. We are proud to join forces with other academics in widening the frontiers of the scholarship of the decolonization of knowledge production and dissemination. The conference brings together academics and students. We are particularly pleased to note that some of the presenters are students. It is important to use conferences as avenues through which students (who are the next generation of scholars) can be mentored. We need to remind ourselves it is the students who revived the decolonization debates in 2015 and 2016 through the Fees Must Fall movement. Therefore, it makes perfect sense to have students participating as conference presenters. The future of the academy depends on the current generation of students. Together, we (students and academics) can decolonize knowledge production and dissemination.

I wish the conference participants successful deliberations.

Professor X Mtose, Vice-Chancellor, University of Zululand

OFFICIAL OPENING OF CONFERENCE BY PROFESSOR MTOSE, VICE-CHANCELLOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ZULULAND

Prof Mtose was appointed Vice-Chancellor on 30 March 2016. Before the appointment, Prof Mtose served as Acting Vice-Chancellor in 2014 following the resignation of her predecessor. Prof Mtose’s academic career started with an appointment as a lecturer at Rhodes University in 1996. She climbed up the ladder and became the Dean of the Faculty of Education at Fort Hare in 2009. In June 2013, she moved to the University of Zululand where she assumed the position of Dean of the Faculty of Education. In April 2014, she was appointed the Deputy Vice-Chancellor for Teaching and Learning. Prof Mtose is a well-known international scholar and studied at the University of Harvard in the United States of America. Prof Mtose is the seventh Vice-Chancellor of the University of Zululand, and she is the third black female Vice-Chancellor of the university.