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UCT professor to tackle gender-based violence and femicide in her lecture

The University of Cape Town's (UCT) Professor Floretta Boonzaier will present her groundbreaking lecture, "*Finding Hope and Healing While Researching Violence: Decolonial Feminist Explorations into Gender-Based Violence and Femicide*," on Wednesday, 11 September 2024 at 17:30 SAST in the Chris Hani Lecture Theatre, University Avenue North, upper campus.

As one of South Africa's foremost scholars on gendered and sexual violence, Professor Boonzaier will reflect on the questions that have guided her two decades of research. Drawing from her personal history of intergenerational trauma, silences and erasures, she will explore how decolonial feminist perspectives offer new ways to understand and respond to gender-based violence and femicide in the South African context.

Professor Boonzaier is a professor at UCT's <u>Department of Psychology</u> and co-director of the Hub for Decolonial Feminist Psychologies in Africa. Her areas of expertise include feminist, critical qualitative and decolonial psychologies. Her scholarship on gendered and sexual violence has been widely published, and she is recognised for her contributions to feminist psychology both locally and internationally.

The lecture will delve into themes of dignity, humanity, voice, positionality, geographies, histories and the pursuit of healing justice. As a widely published scholar and expert in decolonial feminist psychologies, Professor Boonzaier's work has contributed to shaping global dialogues around violence and healing. Her research invites new questions and advocates for epistemic justice, offering hope in the face of ongoing violence and trauma.

Date: Wednesday, 11 September 2024 Time: 17:30 for 18:00 Venue: Chris Hani Lecture Theatre, University Avenue North, upper campus

• Please RSVP to attend the lecture in-person or online.

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