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Upcoming UCT events

- **16 Days of Activism against Gender-based Violence** – Associate Professor Rashida Manjoo, UN Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences, to lead a discussion on the international campaign
- **The social conundrum of gentrification in Cape Town:** The director of an international documentary, “Not in my Neighbourhood”, to share his motivation behind the project
- **City Desired: Talking Heads** – A pool of urban disrupters, thought leaders, seasoned experts and mavericks from various fields to explore the problems, opportunities and potential of Cape Town
- **“Rethinking mental healthcare - bridging the credibility gap”** - Public lecture to be delivered by Professor Vikram Patel from the Centre for Global Mental Health
- **Mini Conference: “Assessing the role of political psychology in South Africa”** – UCT experts to present topics such as “Black students' experiences of transformation in higher education” and “The impact of employment equity on organisational justice and employee work behaviour in South Africa”

Date	Event/Topic	Highlights/Speakers	Contact
4 Dec	<p>Discussion: 16 Days of Activism against Gender-based Violence</p> <p>Time: 18h00</p> <p>Venue: Seminar Room 5-B, Level 5, Kramer Building, Middle Campus</p>	<p>Every year the United Nations declares the period from 25 November to 10 December as the 16 Days of No Violence against Women. This year’s theme is: “From Peace in the Home to Peace in the World: Let’s Challenge Militarism and End Gender-based Violence!”</p> <p>The University of Cape Town’s Associate Professor Rashida Manjoo, who is the UN Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences, will chair a discussion aimed at raising awareness about the campaign. Opinions will be shared on the causes and consequences of violence against women as a social pandemic; as well as how different cultures</p>	<p>Riana Geldenhuys Tel: 021 650 4846 Cell: 082 460 5554 Email: riana.geldenhuys@uct.ac.za</p>

		perceive and respond to violence against women.	
4 Dec	<p>City Desired Dialogue: "Not in my Neighbourhood" - The social conundrum of gentrification in Cape Town</p> <p>Time: 18h00</p> <p>Venue: City Hall, Cape Town</p>	<p>As part of City Desired, a UCT initiative, the director of the international documentary "Not in my neighbourhood", Kurt Orderson, will share his motivation behind this project as well as his experiences in making the film.</p> <p>Shot in the neighbourhoods of Brooklyn in New York, USA, and Woodstock in Cape Town, "Not in my neighbourhood" highlights similarities and differences of gentrification processes across the globe in a comparative gesture. This has inspired a dialogue about the growing pressure on Woodstock, Cape Town's oldest suburb, from many sides.</p> <p>The fact that Woodstock was able to survive as a so-called "grey area" during apartheid has given the place a special significance. However, with Woodstock's ever-increasing attractiveness as a "creative hub", its historic cultural fabric and socio-economic diversity are increasingly encroached upon by soaring property prices.</p> <p>The trailer can be viewed at: http://youtu.be/3u04xW96MBE.</p>	<p>Kim Cloete Cell: 082 415 0736 Email: cloetek@yahoo.co.uk</p>
6 Dec	<p>City Desired: Talking Heads</p> <p>Time: 19h00 – 22h00</p> <p>Venue: City Hall, Cape Town</p>	<p>City Desired, a UCT initiative, is hosting Talking Heads: a Pan-African knowledge-sharing platform created to disrupt the common negative narratives about Africa. It will feature live events encouraging members of the public to engage with a pool of urban disrupters, thought leaders, seasoned experts and mavericks from various fields to explore the problems, opportunities and potential of Cape Town.</p> <p>The 20-minute round-table "learning circle" sessions are conversational and organic, and will see speakers adopt a centuries-old tradition of storytelling to help audience members grapple with complex urban topics.</p>	<p>Kim Cloete Cell: 082 415 0736 Email: cloetek@yahoo.co.uk</p>
5 Dec	<p>Alan J Flisher Centre for Public Mental Health Seminar: "Rethinking mental healthcare - bridging</p>	<p>The Alan J Flisher Centre for Public Mental Health at UCT and Stellenbosch University will jointly host a public lecture by Professor Vikram Patel from the Centre for</p>	<p>Amit Makan Tel: 021 685 9106 Cell: 084 555 2151 Email: a.makan@uct.ac.za</p>

	<p>the credibility gap”</p> <p>Time: 11h00 – 12h00</p> <p>Venue: Room 7, Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, Building B, Red Cross Child and Family Unit, 46 Sawkins Road, Rondebosch, Cape Town</p>	<p>Global Mental Health, titled “Rethinking mental healthcare - bridging the credibility gap”.</p> <p>Innovations in global mental health have focused on addressing the “supply side” barriers to reduce the treatment gap. However, such innovations alone will not reduce the treatment gap on account of the gap between the understanding of mental disorder which mental health specialists use, and how the rest of the world conceptualises psychological suffering.</p> <p>It is this “credibility” gap that needs to be bridged in three ways: 1) to distinguish mental disorders which could benefit from biomedical interventions from milder distress states; 2) to offer interventions for distress states mainly through low intensity psychosocial interventions delivered outside the formal healthcare system; and 3) to base the descriptions of diagnostic categories on the patterns of phenomena observed in general populations, rather than those observed in specialist settings.</p>	
<p>7-9 Dec</p>	<p>Mini conference: “Assessing the role of political psychology in South Africa”</p> <p>Time: 10h00-17h30 (7 December) 09h00-17h30 (8 December) 09h00-13h00 (9 December)</p> <p>Venue: Monkey Valley Resort, Mountain Road, Noordhoek, Cape Town</p>	<p>Academics from UCT are hosting South Africa’s first political psychology conference which will seek to make the link between human behaviour and political action in the country’s changing political landscape.</p> <p>To date political psychology has not gained traction as a discipline in South Africa. Despite a number of academics working - and research projects taking place - in the broad area of political psychology, there is no established forum or practices dedicated to political psychology. Yet, the field continues to be important as a catalyst for the development of a transforming society.</p> <p>This first formal gathering will be an opportunity to exchange ideas and knowledge, and to provide a starting point for regular engagement among political psychologists in South Africa, with the aim of creating a research community.</p> <p>The event’s speakers and topics include:</p>	<p>Carolyn McGibbon Tel: 021 650 4551 Cell: 079 529 4887 Email: carolyn.mcgibbon@uct.ac.za</p>

- **Lysias Gilbert & Joseph Kinanee (Ignatius Ajuru University of Education, Port Harcourt, Nigeria) -** Xenophobia in post-apartheid South Africa: Reflections on its continuities and possibilities
- **Nqobile Muthwa (University of KwaZulu-Natal) -** "It's because they do not want us here": A study of intergroup contact as constructed by informal settlers as abject partners in contact
- **Nick Malherbe & Rebecca Helman (UCT) -** Interrogating the "fatherhood crisis": Visual and discursive constructions of fathers amongst adolescents in Cape Town
- **Susan van Schie & Ines Meyer (UCT) -** The impact of employment equity on organisational justice and employee work behaviour in South Africa
- **Josephine Cornell & Shose Kessi (UCT) -** Black students' experiences of transformation in higher education: A photo-voice study
- **Melanie Judge (University of Western Cape) -** A place at the table? Homophobia-related violence, identity and politics
- **Monique Huysamen (UCT) -** The dirty old man and the young feminist researcher

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