

# CENTERING RESEARCH IN THE PANDEMIC-IMPACTED UCT

## RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM | Wed 27 October 2021

	Arrival, registration, tea & compulsory COVID-19 screening	08:15 – 09:00
	<b>Introduction &amp; welcome   Opening address</b> Professor Mamokgethi Phakeng   Vice-Chancellor	09:00 – 09:05
	<b>Keynote address   Professor Chris Brink CBE</b> Emeritus Vice-Chancellor, Newcastle University	09:05 – 09:30
Panellists	<b>Panel discussion   Strategies to adapt and thrive doing research in challenging times</b>  Chair: Professor Sue Harrison   Deputy Vice-Chancellor: Research & Internationalisation	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr Rob Adam</b>   Director: SKA South Africa &amp; Managing Director, SA Radio Astronomy Observatory (SARAO)</li> <li>• <b>Prof Esther Akinlabi</b>   Director: The Pan African University Institute of Life and Earth Sciences (PAULESI)</li> <li>• <b>A/Prof Shose Kessi</b>   Dean of Humanities, University of Cape Town</li> <li>• <b>A/Prof Sylvia He</b>   Geography and Resource Management Chinese University of Hong Kong</li> <li>• <b>Prof John Holloway</b>   Associate Vice-President (Interdisciplinary Research) Professor of Allergy and Respiratory Genetics, University of Southampton</li> </ul>	09:30 – 10:20
	<b>Tea break</b>	10:20 – 10:35
	<b>Celebrating UCT's research resilience   Quickfire presentations</b> Chair: Dr Linda Mtwisha   Executive Director: UCT Research	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>A/Prof Reza Daniels</b>   School of Economics</li> <li>• <b>A/Prof Sheetal Silal</b>   Statistical Sciences Director: The Modelling and Simulation Hub, Africa (MASHA)</li> <li>• <b>Dr Divine Fuh</b>   Social Anthropology Director: Institute for Humanities in Africa (HUMA)</li> <li>• <b>Dr Sarah Fawcett</b>   Oceanography</li> <li>• <b>Dr Kirsty Carden</b>   Civil Engineering   Interim Director: Future Water institute</li> <li>• <b>Prof Liesl Zühlke</b>   Director: Children's Heart Disease Research Unit</li> </ul>	10:35 – 11:20
	<b>Q&amp;A</b>   Dr Linda Mtwisha	11:20 – 11:30
Speakers	<b>Breakaway sessions (virtual and in-person groups)</b> Centering research in the pandemic-impacted UCT: brainstorming steps towards an impactful, resilient and facilitating research environment at UCT.	11:30 – 12:20
	<b>Comfort break</b>	12:20 – 12:25
	<b>Feedback from breakaway sessions</b>	12:25 – 13:10
	<b>Discussion &amp; proposed action points</b>	13:10 – 13:45
	<b>Closing Remarks</b>   Professor Sue Harrison	13:45 – 14:00
	<b>Lunch (FOR IN-PERSON GUESTS ONLY)</b>	14:00 – 15:00

