Trinity International Development Initiative

Concept Note: Nelson Mandela Lecture 2017

Title: “Education a Means to Determine the Quality and Magnitude of South Africa’s Youth Development: The Legacy of Nelson Mandela”

Location, Venue, Date

- Swift Lecture Theatre, Arts Building, Trinity College
- Tuesday 5 December 2017; 18:00 – 20:00

Hosts

The Embassy of South Africa to the Republic of Ireland with the support of the Trinity International Development Initiative (TIDI) [www.tcd.ie/tidi](http://www.tcd.ie/tidi), and the School of Education, Trinity College Dublin.

Aims & Objectives

The year 2017 marks 4th anniversary of Nelson Mandela’s death. Each year on the 5th December, the anniversary of his death, his legacy is celebrated. This year, the Embassy of the Republic of South Africa commemorates Nelson Mandela’s enduring legacy on education.

Context of Nelson Mandela Lecture

Nelson Mandela, who lived from 18 July 1918 to 5 December 2013, was a South African anti-apartheid activist, politician, and philanthropist, who served as President of South Africa from 1994 to 1999. He was the country's first black head of state and the first elected in a fully representative democratic election. His government focused on dismantling the legacy of apartheid by tackling institutionalised racism and fostering racial reconciliation. He served as President of the African National Congress (ANC) party from 1991 to 1997.

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Dr. Somadoda Fikeni was born at Mount Ayliff (MaXesibeni) and he hails from Lugelweni village in the Eastern Cape. Educationally, he acquired his BA and BA honours from the then University of Transkei that is currently known as Walter Sisulu University. He also studied peace and political studies at McMaster University in Canada, and also obtained his MA in International Politics and Comparative Development at Queens University, also in Canada. He went on to obtain his Doctoral Studies or PhD in Comparative Politics and Public Policy Analysis at Michigan State University in USA. His areas of expertise are policy analysis, comparative politics, research methodology, international politics, political economy and heritage. He is an author, a researcher and a public speaker and commentator on a range of local and global political, social and heritage as well as economic issues. He received the most votes for the best political analyst in an SAFM organized programme hosted by a highly respected media personality, Ashraf Garda.

Professionally, he has lectured in a number of universities in SA, Namibia and Michigan State University. He also worked as a researcher at the Namibian Institute for Social and Economic Research. He held various management and leadership positions which include being the merger manager at the University of Transkei, founding COO and Heritage Manager for the National Heritage Council of South Africa (NHC). He has chaired various national, provincial and local boards, councils, Task Teams, projects and institutions, namely, Walter Sisulu University (WSU) Council, Eastern Cape Development Corporation (ECDC), South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA), South African Forestry Company Limited (SAFCOL) and the Eminent Persons Group for Sports Transformation (EPG). He is the member of the Brics Think Tank. He currently chairs the Independent Development Trust (IDT), performing arts national institution, Artscape, and has just been appointed a member of the inaugural South African Council for International Relations. He has also been appointed to serve in numerous national and international task teams and commissions of inquiry including being an election observer in East Timor in 2007. He has received numerous awards in South Africa and abroad for his academic and community work. Among these is the honorary chieftaincy bestowed by the Ghanaian coastal Kingdom of Elmina. His is currently serving in the Department of Arts and Culture Task Team for Transformation of the Heritage Sector in South Africa as well as one for Review of the Arts, Culture and Heritage White Paper policy document. He is currently a director of VC Special Projects and an advisor to the VC/Principal of the University of South Africa.

Prof. John Fitzgerald

John FitzGerald is an Adjunct Professor in both TCD and UCD, having previously been a Research Professor in the Economic and Social Research Institute in Dublin. He is a member of the Central Bank of Ireland Commission and he is Chairman of the Irish government’s Climate Change Advisory Council.
**Prof Juliette Hussey, MSc, PhD, F.T.C.D.**

Professor Juliette Hussey is the Vice-President for Global Relations and has responsibility for strengthening the university's international strategies and external relationships, both national and international, to effectively deliver the College’s core mission in Education and Research.

Professor Hussey is Head of Discipline and Associate Professor in the Department of Physiotherapy. The focus of her research lies in the broad area of exercise in the management and prevention of disease. The ultimate aim of this work is translational; focused on improving scientific exercise prescription to optimise therapeutic responses to exercise interventions in chronic disease and particularly cancer.

Professor Hussey joined the University in 1992 as a lecturer in Physiotherapy. Prior to that she had worked as a clinical physiotherapist in the Mater Hospital in Dublin and then in Great Ormond Street Children’s Hospital in London where she completed an MSc in King’s College London. She has been head of Physiotherapy since 2003 and developed two taught postgraduate programmes as well as increasing the postgraduate research activity within the discipline. In 2010-2011 she led discussions with Singapore Institute of Technology regarding the Bachelor in Science programmes in occupational therapy and physiotherapy. She was elected to fellowship in TCD in 2011.

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