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KHULISA SOCIAL SOLUTIONS AND RESTORATIVE JUSTICE CENTRE
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TITLE:
**ADDRESSING HARM:
A RESTORATIVE APPROACH
TO SOCIAL JUSTICE**

Every year, during the month of November, non-governmental organisations, State departments, community organisations, and academic institutions, working in the field of restorative justice across the world, organise a series of local events to raise awareness about restorative justice. This year International Restorative Justice Week will be commemorated from 21 – 28 November 2021, with the theme: **“Protect and Empower the Person Harmed”**.

DATE: TUESDAY, 23 NOVEMBER 2021

TIME: 15H00-17H00

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PRESENTER BIOGRAPHIES



FACILITATOR: DR HEMA HARGOVAN

Hema Hargovan has a BA (Law); Hon (Criminology); LLB; LLM and a PhD in Criminology. She has vast experience in the fields of criminology, criminal justice, victimology, and community development. Dr Hargovan is currently a Senior Lecturer in Community Development in the School of Built Environment and Development Studies at the University of KwaZulu-Natal. She actively collaborates with non-governmental organisations such as Khulisa Social Solutions and NICRO. Dr Hargovan serves as a member of the National Council for Correctional Services, and on the editorial boards of the South African Crime Quarterly and the International Journal of Restorative Justice. Her research interests are in the disciplines of law, criminal justice, social justice, criminology, and victimology. She has published widely in these fields and presented award winning papers at numerous international and local conferences.

WELCOME ADDRESS: PROFESSOR ERNEST KHALEMA

**Dean and Head: School of Built Environment and Development Studies
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Professor Ernest Nene Khalema (BA, GDip. Ed, MEd, PhD, University of Alberta-Canada) is the Dean and Head of School of Built Environment & Development Studies (SoBEDS). He was formerly interim Academic Leader of Community Engagement (2018-2019) and Academic Leader for the Discipline of Community Development (2016-2018) within SoBEDS. Before joining UKZN he was a professor in various Canadian universities from 2001 to 2011 and served as an Adjunct Professor of Public Health from 2012 to 2018 at the University of Alberta's School of Public Health (Canada), specializing in African migrant epidemiology, health equity for vulnerable populations, and chronic disease prevention. Professor Khalema also served as Senior Research Specialist (SRS) and later promoted to Chief Research Scientist (CRS) at the Human Sciences Research Council of South Africa (2011-2016) where his seminal work on migration, critical African Diaspora and indigenous studies, and urban mobilities/livelihoods studies received national and international recognition. Professor Khalema is a recipient of numerous national and international teaching, research, leadership, and community awards in the area human rights and anti oppression sector and has led projects in Canada, Mozambique, Brazil, and the Caribbean.



KEYNOTE SPEAKER: DR CARL STAUFFER

"Current trends globally in restorative justice and community peace mediation"

Dr Carl Stauffer, is a strategic leader with 30+ years' experience in peace, justice and reconciliation initiatives. Stauffer received his Bachelor's degree in Social Work and Religious Studies, and his Master's in Conflict Transformation from Eastern Mennonite University. He is an Alumni of UKZN having obtained his Doctorate in Conflict Resolution and Peace Studies. He is currently the Senior Expert, Reconciliation at the US Institute for Peace. During his 16 years in Africa, Carl worked with the South African TRC, peace accords, election monitoring, ex-combatant reintegration, collective trauma recovery, memorialization, deliberative democracy, security sector reform, and development/ humanitarian interventions. He has conducted training and consultation with an emphasis on inclusive peace processes in 37 countries on 6 continents. Carl's research focuses on RJ as a social movement, and the use of indigenous and community justice practices. Stauffer's academic interests include restorative and transitional justice, post-war reconstruction, and reconciliation processes. His research focuses on a critique of transitional justice from a restorative and transformative frame, and the application of hybrid, indigenous community justice approaches. Stauffer's most recent publications focus on positioning the Restorative Justice field as a transnational social justice movement.



MIKE BATLEY

"Revisiting National Policy Framework and implementation plan – 2016"

Mike Batley is a co-founder and director of the Restorative Justice Centre (RJC), a vibrant, multi-cultural civil society organisation. Within this context he played a pioneering role in bringing restorative justice into the criminal justice system and public discourse, and in developing associated services in South Africa. He was recognised as an Ashoka Fellow for this work. He has published several book chapters and journal articles on restorative justice. He was part of the group of experts that reviewed the UN Basic Guidelines for Restorative Justice in November 2017. He developed a strategy for strengthening child justice in Eswatini in 2019. For more information www.rjc.co.za



VENESSA PADAYACHEE

"Stories of healing and restoration"

Venessa has been a social worker working in the criminal justice sector for over 26 years. She has a degree in Social Work, Diploma in Human Resource Management and a Masters in Criminology. Her restorative justice experience is as facilitator, presenter, and trainer. She has travelled widely and presented extensively at workshops and conferences both in SA and abroad. She has co-authored various publications in her field of expertise. She was involved in designing and leading NICRO's Community Victim Support project, and their Domestic violence programme; working with both victims and perpetrators. Venessa has facilitated a number of victim-offender dialogues, in a range of settings with serious and violent offences, including sexual offences. She has also played an active role in shaping prisons and crime prevention policy and law in the country and was a regular contributor to parliamentary submissions to the Justice and Correctional services Portfolio committee. Venessa is now an independent consultant and co-founder of Mid-Way Services, a Non-profit company that trains and supervises community mentors supporting people returning from prison, youth at risk and others who are in a tough place. Venessa also consults to The Message Trust, another organization working with those released from prison and unemployed persons.



LESLEY ANN VAN SELM

"Evidence of grassroots peace mediation – a case study"

The genesis of Khulisa Social Solutions dates back to 1997 when Lesley Ann, inspired by stories narrated by Credo Mutwa during the previous decades, in collaboration with the Departments of Correctional Services, Education, Community Safety and Social Development, the first ever offender rehabilitation programme was introduced at Leeuwkop Prison just outside Johannesburg. Today Khulisa operates throughout South Africa. Khulisa's mission is to address social vulnerabilities and inequalities by providing support and developmental know-how, through key partnerships, for initiatives at a community level that demonstrate social impact, inspires, empowers and enables vulnerable children, youth and the community at large. Collectively, Khulisa and Lesley Ann have been awarded numerous local and international awards for their work in the arena of crime prevention, restorative justice, social entrepreneurship and community development. In 2001 Lesley Ann was elected an Ashoka Fellowship and has presented papers at international conferences globally. In May 2018 Lesley Ann received the London-based South African Chamber's prestigious Play Your Part Award. In 2019 she was announced as a winner of 'CEO Today Magazine Global Award 2019'.



PROFESSOR ANN SKELTON

"Addressing harm: A restorative approach to social justice: The way forward"

Ann Skelton is a Professor of Law at the University of Pretoria. Her doctoral thesis (2005) was on restorative justice and child justice in South Africa. She has published widely on the influence of restorative justice on South African legislation, jurisprudence, policy and practice. She has written about the synergies between restorative justice and African traditional justice processes, and about restorative justice and human rights. Her awards include the Honorary Worlds' Children's Prize (2012) and the Juvenile Justice Without Borders Award (2017) and International Ambassador for the British Society of Criminology (current). She is currently a member of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child.

