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Welcome from the Conference Chairperson

President's Welcome Message

On behalf of the ASASWEI EXCO, it is my great pleasure and an honour to extend a warm welcome to each and every one who has physically joined the International Social Work Conference '2023. A number of other delegates are attending virtually. I welcome you too and send you my warmest virtual greetings. It is such a privilege for me to be afforded the opportunity to address a diverse and multi-disciplinary group of distinguished researchers, academics, practitioners, policy makers and students, gathered here at Elangeni Hotel in Durban.

We are all gathered here for the next three days with one common purpose – which is to jointly explore ways and means of minimising the deleterious impact of adversity, vulnerability, and trauma, that is often human made and/or natural. We all aim to engage, share, and discuss how to contribute to the advancement of social work practice.

As we are gathered here for the conference, we recognise and are reminded about the immense complex social, emotional, economic, cultural, political, religious/spiritual, environmental, and global challenges that individuals, families, groups, and communities in South Africa. Let us not forget our brothers and sisters living across our borders in neighbouring countries. The situation is not unique to the African continent. Wars, political conflicts, disasters, poverty, violent crime, substance use and mental health related challenges, human trafficking, etc are pervasive global issues that demand our attention, expertise, and compassion.

The conference theme, **"Advancing Social Work Praxis through Strengthened Multi-Sectoral Responses to Adversity, Vulnerability, and Trauma,"** encapsulates our collective commitment to effecting meaningful and sustainable change. This conference serves as a platform for us all to forge partnerships and collaborations in our collective efforts to exchange and share knowledge to deepen our understanding of the complex issues. In doing so, we will enhance our skills and competencies to be able to design innovative interventions that would transform people's lives for the better.

I am confident that by harnessing the power of the multitude of experiences and expertise, infusing a collaborative and caring spirit, we would succeed in developing approaches, models of intervention, strategies and techniques that would culminate in long-lasting solutions that would be effective in addressing the multiple interacting complex issues.

Our esteemed and world-renowned keynote speakers, panellists, workshop facilitators, and presenters will inspire us with their insights, experiences and will undoubtedly enrich our collective knowledge and inspire us to get out of our comfort zones and challenge ourselves to push the boundaries of our routine social work practice. They will inspire us to want to challenge ourselves to become global citizens and transformative leaders who inspire change. The conference promises to be transformative for all who are yearning for new knowledge and are keen to learn. We owe it to the

millions of peoples of the world who are victims of human rights abuse, injustices, and disasters. In the words of Former First Lady Michelle Obama: *“We have a responsibility to live up to the legacy of those who came before us by doing all that we can to help those who come after us”*. Let us use this opportunity to empower ourselves to be able to empower others.

We have curated a comprehensive programme that encompass a wide range of interesting sub-themes. As you engage in those productive and robust discussions, using the opportunity to share and learn jointly with fellow attendees, build those networks and connections. It is true that the power of our collective expertise lies in our ability to work together collaboratively in the spirit of Ubuntu. In that way, we will amplify our collective impact on a global scale.

To all attendance both present here and those who are online, I encourage you to actively participate, share, ask questions, engage in debates and discussions, and embrace the opportunity to advance yourself. You will learn and grow. To those who are introverted and shy like me, there will be ample networking opportunities that this conference presents. You also, will leave the conference transformed. Together in partnership, we have the power to make a profound difference in the lives of the multitude of service users we serve. Collectively, we have the power to transform and advance social work praxis around the globe.

Once again, welcome to the ASASWEI International Social Work Conference ‘2023. May this hybrid gathering serve as a catalyst for transformative and sustainable change and may all the connections forged here endure long after the conference concludes. I wish you all a productive, fulfilling and rewarding experience. I would not make the mistake of forgetting the team that worked tirelessly in planning this conference. My heartfelt gratitude goes to my colleagues at EXCO, members of the LOC from the UKZN Department of Social Work, and our sponsoring partners Association of Schools of Social Work in Africa (ASSWA), Department of Social Development (DSD) National Office, Department of Social Development (DSD) KZN Provincial Office, Convention Bureau and Health and Welfare SETA (HWSETA). Each one of you contributed in a myriad of ways to make this conference a success. Your commitment and support are instrumental in creating a conference that promises to be vibrant and enriching.

Hami amukela - We welcome you.

Kea le boga. I thank you. Ngiyabonga

Dr Poppy Masinga

ASASWEI President

The Conference Programme

The Conference

Dates/Venue: 27-29 September 2023
Elangeni Hotel Conference Centre, Durban

| Conference Day 1: Wednesday 27 September 2023 Elangeni Hotel Conference Centre, Durban | |
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| 08:00 –09:00 | Registration Day 1 All delegates to be seated in main conference venue by 09:15 Online attendees and delegates to log onto conference link by 09:15 |
| 09:00 –11:45 | Conference opens Chairperson Day 1: Dr Poppy Masinga President: Association of South African Social Work Education Institutions (ASASWEI) |
| Plenary 1 | Call to conference: Drumming & Music Opening of Conference and Welcome President: ASASWEI – Dr Poppy Masinga (15 mins) <i>Introduced by Dr Varoshini Nadesan</i> Opening and Welcome Address by Deputy Vice-Chancellor: University of Kwa-Zulu-Natal: Prof Nhlanhla Mkhize (15 mins) <i>Introduced by Dr Sibonsile Zibane</i> Entertainment Item (5) Message from the Honourable Minister of Social Development Ms Lindiwe Zulu (15 mins) <i>Introduced by Mrs Civil Legodu</i> Messages of welcome <i>Introduced by Prof Anneline Keet</i> International Association of the Schools of Social Work (IASSW) President: Prof Annamaria Campanini (5 mins)- video presentation Association of the Schools of Social Work in Africa (ASSWA) President: Dr Kgomotso Jongman (5 mins)- online-live South African Council for Social Service Professions (SACSSP) |

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| | <p>President: Dr Paul Mbedzi (5 mins)</p> <p>The Convention Bureau: (10 mins)</p> <p>Entertainment Item (5)</p> <p>Keynote address: Dr Imtiaz Sooliman (30 mins) <i>Introduced by Dr Poppy Masinga (ASASWEI President)</i></p> | | | | | |
| 11:45-12:00 | <p>Remembrance of departed social workers (15 mins) <i>Session facilitators: Mrs Civil Legodu/ Dr Corlie Giliomee (slide presentation)</i></p> | | | | | |
| 12:00-12:45 | Lunch Break (30 minutes) | | | | | |
| 12:30 | All presenters for Session 1 to check in to respective breakaway room | | | | | |
| | <p>Session 1 (2 hour session) All are parallel sessions in specified breakaway rooms</p> | | | | | |
| 12:45- 15:00 2.15 hours | Plenary venue | Breakaway room 1 | Breakaway room 2 | Breakaway room 3 | Breakaway room 4 | Breakaway room 5 |
| 15:00-15:15 | Tea Break (15 minutes) | | | | | |
| 15:15-17:15 (2-hour sessions) | <p>Session 2 (2,15 hour session) All are parallel sessions and workshops in specified breakaway rooms.</p> | | | | | |
| | Plenary venue | Breakaway room 1 | Breakaway room 2 | Breakaway room 3 | Breakaway room 4 | Breakaway room 5 |
| <p>End of sessions for Day 1 <i>Free evening</i></p> | | | | | | |



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| Conference Day 2: Thursday 28 September 2023 | |
| Elangeni Hotel Conference Centre, Durban | |
| 09:00–09:20 | <p>Registration Day 2 All delegates to be seated in main conference venue by 09:15 Online attendees and delegates to log onto conference link by 09:15</p> |
| 09:30–11:00 Plenary 2 | <p>Chairperson Day 2: Dr Sipiwe Motloug LOC Member / UKZN</p> |
| | <p>Call to conference: Music National Department of Social Development (10 min)</p> |

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| <p>Dr Nelisiwe Vilakazi</p> <p>Eastern Cape Department of Social Development Mr. Wandile Ncapai (5 min)</p> <p>Acting Registrar: SACSSP (10 min) Mr Hitler Sekhitla</p> <p>Representative of the NGO sector: Mrs Margaret Grobbelaar (10 min) Online</p> <p>Keynote by Advocacy Specialist: Ms Lisa Vetten (20 min) online <i>Introduced by Prof Nontembeko Bila</i></p> | | | | | | |
| <p>11:00 – 11:20 TEA BREAK (15 minutes)</p> | | | | | | |
| <p>11:15 All presenters for Session 3 to check in to respective breakaway room by 11:15</p> | | | | | | |
| <p>11:25-13:00 Session 3 (90 minutes) All are parallel sessions in specified breakaway rooms</p> | | | | | | |
| | Plenary venue | Breakaway room 1 | Breakaway room 2 | Breakaway room 3 | Breakaway room 4 | Breakaway room 5 |
| <p>13:00-13:45 Lunch Break (45 minutes)</p> | | | | | | |
| <p>13:50 All presenters for Session 4 to check in to respective breakaway room by 13:50</p> | | | | | | |
| <p>14:00-16:00 Session 4 (2-hour session) All are parallel sessions in specified breakaway rooms</p> | | | | | | |
| | Plenary venue | Breakaway room 1 | Breakaway room 2 | Breakaway room 3 | Breakaway room 4 | Breakaway room 5 |
| <p>End of sessions for Day 2 <i>Please prepare and proceed to venue for the Gala evening and dinner.</i></p> | | | | | | |
| <p>Thursday 28 September 2023 GALA EVENING Welcome: ASASWEI President: Dr Poppy Masinga</p> <p>KEYNOTE BY PROF M. MATOANE UKZN DEAN OF HUMANITIES <i>Introduced by Dr Sibonsile Zibane</i></p> <p>AWARDS CEREMONY <i>Prof Mbazima Mathebane</i></p> <p>DINNER-DANCE</p> | | | | | | |



Conference Day 3: Friday 29th September 2023 Elangeni Hotel Conference Centre, Durban

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| 09:00 – 09:20 | Registration Day 3 All delegates to be seated in main conference venue by 9:15 Online attendees and delegates to log onto conference link by 09:15 | | | | | |
| 09:30 -11:00 Plenary 3 | Chairperson Day 3: Prof Willem Roestenburg Vice-President: ASASWEI | | | | | |
| | Call to Conference: Music Social Work Veteran Association: (10 min) Launch of Journal Club (10 min) (Dr. B. Nkala-Dlamini & Mr. M Xweso) Special Interest Group Update (10 min) Marketing: Forthcoming & new publications Prof Anneline Keet (5 minutes per presenter: 40 mins) Conference Entertainment | | | | | |
| 11:00 – 11:20 | TEA BREAK: 11:00 – 11:20 | | | | | |
| 11:15 | All presenters for Session 5 to check in to respective breakaway room by 11:15 | | | | | |
| 11:30-12:30 | Session 5 (60 mins) All are parallel sessions in specified breakaway rooms | | | | | |
| | Plenary venue Poster discussion | Breakaway room 1 Workshop session | Breakaway room 2 Workshop session | Breakaway room 3 Workshop session | Breakaway room 4 Workshop session | Breakaway room 5 |
| 12:35 | All delegates and guests to be seated in plenary venue by 12:35 Entertainment music | | | | | |
| PLENARY 4 12:45 – 13:15 | Vote of thanks by Prof Willem Roestenburg (Vice President: ASASWEI) | | | | | |
| | Introduction of new ASASWEI Executive: 2023-2025 | | | | | |

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| 13:15 | Address by Incoming ASASWEI President: 2023-2025 |
| | Conference Closing Address by Dr Poppy Masinga (ASASWEI President: 2021-2023) |
| | Conference Entertainment (10 minutes) |
| | Conference Closure |
| | Lunch and departure. Safe travels |



Conference 2023 themes and sub-themes:

| THEME | Sub-theme number | SUB-THEME TITLE |
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| Theme 1: Promoting stakeholder partnerships that protect, support and enhance resilience during adverse events and trauma | 1.1 | The role of psychosocial services during adverse events and resultant trauma from a Human rights perspective. |
| | 1.2 | The protection of physical and psychological health and wellbeing of children, people with disabilities, and older people through fostering safe, sustainable, and inclusive living spaces |
| | 1.3 | Empowering and protecting homeless people against vulnerability and exploitation |
| | 1.4 | Advocating for and reducing the vulnerabilities of undocumented migrants, refugees, asylum seekers, and LGBTQI+ populations |
| Theme 2: Building sustainable, resilient, and self-reliant communities through indigenous modalities, inter-sectoral collaborations, and partnerships | 2.1 | Supporting families in mitigating vulnerabilities |
| | 2.2 | Strengthening community support structures to mitigate the impact of adverse events |
| | 2.3 | Strengthening indigenous economic empowerment structures in responding during and after adverse situations |
| | 2.4 | Strengthening religious and spiritual structures in responding during and after adverse events |
| | 2.5 | Offence prevention and promotion of safer spaces through partnerships with community structures |
| | 2.6 | Multi-sectoral strategies for mental health and substance abuse prevention and intervention |
| | 2.7 | Social entrepreneurship, technology innovations and strategies for youth empowerment and skills development. |

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| Theme 3: Strategies toward the normative development of society | 3.1 | Promoting egalitarianism in intimate and other relationships as responses to Gender-based violence and femicide. |
| | 3.2 | Promoting positive role models in gender relational contexts |
| | 3.3 | Guiding families through life stage transitions and adversity. |
| | 3.4 | Multisector responses to young people and teenage pregnancy |
| Theme 4: Quality management and enhancement of social services | 4.1 | The ethics of multi-sectoral practices of the new eco-social world order |
| | 4.2 | Building professional capacity in social service professions through supervision, support, and development. |
| | 4.3 | Capacity building in new fields of social service such as environmental justice, climate change, green / eco-social work, inter- and trans-disciplinary interventions |
| | 4.4 | Advancing Decolonial and Afrocentric education, research, and practice |
| | 4.5 | Transforming social and healthcare services through capacity building and adoption of information technology |
| | 4.6 | Supporting the mental wellbeing of social service professionals working with adversity under adverse conditions. |



Conference Speakers



**The Hon Minister
Ms Lindiwe Daphney Zulu
Minister of Social Development
Republic of South Africa**

The Hon Minister Zulu is a member of the National Executive Committee (NEC) and the chairperson for the African National Congress's Sub-Committee on International Relations. After completing military and other training overseas, she returned to South Africa in 1991 and was appointed Head of Communication in the ANC Women's League and was one of the ANC's team of spokespersons for South Africa's first democratic elections in 1994. After the elections, she was elected a member of the Gauteng Legislature and was appointed Deputy Speaker of the Gauteng Legislature in 1995, and 1999 Ms Zulu was appointed the Special Advisor to the Minister of Foreign Affairs. In 2003 she joined the private sector as the Executive Head of Government and International Relations at Vodacom mobile group. In 2004 Ms Zulu became the South African Ambassador to Brazil. She was elected to the ANC National Executive Committee in 2007 and 2009. After 2009, Ms Zulu was appointed Special Advisor to the President of South Africa on International Relations. In 2014, Ms Zulu was appointed as the Minister of Small Business Development, and in 2019, she was appointed as the Minister of Social Development. Ms Zulu is particularly interested in issues relating to the promotion and protection of the rights of vulnerable groups (women, children, youth, and people with disabilities amongst others), and passionate about women empowerment and gender equality.



**Deputy Vice-Chancellor:
Head of College: Humanities
University of Kwa-Zulu-Natal:
Prof Nhlanhla Mkhize**

Nhlanhla Mkhize, PhD, is the former Head of the School of Psychology and former Dean and former Head of the School of Applied Human Sciences at the University of KwaZulu-Natal (South Africa). He teaches modules on African Psychology & Ethics, with reference to African philosophical underpinnings to ethics and also touching on the interface between culture, health and illness. He has been invited to give keynote addresses nationally and internationally on the subject of indigenous knowledge systems, morality/ethics and the self. He has published journal articles and book chapters on cultural aspects of counseling, career counseling, African psychology, and ethics. He was a member of the International (African) Reference Group that participated in the revision of the International Code of Ethics for Occupational Health Therapists. Of late he has been interested in language and instruction and has been involved in isiZulu terminology development and translation for Psychology and other Social Sciences disciplines.



**Dr Imtiaz Sooliman
Founder and Chairman
Gift Of The Givers**

Dr Sooliman is a graduate of the University of KwaZulu-Natal's Medical School, qualifying as a medical doctor in 1984. Dr Sooliman commenced private practice in Pietermaritzburg in 1986, but chose to close his flourishing practice in mid-1994, choosing instead to focus his attention on Gift of the Givers Foundation, which he had founded in early August 1992. His establishment of Gift of the Givers Foundation was the consequence of a message Dr Sooliman, then aged 30, received from Sufi Sheikh Muhammed Saffer Effendi al Jerrahi, his spiritual leader in Istanbul, Turkey, who called on him to serve all people of all races, of all religions, of all colours, of all classes, of all political affiliations and of any geographical location... a calling he honoured then and continues to honour today. His endeavour in this regard has seen Gift of the Givers Foundation emerge as one of the most respected humanitarian organisations in the world and is today the largest disaster response agency of African origin anywhere on the continent.



**Prof Matshepo Matoane
Dean and Head:
School of Applied Human Sciences
University of Kwa-Zulu Natal**

Matshepo Matoane holds a DLitt et Phil (in Psychology) degree from the University of South Africa. She is an associate professor and a registered Clinical Psychologist, who is currently the Dean and Head of School of Applied Human Sciences at the University of Kwa-Zulu Natal (UKZN), in South Africa. Matshepo has worked in higher education as both an academic, researcher and manager. Her experience in the leadership, teaching and practice of psychology has contributed to her curiosity and passion for optimizing the psychological wellbeing of individuals and whole communities, with special interest in those who have a history of being marginalized or located in under-resourced environments. Her areas of research tend to gravitate towards community psychology, the indigenization of psychology and health psychology. Having driven the quality assurance of teaching and learning support services at a mega distance education institution in South Africa, Matshepo is equally drawn to research that is aimed at improving academic and student support. She has presented scientific papers and keynote addresses nationally and internationally in these areas, including publishing research articles in peer reviewed journals.



Ms Lisa Vetten
Activist
Research/project consultant
Faculty of Humanities, University of
Johannesburg

Lisa Vetten has spent three decades opposing gendered forms of violence, working variously as a counsellor, para-legal, researcher and occasional drafter of policy for government departments. She has researched Government budget processes since 2006 and in 2018, she collaborated with the National Shelter Movement of South Africa to cost shelter services. In 2019 and 2020 Lisa was contracted by the European Union, in partnership with the Department of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation (DPME), to form part of a team identifying and costing a minimum set of core social services to women and children who have experienced violence. In 2021, Lisa co-authored the draft of the national Department of Social Development's intersectoral policy framework guiding the sheltering of victims of crime and violence. Lisa has a strong interest in the care economy and its work, much of which she explores as a research associate of Wits' Southern Centre for Inequality Studies. As a project consultant in the University of Johannesburg's Faculty of Humanities, Lisa contributes to the research project 'Gendered Violence and Urban Transformation in India and South Africa.' Lisa holds a master's in Political Studies and is currently completing her PhD.



Ms Margaret Grobbelaar
Social Worker

Ms Grobbelaar graduated with a BA (Social Work) degree from the University of the Witwatersrand. She worked as a social worker at the Department of Social Welfare, working in Child Care, Training and Substance Abuse. Ms Grobbelaar was selected to introduce and manage the system of funding non-governmental organisations' (NGO) services through the submission and assessment of programmes. This work continued in the Gauteng Department of Social Development from 1994 and she presented a paper at the University of Cambridge in 1996. Thereafter Ms Grobbelaar became the coordinator of the voluntary network of national and provincial NGOs – NACOSS - a position still held. She has served for more than 10 years on the Charities Distributing Agency of the NLDTF. She was involved in developing the new BSW qualification and CPD. She remains active in lobbying for NGOs, their personnel and beneficiaries.



ASASWEI Academic Associates



Prof Annamaria Campanini **International Association of Schools of Social Work (IASSW)**

Professor Annamaria Campanini was elected as President of the International Association of Schools of Social Work (IASSW) in 2016 and is now in her second term of office as President. She is a social worker and family therapist, as well as a retired PhD professor at Milano Bicocca University in Milan, Italy.

Prof Campanini was the co-ordinator of the Thematic Network EUSW-European Social Work and President of EASSW. She has taught in many countries worldwide and has served as an international examiner for MA and PhD programs, and as an examiner expert for accreditations in Portugal and for European ESCO projects.

She has authored many publications in several languages, and she serves as an editorial board member of many international social work journals.



Dr Kgomotso Jongman **President: Association of the Schools of Social Work in Africa (ASSWA)**

Dr Kgomotso Jongman trained to become a Catholic priest, taught in a junior school and ultimately became a social worker. He is currently a community practice and youth specialist with the University of Botswana and founder and Managing Director of Jo'speaks. He has a Phd in Social work specializing in youth development. He is widely published both as an academic and as a motivational speaker with key focus on children and youth. Dr Jongman was the president of the Botswana National Association of Social workers (BONASW) for 4 years (2010-2014), and the Human Rights Commissioner for the International Federation of Social Workers. Dr Jongman is currently the President of the Association of the Schools of Social Work in Africa (ASSWA) and Regional Vice President of IASSW.



Dr Rembuluwani Paul Mbedzi **President:** **South African Council for Social Service Professions (SACSSP)**

Dr Paul Mbedzi is the Chair of the Department of Social Work within the College of Humanities at the College of Human Sciences at the University of South Africa. He is the current President of the South African Council for Social Service Professions (SACSSP).

Conference Committees

a) Local Organising Committee (LOC)*

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Conference registration

Please visit the conference website for information on registration and all related general information: <https://www.asaswei.org.za/>

Official language of the Conference

The official language of the Conference is English. We will provide sign language interpreters where possible.

Hybrid event

This conference is designed as a hybrid event, allowing for participation and presentations both virtually and in-person.

Recording

The entire conference will be recorded, and the plenaries will be live-streamed onto the ASASWEI Facebook page and possibly shared. By attending the conference, you are consenting to be recorded, photographed and for live-stream. Please raise any objections to

this event being recorded or live-streamed in advance in writing to the conference secretary on asasweiexco@gmail.com.

Continuing Professional Development (CPD) accreditation

An application for CPD accreditation for this conference has been submitted to the South African Council for Social Service Professions (SACSSP). Certificates of Participation will be supplied to delegates who attend and present at the conference. CPD certificates will be provided to delegates who attend and participate in the full conference *and* upon payment of the required fee of R 350.00. Delegates, presenters and attendees are required to register on a daily basis to the conference to certify their attendance. Spot checks will be done. Full attendance for all three days is a pre-requisite for the CPD certificate. No certificates will be provided for non-CPD attendees.

Guidelines for session chairs

Session chairs and deputy session chairs must familiarise themselves with their time slots and the venues that they will preside over. Please ensure that you are at the venue 15 minutes before the start of the session. Presentations for the sessions will be uploaded in advance to be available for presenters at the time of their presentations. Time management is crucial to ensure that all presenters have an equal opportunity to present their work. Question and answer (Q&A) slots are provided for at the end of the session. The Session Chair is responsible for Chairing and decision making. The Session Chair must abide by the time allocation and count-down for each presenter. The Session Co-Chair is responsible for assisting the Session Chair in ensuring all presenters are in attendance and in readiness for their respective slots.

Guidelines for Presenters

Presenters must familiarise themselves with their time slots and the venues where they will present. Please ensure that you are at your venue 10 minutes before the start of the session. You will have 12 minutes to present. The session chair will indicate to you when you have 5 minutes left and again when you have 2 minutes left. This will assist with your management of time. All presentations must be uploaded to the website three days before the conference.

Please use the **Unique Code** that is allocated to your name when uploading each presentation.

Local Organising Committee (LOC) Bios*:



Dr Poppy Masinga
President: ASASWEI
South African College of Applied Psychology

Dr Poppy Masinga is the current and outgoing president of ASASWEI. She is Head of Faculty of Social Work and Community Development at South African College of Applied Psychology (SACAP). Previous Senior Lecturer at the University of Witwatersrand and Lecturer at University of Pretoria. Obtained a DPhil degree in Social Work from the University of Pretoria with a special focus on designing a school violence prevention. Holds MSW (Child and Family Welfare) and MSW (Social Work Management). She is current Chairperson of International Association of Social Work with Groups (IASWG) – African Chapter. She serves on Editorial Boards of Journal of Evidence-Based Social Work, Journal of International Migration and Integration and Social Worker/Maatskaplike Werk.



Prof Anneline CS Keet
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