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invites you to a webinar entitled

The University of the Future *Dealing with the disruption in responding to Covid-19*

Date: Thursday, 04 February 2021
Time: 12:30 – 16:00 GMT
Platform: ZOOM
Registration : [Click here to register](#) (until 03 February 2021 at 12:00 GMT)
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The Open International webinar will address many of the challenges facing universities in South Africa and across the world as they respond to the Covid-19 crisis. The speakers include the retired Vice-Chancellor of UNISA, Professor Mandla Makhanya, as well as authorities on the subject from the USA, UK, Australia, Nigeria, UAE and Syria. The international speakers have contributed to the recently published book on this subject of the same name (ISBN 978-1-912764-65-5).



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TIMETABLE

Timing GMT	Stream 1	Stream 2
12:30 – 12:40	<p>Introduction Dealing with the disruption Imagination, imagination, Imagination Prof Dan Remenyi & Prof Shawren Singh</p>	
12:40 – 13:00	<p>Strategic dimension Prof Mandla Makhanya</p>	<p>Future proof Prof Gabriel Donleavy</p>
13:00 – 13:20	<p>Ecosystem Prof Philip Dover</p>	<p>Syrian experience Prof Dima Dayoub</p>
13:20 – 13:40	<p>Smart Campus Prof Niyi Awofeso</p>	<p>Open distance e-learning in the advent the of COVID-19 Prof Moeketsi Letseka</p>
13:40 – 14:00	<p>Visionary Paths of the University of the future Prof Mpine Makoe</p>	<p>The Examination Issue Prof Shawren Singh</p>
14:00 – 14:45	<p>Breakout rooms for small group discussions Discussion facilitators</p>	
14:45 – 15:00	<p>Final plenary summary of the discussions and closure Prof Dan Remenyi & Prof Shawren Singh</p>	



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SPEAKERS

Speaker	Affiliation	Topic	Timetable code
	Niyi Awofeso is currently a Professor at the School of Health and Environmental Studies Hamdan Bin Mohammed Smart University (HBMSU), Dubai. He holds postgraduate qualifications in infectious diseases medicine, public health, business administration and health administration.	Smart Learning and Smart University Smart University Campuses	NA Dubai – Nigeria
	Dima Moain Dayoub is Associate Professor of Educational Technology and ELT and head of the English Language Teaching Department at the Higher Institute of Languages, Tishreen university, Syria, where she teaches <i>Integrating Technology into Language Learning and Teaching</i> and <i>Academic Research</i> to Masters students. She holds a PhD from the University of Manchester.	The Syrian experience	DD Syria
	Gabriel Donleavy has four decades of university teaching and managerial experience in Australia, England and the Far East. He is currently at Australia's University of New England in Armidale as Professor of Accounting and President of the Teachers' Union branch there.	The Future Proof University	GD Australia
	Philip Dover is an Emeritus Professor at Babson College in Boston, MA, USA. His academic and business interests lie in the management of high technology products, entrepreneurial studies and strategic market planning. He has extensive executive education experience, leading programs on market strategy and corporate entrepreneurship.	Ivory Tower to Ecosystem Driver	PD USA
	Moeketsi Letseka is Professor of Philosophy of Education and holder of the endowed United Nations, Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) Chair on Open Distance Learning (ODL) at the University of South Africa (UNISA).	Open distance e-learning in the advent the of COVID-19BA	ML SA
	Mandla Stanley Makhanya is the retired Vice Chancellor of the University of South Africa and a prominent proponent of higher education leadership and advocacy, nationally, continentally and globally, more especially as it pertains to Open, Distance and eLearning.	Blended Learning as a Strategic Dimension in the University of the Future	MSM SA
	Mpine Makoe is the Commonwealth of Learning Chair in Open Education Practices/ Resources at the University of South Africa (UNISA). She is also a National Research Foundation (NRF) rated Professor and a Director of African Council for Distance Education (ACDE). Mpine has published extensively in Open Distance Learning related fields.	Visionary paths of the University of the Future	MM South Africa
	Dan Remenyi is an Extraordinary Professor at the University of the Western Cape in South Africa and a director of ACPIIL. He has worked at 10 different universities over the past 30 years as a visiting professor where his main interest has been in the sociology of research. He has also acquired an interest in how universities function as educational and research organisations.	Dealing with the disruption - Imagining and Re-imagining the University of the Future	DR UK – South Africa
	Shawren Singh is an Associate Professor in the School of Computing at the University of South Africa, the largest university on the African continent. He has spent more than 20 years teaching and researching in the Information Systems space.	The examination issue	SS South Africa



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