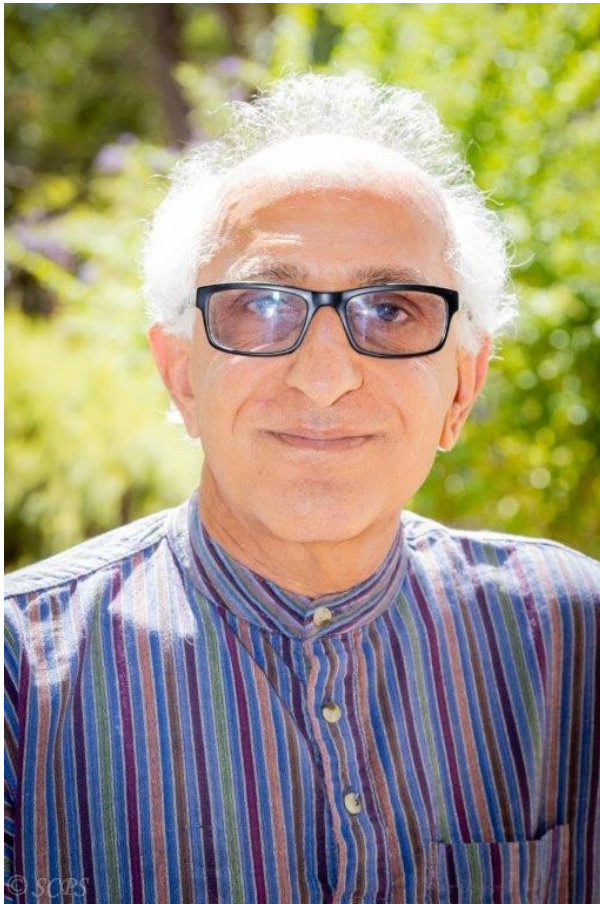


The UKZN College of Humanities Research Professor Project



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Appointed as research professor under the auspices of the Humanities Institute in 2019, Prof Saleem Badat is involved in a number of projects.

The most significant is a five-year project comprising the writing of a book on the History of Universities in South Africa (HUSA), which analyses their purposes, roles and functions during the colonial, segregation, apartheid and post-1994 periods. A central question which will be answered in the book, is whether, how and why the purposes, roles and functions of the universities in South Africa have changed.

An important part of this project, is also to develop a contributing network of scholars on the project and to raise funds and identify, appoint, mentor and work with postdoctoral fellows and doctoral students on the history of universities in South Africa.

A number of HUSA-related publications are being planned and a series of HUSA research publications is envisaged.

At this point, Emeritus Prof Paul Maylam of Rhodes University will be making a contribution in respect of the production of a historiography on universities in South Africa and some postdoctoral fellows and doctoral students have been recruited.

With financial and logistical support from Stellenbosch Institute for Advanced Studies (STIAS) Prof Badat also convened a national workshop on the HUSA project, with some 20 participants (senior scholars, early career scholars, postdoctoral fellows and PhD students) from South Africa, the United Kingdom (Dr. Anne Heffernan, Durham University) and possibly Switzerland (Prof. Gaële Goastellec).

Prof Badat is also involved in HUSA-related commissioned research and consultancies that financially contribute to the larger project.

Other books, include one on *Rhodes University* [2022] that critically reflects on the dynamics and challenges of transformation during his tenure as its first black vice-chancellor (2006 –

2014) and another has been submitted to the UKZN Press, on *Tennis, Apartheid and Social Justice*. The latter is under review currently.

Internally, Prof Badat also leads and coordinates the Mellon-funded Early Career Scholars (ECS) project, in the College of Humanities, on academia generically speaking, as well as academic leadership. The programme encompasses seminal academic skills development related to building an academic career, and navigating a university, and also involves activities such as research project proposal writing and grant writing, research, writing and publishing.

Finally, on presentations and publications, Prof Badat has presented a number of papers during 2021, at the University of London, Durham University, Oxford University, Sefako Makgatho Health Sciences University, the United Nations University Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability Global Leadership and Sustainable Development in Africa programme, the University of Johannesburg, and the University of the Free State, in the panel on the Impact of Political Influences on University Governance Structures, 22 September 2021, together with Prof Thuli Madonsela (Stellenbosch University).

A number of his presentations have been published or have been accepted, or submitted for publication. Among these count,

- a long essay on Ruth First and Activist Research which was originally presented at Durham university;
- an edited collection of research chapters for a book on the former University of Durban-Westville (with the assistance of Prof Goolam Vahed);
- a book on selected works of Harold Wolpe;
- ‘Reproduction, Transformation and Public South African Higher Education During and Beyond Covid-19’. *Transformation: Critical Perspectives on Southern Africa* 104, December: 24 – 41. <https://muse.jhu.edu/article/777044/pdf>
- ‘Revisiting the Dynamics and Character of Rural Struggles in South Africa, 1920s - 1960s’. *Journal of Southern African Studies*.
- ‘Political Banishment, Law and the South African Courts, 1948-1986’. *Fundamina*.
- ‘Banishment as a Device of Colonial Political Repression and Control: The South African Experience’. *Journal of African History*.
- ‘Banishment as an Instrument of Political and Social Control: A Historical and Comparative Analysis’.
- ‘Re-envisioning Universities in Africa as African Universities’.
- Contesting Northern Hegemony in Knowledge Making in the Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences: Research on, for, with, in, and of Africa. Book under review.

At this point, Prof Badat has raised \$60 000 (R1 120 814) from Mellon and R 800 000 from NIHSS for the HUSA project; PDRFs from Durban University of Technology; R 300 000 from CHE; and R 10.9 million for the Early Career Scholars project, which will run over five years.

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