



# The Future of Education Research in African Contexts

9<sup>th</sup> International Research School &  
3<sup>rd</sup> CERM-ESA Conference

**25 September – 6 October 2023**

Location: CERM-ESA Auditorium, Moi University, Eldoret

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## **CERM-ESA**

East and South African-German Centre of Excellence  
for Educational Research Methodologies and Management



# 9<sup>th</sup> International Research School

## Monday, 25 September

**09.00**

Welcome and registration

Dr Susan Kurgat

**09.30-12.30**

Introduction, expectations and goal setting

Prof Mathabo Khau

Prof Naydene de Lange

**Lunch**

**13.30-15.00**

What is research? Understanding, framing and sharpening the research problem

Prof Naydene de Lange

Prof Mathabo Khau

**15.00-17.00**

Soft skills: roles, expectations, communication, goal setting – what does it need to successfully complete a research project?

Prof Naydene de Lange

Prof Mathabo Khau

Prof John Chang'ach

**09.00-17.00**

**Intensive writing and support workshop: CERM-ESA doctoral students in their third year**

Dr Ayanda Simayi, Dr David Ssekamatte, Prof Paul Webb

## Tuesday, 26 September

**09.00-11.00**

The relationship between the research problem, research objectives and research questions – setting boundaries

Prof Naydene de Lange

Prof Mathabo Khau

**11.00-12.30**

The golden thread of research

Prof Naydene de Lange

Prof Mathabo Khau

**Lunch**

**13.30- 17.00**

Master's students' proposal presentations I

Prof Naydene de Lange

Prof Proscovia Namubiru

Dr Eugenia Kafanabo

Master's students' proposal presentations II

Prof Mathabo Khau

Prof John Chang'ach

Prof Paul Webb

**09.00-17.00**

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## Wednesday, 27 September

**09.00-12.30**

CERM-ESA doctoral students present their work I

Prof Naydene de Lange

Prof Mathabo Khau

Prof Paul Webb

**Lunch**

**13.30-17.00**

Proposal presentations II

Prof Naydene de Lange

Prof Mathabo Khau

Prof Paul Webb

## Thursday, 28 September

**09.00-11:30**

Researching education in Africa – an insider and an outsider perspective

Prof Birgit Brock-Utne

**11.30-12.30**

What do these perspectives mean for my own research?

Prof Naydene de Lange

Prof Mathabo Khau

**Lunch**

**14.30-17.00**

Achieving research coherence – the research wheel

Prof Michael Samuel

## Friday, 29 September

**09.00-11.30**

Transforming postgraduate research through indigenous knowledges and African theories

Prof Catherine Odora Hoppers

International visitors: Meeting with teachers at Moi secondary school

Dr Susan Kurgat

**11.30-13.30**

Examples, challenges and benefits of including indigenous knowledges and African Theories in your research

Prof Mathabo Khau

Prof Naydene de Lange

**Lunch**

**14.30-17.00**

Achieving research coherence – the research wheel II

Prof Michael Samuel

## Saturday, 30 September: Teachers' Professional Development Programme

11.00-12.30

Can technology and art be used to teach? Lessons that we have learned in South Africa

Dr Carine Steyn

Mrs Natalie Gill

### Lunch

13.30-17.00

Indigenous Knowledge Systems and Sexuality Education: what is the role of indigenous languages in teaching about sexuality?

Prof Mathabo Khau

Dr Ayanda Simayi & alumni

Arrival of CERM-ESA alumni

## Sunday, 1 October

09.00-14.00 At the Noble

Alumni meeting

15.00-18.00 At the Noble

Alumni meeting with Steering Committee

18.00

Dinner at the Noble for all guests

# 3<sup>rd</sup> CERM-ESA International Conference

## Monday, 2 October

8.30 CERM-ESA Auditorium

Registration of participants

CERM-ESA Secretariat

9.00 CERM-ESA Auditorium

Welcome remarks and Introductions

CERM-ESA Steering Committee

9.15 CERM-ESA Auditorium

Opening Address

Professor Isaac S. Kosgey, Vice Chancellor, Moi University

09.30

**Key note: Educational research methodologies in African contexts – where are we?**

Professor Laban P. Ayiro

10.15 Photo Session and Health Break

## 3<sup>rd</sup> CERM-ESA Conference

### Parallel sessions I; 4 presentations per session

**11.00-13.00 CERM-ESA Auditorium**

SESSION I: Education Research in African Contexts

Prof Sammy Chumba

**11.00 – 13.00 ARESA Board Room Rm 203**

SESSION II: Engagement for Social Development

Dr Catherine Simiyu

**11.00 – 13.00 ODEL Hall**

SESSION III: Competency Based Curricula and Instruction

Dr Julius Keter

**13.00 Lunch**

**14.00-14.45**

**Key-note: Indigenous knowledge, language and culture**

Professor Birgit Brock-Utne

### Parallel sessions II; 3 presentations per session

**15.00-16.30 ARESA Board Room Rm 203**

SESSION I: Indigenous Knowledge, Culture and Art

Dr Catherine Simiyu

**15.00-16.30 CERM-ESA Auditorium**

SESSION II: Cross-Cutting Issues

Prof Sammy Chumba

**15.00-16.30 ODEL Hall**

SESSION III: Digitalisation and Digital Literacy

Dr Julius Keter

**16.30 Health Break**

## Tuesday, 3 October

**9.00 CERM-ESA Auditorium**

Welcome to day 2 and wrap-up of day 1

Dr Esther Kiaritha

**09.30**

**Key note: Transforming postgraduate research through indigenous knowledges and African theories**

Professor Catherine Odora Hoppers

**10.15 Health Break**

### Parallel sessions III; 4 presentations per session

**11.00 – 13.00 ARESA Board Room Rm 203**

SESSION I: Indigenous Knowledge, Culture and Art

Dr Catherine Simiyu

**11.00 – 13.00 CERM-ESA Auditorium**

SESSION II: Cross-Cutting Issues

Prof Sammy Chumba

**11.00 – 13.00 ODEL Hall**

SESSION III: University Pedagogy and Management

Dr Julius Keter

**13.00 Lunch**

**14.00-14.45**

**Key-note: Transforming postgraduate education in Africa**

Professor Michael Samuel

Professor Hyleen Mariaye

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### Parallel sessions IV, 3 presentations per session

**15.00-16.30**    **ARESA Board Room**    **Rm 203**

**SESSION I: Education for Sustainable Development**

Dr Catherine Simiyu

**15.00-16.30**    **CERM-ESA Auditorium**

**SESSION II: Cross-cutting issues**

Prof Sammy Chumba

**15.00-16.30**    **ODEL Hall**

**SESSION III: Competency Based Curriculum**

Dr Julius Keter

**16.30**    **Health Break**

**16.45**

Campus tour

## Wednesday, 4 October

**9.00**    **CERM-ESA Auditorium**

Welcome to day 3 and wrap-up of day 2

**09.30**    **CERM-ESA Auditorium**

**ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION**

**Reimagining Ways Of Talking About Sex: Sexuality Education As A**

**Transdisciplinary Effort In African School Contexts**

Prof Mathabo Khau & alumni

**11.00**    **Tea break**

**11.30**    **CERM-ESA Auditorium**

**The Future of CERM-ESA and its programmes**

CERM-ESA steering committee

**12.30**    **CERM-ESA Auditorium**

**Closing ceremony**

**13.30**    **Lunch**

**14.30**    **CERM-ESA site**

**Tree planting by all Conference participants**

CERM-ESA Secretariat

**17.30**    **NOBLE HOTEL**

**CERM-ESA GALA at the Noble Hotel**

Dr Susan Kurgat

## Thursday, 5 October

**10.00**    **Tiret Gardens**

**EXCURSION**

Dr Susan Kurgat

## Friday, 6 October

**DEPARTURE**

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