



# YEBO! **FINAL** **CONFERENCE**

**12**  
**14**  
**APRIL**  
**2021**

**INTERNATIONALISATION  
OF THE PHD:**

**THROUGH POSSIBILITIES  
OF TODAY TO CHALLENGES  
OF THE FUTURE**

**THE FULL PROGRAMME**

**REGISTRATION ON:**

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## DAY 1 - MONDAY, APRIL 12<sup>TH</sup>

**Special host:** Ms. Nadia LAGARDE, Vice-Director, International Relations Office, University of Montpellier

10.00 - 10.25\*

### OPENING CEREMONY

- Prof. Tawana KUPE, Vice-Chancellor, University of Pretoria
- Mr. Setsipane MOKODUWE, Head of International Cooperation, University of Pretoria
- Prof. Alfred NGOWI, Deputy Vice-Chancellor: Research, Innovation and Engagement, Central University of Technology
- Dr. Patrick CARON, Vice-President for International Relations, University of Montpellier

10.25 - 10.40

### KEYNOTE: INTERNATIONALISATION OF PHD STUDIES IN SOUTH AFRICA

**Speaker:** Mr. Mahlubi MABIZELA, Higher Education Policy Development and Research, Department of Higher Education and Training, South Africa

10.40 - 11.30

### INTERNATIONALISATION: CHALLENGES AND AMBITIONS FOR SOUTH AFRICA

- Mr. Mahlubi MABIZELA, Higher Education Policy Development and Research, Department of Higher Education and Training, South Africa
- Ms. Fiorella PEROTTO, Senior Adviser, Directorate General for Education, Youth, Sports and Culture, European Commission
- Prof. Moeketsi LETSEKA, UNESCO Chair on Open Distance Learning, UNISA

**Moderator:** Dr. Nthabiseng TAOLE, Director, Department of Research and Innovation Support, University of Pretoria

11.30 - 12.15

### MODERNISATION OF THE PHD: LET'S GET TOPICAL!

- **Sharing mentorship responsibilities**, by Dr. Nadine APPELHANS, Post-doctoral Researcher, Academic Coordinator, Wits-TUB UNILAG Urban Lab, Technische Universität Berlin
- **Impact of COVID-19 and an increasing digital world**, by Dr. Alexander HASGALL, Head of EUA Council for Doctoral Education, European University Association
- **Interdisciplinarity in the 21st Century**, by Dr. Stefano FAROLFI, Senior Researcher and Water Economist, CIRAD
- **Supervision training and support**, by Dr. Gunda HUSKOBLA, Chair of the Coimbra Group Doctoral Studies Working Group and Managing Director of the Graduate Academy Friedrich Schiller, University of Jena

12.15 - 13.55

### VIRTUAL WORLD CAFÉ: MODERNISATION OF THE PHD

Interactive group discussions on the 4 topics addressed by the speakers of the session on Modernisation of the PhD. The World Café is a groundbreaking type of activity producing amazing results. You do not want to miss it!

## DAY 2 - TUESDAY, APRIL 13<sup>TH</sup>

**Special host:** Ms. Nadia LAGARDE, Vice-Director, International Relations Office, University of Montpellier

10.00 - 11.00

### PHD SUPERVISION: LET'S GET TOPICAL

- **Managing relationships and specific dynamics arising**, by Prof. Mario SMITH, Director: Division for Postgraduate Studies, University of the Western Cape
- **Evaluation and improvement of supervision**, by Prof. Edwin CONSTABLE, Professor of Chemistry, University of Basel
- **Training opportunities and activities for supervisors**, by Dr. Gaëlle RAMON, Senior Manager Researcher Development, University of Cape Town
- **Supervision v. Mentorship**, by Prof. Johannes CRONJE, Dean: Faculty of Informatics and Design, Cape Peninsula University of Technology

11.00 - 12.40

### VIRTUAL WORLD CAFÉ: PHD SUPERVISION

Interactive group discussions on the 4 topics addressed by the speakers of the session on Supervision of the PhD. The World Café is a groundbreaking type of activity producing amazing results. You do not want to miss it!

12.40 - 13.00

### KEYNOTE: ADDRESSING THE LOCAL PROBLEM WITH GLOBAL SIGNIFICANCE

**Speaker:** Prof. Laetus Lategan, Senior Director: Research Development & Postgraduate Studies, Central University of Technology

## DAY 3 - WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14<sup>TH</sup>

**Special host:** Dr. Stephan SCHRÖDER-KÖHNE, Head of Office, University of Würzburg Graduate Schools and member of Coimbra Group Doctoral Studies Working Group

10.30 - 11.30

### PHD COMPETITION - 3MT PRESENTATIONS

Young researchers from YEBO partner institutions will face the challenge of presenting their thesis and research process with only 3 minutes on the clock!

11.30 - 12.30

### PHD COMPETITION - SCIENTIFIC POSTERS

Young researchers from YEBO partner institutions will present their research through a scientific poster and try to convince the jury.

12.30 - 13.00

### ANNOUNCEMENT OF WINNERS - CLOSING CEREMONY

- Mr. Leolyn JACKSON, YEBO Project Coordinator, Central University of Technology
- Ms. Camille PERNELLE, YEBO Project Coordinator, University of Montpellier

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*\* all times indicated are South African Standard Time (SAST). There will be no time difference between South Africa and Europe (CET) on the dates of the event.*