

**18 April 2024**

**COMMUNIQUÉ FROM THE OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY VICE-CHANCELLOR: TEACHING AND  
LEARNING**

**INNOVATIONS IN THE SCIENCE OF THE TEACHING AND LEARNING (ISOTL)  
CONFERENCE 2024: REGISTRATION AND CALL FOR ABSTRACTS**

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Dear Staff and Students

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor of Teaching and Learning invites you to register and submit abstracts for the Innovations in the Science of Teaching and Learning (iSoTL) 2024 Conference: **Bridging Ethics, Equity, and Innovation in Higher Education**.

**Conference Overview**

The Innovations in the Science of Teaching and Learning conference is a two-day event dedicated to exploring new and creative approaches to improving teaching and learning practices in higher education.

The event will bring together higher education educators, researchers and practitioners from a range of disciplines to explore the important link between innovation, ethics and inclusive excellence in higher education teaching and learning. The event will provide an opportunity to promote debate and share creative practices to improve equity and learning in response to the transformation of universities through new technologies and student and staff diversity.

We invite academics, practitioners and students from many disciplines to participate, propose concepts and exchange ideas to achieve the aim of the conference: To encourage and provoke creativity in higher education to improve outcomes and enrich the educational journey for all students. We look forward to fruitful discussions on combining innovation, ethics and equity for successful learning outcomes.

**Keynote Speakers**

1. Professor Punya Mishra: Associate Dean of Scholarship and Innovation, Arizona State University.
2. Professor Langa Khumalo: Executive Director, South African Center for Digital Language Resources.
3. Mrs Sukaina Walji: Director, Centre for Innovation in Learning and Teaching, University of Cape Town.

See the attached Conference Call for Abstracts for further details.

**Date:** 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> September 2024

**Time:** 08h00 to 17h00

**Early Bird Registration Fees:** Staff (UKZN) – R4,000 | UKZN Postgrad students – R2,500 | External Attendees – R4,500

### **Some Important Dates**

- Abstract submission and registration opens: 15 April 2024
- Abstract submission deadline: 15 May 2024
- Notification of abstract acceptance: 12 June 2024
- Early bird registration deadline: 15 May 2024
- Late registration deadline: 08 August 2024

### **Conference links**

- Conference Website: [Click here](#)
- Abstract Submission: [Click here](#)
- Request for an Invoice: [Click here](#)
- Conference Registration: [Click here](#)

### **Publications**

A Conference Book of Abstracts

Accepted abstracts will be published in the Conference Book of Abstracts and will be made available on the conference day.

Special Issue

The iSoTL conference has partnered with African Perspectives of Research in Teaching and Learning, a DHET accredited journal for a special issue.

Queries can be directed to [utlo@ukzn.ac.za](mailto:utlo@ukzn.ac.za).

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