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**Presidential Roundtables:
Science, Scholarship and Society**

Programme

'To get High or not to get High?': An Evidence-based Dialogue on the Legalisation of Cannabis Use in a Private Capacity

21 November 2018

Nelson Mandela University

ASSAf would like to thank the Chair for Critical Studies in Higher Education Transformation (CriSHET) and the Centre for the Advancement of Non-Racialism and Democracy (CANRAD) for their contribution to the event.



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The Herald



18:00 – 18:05

Welcome

Dr Ruby-Ann Levendal

Director: Transformation (Monitoring and Evaluation), Nelson Mandela University

18:05 – 18:15

Introductions

Prof Jonathan Jansen

President, Academy of Science of South Africa (ASSAf)

18:15 – 18:45

Opening Statements

Dr Abdul Kader Domingo

Specialist Psychiatrist and Senior Lecturer at Stellenbosch University and Member of the SA Society of Psychiatrists Special Group on Addictions

Prof Keymanthri Moodley

Director of the Centre for Medical Ethics and Law, Faculty of Health Sciences, Stellenbosch University

Prof Fraser McNiell

Associate Professor of Social Anthropology at the University of Pretoria

Prof Eva Manyedi

Associate Professor in the School of Nursing, North West University and Member of the Central Drug Authority

18:45 – 19:55

Discussions and Q&A

(Moderated by Prof Jonathan Jansen)

19:55 – 20:00

Vote of Thanks

Mr Allan Zinn

Director of the Centre for the Advancement of Non-racialism & Democracy (CANRAD)

20:00

Refreshments

BIOGRAPHIES FOR PANELLISTS

DR ABDUL KADER DOMINGO

Abdul Kader Domingo is a Specialist Psychiatrist and Senior Lecturer at Stellenbosch University. After obtaining his MBChB degree from the University of Cape Town he obtained his Masters in Medicine (Psychiatry) through Stellenbosch University as well as the FCPsych from the SA College of Medicine. He is registered for the MPhil degree in Addiction Psychiatry at Stellenbosch University and is based at the Heroin Detoxification Unit and Alcohol Rehab at Stikland Hospital. He is a member of the South African Society of Psychiatrists Special Group on Addictions and an executive member of the South African Addiction Medical Society.

PROF KEYMANTHRI MOODLEY

Keymanthri Moodley is a Professor in the Department of Medicine and Director of the Centre for Medical Ethics and Law, Faculty of Health Sciences, Stellenbosch University. She has served on the National Health Research Ethics Council (NHREC) and the Board of the MRC. Internationally, Keymanthri has served on two WHO SAGE working groups researching Immunisation during Humanitarian Crises and Ebola Vaccines and Vaccinations. At the invitation of the NIH she has served on the HIV Preventive Research DSMB and on the NIH African DSMB. She is principal investigator on 3 NIH grants. Keymanthri was rated by the National Research Foundation (NRF) as an established researcher in 2013. In 2014 she was appointed to the International AIDS Society (IAS) HIV Cure International Scientific Working Group. The Centre was recently designated as a Collaborating Centre in Bioethics by the World Health Organisation, one of seven in the world and the first on the African continent. Keymanthri has completed an executive MBA at the University of Cape Town.

PROF FRASER MCNEILL

Fraser G. McNeill is an Associate Professor of Social Anthropology at the University of Pretoria. He received a PhD in Anthropology from the London School of Economics in 2008, and his thesis was awarded the biannual Audrey Richards Prize by the Association for African Studies. Professor McNeill has been conducting ethnographic research in the Vhembe region of South Africa for over 15 years and is an NRF C2 Rated Researcher for his work on medical anthropology, traditional leadership, ethnomusicology, poisonings, gossip and the anthropology of knowledge. Since his full-time appointment at the University of Pretoria in 2013, he has successfully supervised 5 PhD students, been awarded runner-up as Faculty Researcher of the Year and in 2017 was awarded the Faculty Lecturer of the Year. Professor McNeill is currently the Principle Investigator in an NRF funded Indigenous Knowledge Systems research project investigating the ritual translation of the Bill of Rights into ritual curriculums of Venda male initiation. In his spare time, he plays rhythm guitar in a Venda reggae band.

PROF EVA MANYEDI

Eva Manyedi is an Associate Professor in the School of Nursing, North-West University (Mahikeng Campus). She completed her PhD in Psychiatric Community Nursing at the same institution. She is a researcher in mental health, HIV stigma and substance abuse. In 2013 she was appointed as a member of the Central Drug Authority where she is responsible for the planning, coordination and promotion of measures for the prevention and combatting of drug abuse in the country. Since 2017, she has been a member of the International Nurses Society on Addictions and from 2011 to 2012 she formed part of the Committee that developed the Mental Health Policy Framework and Strategy 2013-2020.