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Faculties and Fields of Interest

5 Human Sciences & Theology

5.1 History & Policy Studies

Bedan Mbugua, Kenya

Courage to wave Relentless War against Corruption – A Personal Experience CEO of a new media house known as 'Fountain Media Group'. The vision of that media group is to celebrate 'good' in the society and individuals. Former Regional General Manager of Royal Media for the last eight years Kenya's largest media organization; former journalist. Editor in Chief of *People*, a daily newspaper; former editor of *Beyond*, a magazine banned in 1988 after **exposing government rigging in elections**.

He was jailed for nine months by the state and later again jailed for six months for **exposing** corruption in the Judiciary in 1994.

In 2009, Bedan Mbugua and Archbishop Desmond Tutu were invited in the Solomon Islands to reconcile wearing groups. Bedan spoke about 'courage to face truth'. Bedan Mbugua steps up against corruption and 'Walks his Talk' – even if he is put to jail for that!

Ekuru Aukot, Kenya

Leadership and Integrity in the light of the Constitution

Aukot has a wealth of knowledge, experience and expertise in the areas of constitutional law, policy, human rights, governance and forced migration.

His interest in the better governance of Kenya led him to **co-find the G47**, a political trust advocating for alternative leadership in Kenya in the light of the Constitution

on Leadership and Integrity; and where he is also its chief Spokesperson.

In 2011 Aukot successfully directed the writing of Kenya's new Constitution – meanwhile he is **directing the eighth constitution on the African Continent**, in Liberia.

He is writing his memoirs, "A Constitution is Not a Shopping List", on the Constitution-building and implementation process in Kenya. He is an advocate of the High Court of Kenya and also a proprietor of *Ekuru Aukot Law Consulting* and consulted corporations and Governments (e.g. Republic of South Sudan)



- Jonathan Jansen, South Africa Keynote Speaker

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- Hans Rudolf Herren, Kenya, Switzerland, USA

Sustainable Ecological Development in Agriculture

Organic pest control to improve crops, nutrition and the basis to sustain life Winner of the Right Livelihood Award 2013 and Winner of the World Food Prize Founder and President of *Biovision - Foundation for Ecological Development*

President of the Millennium Institute in Washington DC (USA)

Herren was honored with the prize due to his success in combating the cassava mealy bug, a pest rampant in all of Africa, with wasps and ladybirds – a chemical-free method which incurred no costs to farmers. The "Push-Pull-Method" as an integrated, sustainable way of farming that dramatically improves maize yields and soil fertility.

In this way Herren prevented mass famine in Africa and South America.

At the *Institute for Insect Physiology and Ecology (ICIPE)* in Nairobi Herren subsequently made sure that intensive research was undertaken to find new methods to control pests that infest plants, destroy crops, kill animals and spread hunger and disease. He developed the *ICIPE* into a world-leading centre of excellence - particularly in the area of malaria mosquito control.

Herren co-chaired the International Assessment of Agricultural Knowledge Science and Technology (IAASTD) with Prof. Judi Wakhungu and is currently involved in making sure that a Change in Course of Global Agriculture is reflected in the Sustainable

Development Goals (SDGs) currently being defined to replace the *Millennium Development Goals* after 2015.

- Mudini Maivha, South Africa

Panel: Food Security and Land

Mudini Maivha is Chairman of the Midvaal Farmers' Co-Operative, banking expert and journalist at the Zimbabwe Inter-Africa News Agency, The Star, City Press, Sunday Times. He is Regional Secretary of Media Workers Association of S.A (MWASA), Branch Chairman of Zimbabwe Union of Journalists (ZUJ.) and member of the Reference Group for Presidential Pardon (Considering and recommending pardon for political offenders by the State President). He says 'To achieve access to food by all, we must deal with land as a basic and principal resource; the role of role players in the entire value chain from Government, farmers, fresh produce markets, supermarkets and consumers. We must attend to the impact of input costs, declining incomes and or increasing unemployment.'

Yeah Samaké, Mali

Literacy & Education for all –

Bringing real, sustainable & lasting change to Mali

Social entrepreneur and politician from Ouelessebougou, Mali. Samaké is the Managing Director of the Empower Mali Foundation, the current Mayor of Ouelessebougou, **Vice President of Mali's League of Mayors**, and was a **candidate in the 2013 Malian**



presidential election. Yeah Samaké is interested in enhancing his people's educational level as a base for a strong economy and **true democracy**.

Acuil Malith Banggol, South Sudan Inclusive Governance for Unity in Diversity

Acuil M. Banggol considers the need to search for inclusive governance that is responsive to South Sudan multinational and multicultural values as high priority.

Three important points for Inclusive Governance:

- commune federalism as a foundation of either states or regional federalism
- a mode of democracy that incorporates representative democracy and multiparty democracy complemented with Inclusive Democracy that is responsive to demands on affirmative action not only on gender but on cultural values

- direct democracy that allows and mandates results of plebiscite and referenda. With great engagement in the fields of sports (TWIC Olympics), agriculture (SUPRAID), policy design and business he strives to promote peace, harmony and interdependence. He trains and facilitates workshops & conferences on **policy advocacy and conflict resolution**.

Vusamazulu Credo Mutwa, South Africa

Dreams for my People

Baba Credo as he is known as an **Elder and official Historian of the Zulu People** is a Sanusi, the higher order of Shaman or Sangoma (Traditional African Healer) in South Africa. Born in Kwa-Zulu Natal in July 1921, He now lives in Kuruman, Northern Cape with his wife and ritual sister Virginia, who accompanies him on speaking events. They are extremely concerned about the low moral tone being exhibited in South Africa, Africa and the world. Baba Credo has a great heart and many talents, amongst them writing, painting and sculpting. He has written the following books: *Indaba, My Children, Zulu Shaman: Dreams, Prophecies, and Mysteries, Songs of the Stars, Africa Is My Witness, The Reptilian Agenda, My People, the Writings of a Zulu Witch-Doctor*

Paul Hoffmann, South Africa

The Bill of Rights and Constitutional Accountability

As the constitution forms the basis of the new liberated society, Paul Hoffman gives a clear indication and direction to how governance would be enacted by the Government of the day. It forms the fundamental framework by which the leadership is held accountable in fulfillment of the Bill of Rights of all its citizens. It is thus important having an active and vociferous civil society that holds government leadership directly accountable, using all forms and tools available to it, as enshrined in the constitution. This makes for a healthy and vibrant society. Paul Hoffman has an outstanding record as an advocate of the South African Bar (legal institution Bar Counsel) and a history in the field of human rights. He directs the 'Institute for Accountability' and has directed this NGO in the practice of human rights application with specific focus on constitutional rights implementation and exposure of corruption and in this regard has been in the forefront of ground breaking legal battles including housing and the arms deal case, which is currently in progress. Paul has also produced small publications on the Bill of Rights and other legal awareness issues for public use.

 Platfontein Leadership, South Africa & Dries Velthuizen, IDRA, UNISA Pretoria Conflict Resolution & Traditional Justice System of the San People in Collaboration with "The Platfontein San Dispute Resolution Field Research Team" The San People have had their own systems for conflict resolution and justice for centuries. Nowadays they collaborate with the official justice system to negotiate



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Wilhelm Verwoerd, South Africa

Sharing Life Histories - Humanising Relationships

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Pumla Gobodo-Madikizela, South Africa

Acknowledgement of Responsibility for the Past is Essential for Reconciliation: The Problem of Denial of Complicity

Pumla Gobodo-Madikizela is a Senior Research Professor in Trauma, Forgiveness and Reconciliation Studies at the University of the Free State. Her current research applies the insights emerging from her study of forgiveness to explore **the dynamics of empathy and the transformative shifts that open up in dialogue processes between former enemies in the aftermath of historical trauma.**

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Her honours include: an Honorary Doctor of Humanities from Holy Cross College, Worcester, Massachusetts, 2006, the Eleanor Roosevelt Award, 2007, being honoured among "100 People who Made a Difference" in the Permanent Exhibit of Hall of Heroes in the National Freedom Centre in Cincinnati, Ohio in the United States, 2005, and the Social Change Award from Rhodes University, 2010.

- Rommel Roberts, South Africa

An Empowerment Struggle in Poverty Alleviation

Rommel Roberts has a theological background and has been a human rights activist of several years standing dating back to the early 70s and has a history dotted with a symphony of elements that include periods of imprisonment, leading massive boycotts and successfully concluding a 10 year long struggle against the hated pass laws.

He recently published a book in German detailing human rights stories of forgotten heroes of the struggle against apartheid. He worked closely with Icons like former Archbishop Desmond Tutu and facilitated numerous human rights and development organisations throughout the country, some of which he formed and headed up like the Quaker Peace Centre in Cape Town and a current rural development institution, Hilltop empowerment centre in the Eastern Cape.



Rommel has remained committed to the liberation of the poor and oppressed through many current initiatives and brings to the conference a vast array of experiences that integrate development with restorative justice and reconciliation.

Ray Minniecon, Australia and John Bond, UK

Healing the wounds of the past - Australia's Sorry Day and Journey of HealingA multi-media story in words and song.

In Australia between 1910 and 1970, tens of thousands of Aboriginal children were removed from their families in an attempt to assimilate them into the culture of white Australia. In 1997 the report of an inquiry into these policies brought to national attention their tragic outcomes.

The Australian Government attacked the report and refused to apologise. But 11 years later, the Australian Parliament came together in a unanimous and wholehearted apology. Decisive in this change of heart was a community movement of a million people who signed Sorry Books, organized a nation-wide Sorry Day in 1998, and throughout the following decade took part in a Journey of Healing which worked for truth, healing and justice for the Stolen Generations.

Ray Minniecon is a member of the Gubi people of Queensland, lives in Sydney, and is a former Chair of the National Sorry Day Committee. He has done much work towards healing among the Stolen Generations of Aboriginal people. He is articulate, and will contribute greatly to the topics of the Conference.

John Bond was the Secretary of Australia's National Sorry Day Committee from 1998 until 2006, and was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia for his commitment to Sorry Day and the Journey of Healing.

He worked with Initiatives of Change in Ethiopia and Zimbabwe for 10 years. He now lives in Oxford, UK, and coordinates the conference on Just Governance for Human Security, which brings several hundred people annually to the Initiatives of Change conference centre at Caux, Switzerland.

Eve Thompson, DR Congo, USA

Political participation of Women in Africa

Resident director for the National Democratic Institute NDI in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). She works with politicians and political parties in DRC to strengthen their capacity to lead & effectively represent popular will.

Within that domain, Eve works particularly on the **empowerment of women & youth**, mainstreaming them within the context of political participation.

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Antony V. Trowbridge, South Africa

Workshop: Empowering and educating communities for rural development Antony Trowbridge is founder of INTER AFRIKA PLAN and author of the 'Peace and Development' Open Distance course of self-instruction in 'Cooperative Governance', 'Ethical Leadership' and 'Community Economics'. He is currently working with rural development initiatives set up by Zulu King Goodwill Zwelithini, and Korana King, Josiah.



Winner of the Stockholm Challenge and a **World Bank Development Marketplace Award** In 1995 he won the South African INTERBOU Award for the concept of 'e-villages as economically viable and ecologically sustainable human settlements'.

- Georgette M. Norman, USA

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Leading from inside to progress Freedom

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- Karen Barensché, South Africa

Global Alliance for Ministries and Infrastructures for Peace - GAMIP

GAMIP is a community of dedicated individuals, organizations and autonomous campaigns from around the world working to **establish effective infrastructures for peace particularly government level ministries and departments for peace**. Every two years, this group holds an international Global Alliance Summit to bring together leaders, stakeholders and civil society members from around the world to collaborate and learn about peace infrastructure initiatives and best practices taking place on a global scale. Karen Barensché is Executive Director of the South African Peace Alliance and the International Summit Planning Team.

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Ginn Fourie, South Africa

Conciliation & Cooperation, Healing the Trauma

Mother of Lyndi, who died in an attack by freedom fighters during the apartheid wars. Conciliation with the perpetrators and the commander of the attack. Co-Founder and director & public officer of the Lyndi Fourie Foundation. Former senior lecturer for Physiotherapy at the University of Cape Town. International engagements: **Conciliation and Collaboration for Empowerment & Peace** and facilitating **Trauma Healing** workshops. Director and organizer of the *Platfontein Youth Empowerment Project*.

Latest documentary film: "Beyond Forgiving"

James Lado Olimpio Mali, South Sudan

Healing of the Traumatized Hearts through Reconciliation

Born in April 1985 in Kuda Boma in South Sudan, disabled in 1988 when three years old – as a result of the two decades of civil war in Sudan. Basic school in the bush under a tree, James Lado Olimpio Laku is now helping his people as a volunteer teacher in Kuda Boma and **peace mobilizer** in his area.

His Vision: "To observe peaceful co-existence within the communities and the potentials for self-reliability"

Aspiration: Teaching about **forgiveness and the importance of change**, which will improve self- commitment and confidentiality

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Marina Cantacuzino, Great Britain

Forgiveness – A moral Minefield; Founder of the 'The Forgiveness Project' Marina Cantacuzino, journalist, in 2003 started collecting personal stories of atrocity and terrorism which drew a line under the dogma of vengeance. **The Forgiveness Project** is UK based, not-for-profit, unaffiliated to any religious and political group. It explores forgiveness and reconciliation through individual real-life stories and **promotes alternatives to violence and revenge**. Marina Cantacuzino is a *Huffington Post* blogger.

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- Grethe Fremming, Denmark

The Psychology of Joy

Grethe Fremming is the founder and director of the Polaris International College near Copenhagen, Denmark. She is pioneer in the field of specialized kinesiology and well known in Europe, Australia and the United States for foundational and innovative research and practice.

Her dream is to accompany people (especially young people) to empower themselves to walk

their path to freedom – a path of responsibility and cooperation; thus creating a new culture of sustainability, empowerment and integrity.

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Howard Grace, Great Britain

Documentary Film: "Beyond Forgiving – A South African Story" Executive Director of the Film *Beyond Forgiving*.

After studying physics and 14 years working on a voluntary basis with Initiatives of Change, mostly overseas in the 1970s, he spent three-and-a-half years in South Africa with his young family supporting friends who were engaged with bringing change to their country. But in 1979 had to leave at very short notice due to falling foul of the security police. At the age of 40, back in England, he trained to be a mathematics teacher. In 1995 he developed a programme going into senior High Schools to **stimulate thought**

about purpose in life and motivation.

In 2003 he met Ginn and Letlapa and invited Letlapa to join him in this programme for six weeks. The impact that this made eventually led to Howard deciding to make a film of the story so that it could reach out to the world. With director Imad Karam and a camera man he went back to South Africa for the first time in 33 years to do the filming for **Beyond Forgiving**. His focus is on the use and promotion of the film internationally.

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Paul Weinberg, South Africa

The San of Today (photographic and film contributions);

Moving Spirits, workshop/panel on Telling Stories and Making a Difference

Paul Weinberg is a photographer, occasional filmmaker and writer, teacher, and archivist. He has worked extensively on **human rights issues concerning indigenous people and land**. His in-depth documentation about the lives of the modern San living in Namibia, Botswana and South Africa (including Platfontein) culminated in a number of exhibitions and books including *In Search of the San* and *Once We Were Hunters.*

His project *Moving Spirit* which he will talk about, explores **spirituality in South Africa** and the diverse and rich practice of spiritual engagement within South Africa.

Paul Weinberg was a founder member of Afrapix Photographic Agency, well known for its



uncompromising stand and visual **portrayal of the apartheid system and the resistance to it** and later helped establish South Photographs, a family of South African documentary photographers.

He presently is a curator of Visual Archives at UCT Libraries and teaches photography and film in a Documentary Arts Masters Programme, Centre for Film and Media Studies at UCT.

Sue Hanish, Great Britain

Remediating Trauma

In 1991 Sue Hanish was severely injured by a terrorist bomb in Victoria Station in London. Since becoming an amputee she has gained much personal insight into physical disability, **Post Traumatic Stress along with the lasting effects of trauma on the body**. Sue now works with children who have experienced severe trauma, as well as other individuals who require relief from traumatic events including returning and active service personnel. She also works overseas with survivors from violence and wars and in refugee camps as well as with displaced persons who live in extreme hardship. Sue is part of the Sustainable Peace Project in Northern Ireland and works with exparamilitaries. She is also part of the Legacy Project at the Peace Centre in Warrington as well as doing work for the Forgiveness Project.

By using the "**Human Givens Approach**" to development and change, Sue helps individuals to understand their own emotional needs. She teaches them how to understand how their brain is working in adapting/refusing to change following trauma.

Portia Mosia, Jackie Euvrard, South Africa

'Creators of Peace Circles'

'Creators of Peace Circles' aims to help individuals and communities **create a better future by consciously decontaminating the present that reflects the pain, the humiliations, the hatred from the past.** "The bullet that kills is only the final instrument of the hatred that began being nurtured in the heart long before the gun was picked up." Henri Nouwen Hatred and hurt are a dynamic partnership that feeds on inequality, injustice and cruelty to contaminate the future. And no country or society is immune from it. 'To deal with the hatred and hurt. To heal oneself and then to help others to heal. This is a radical peace.' Portia Mosia was born and brought up in Soweto and works as a trauma counselor. She has a certificate in 'Development Leadership Training', Cameroon and Nigeria. Jackie Euvrard facilitates 'Creators of Peace Circles' workshops for people of different cultural backgrounds and faiths to discover their peace-making potential.

Gunilla Hamne & Ulf Sandström, Sweden

Workshop: Trauma Tapping Technique (TTT)

First Aid Technique for Emotional and Post Traumatic Stress (PTS)

Treating trauma is an important factor in building lasting peace.

Gunilla Hamne is founder of *Peaceful Heart Network*, Trauma Tapper, Therapist and Trainer She has worked in Central Africa for seven years, teaching Trauma Tapping to different groups of people who have experienced genocide, war and other types of violence and atrocities – Jointly with Ulf Sandström she has developed a network of Trauma Tappers and Trainers called *Peaceful Heart Network*.

Dominik Schenker, Switzerland Lecture & Workshop:

SpiraliK - an energetic concept to the development of consciousness Physical education teacher, physiotherapist, kinesiology & spiral dynamic practitioner. Schenker developed a concept, which is based on different perspectives fundamental aspects of movement processes – SpiraliK, an energetic approach to the development of



consciousness. With this approach, subconscious driving forces of development processes are visible, which produce the obvious phenomena of our manifest world. With holistic balancing techniques, these forces can be integrated.

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