



6th
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International Conference on Community Psychology

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**International Convention Centre,
Durban, South Africa**

**Global Dialogues on Critical Knowledges,
Liberation and Community**

***Hosted by the University of South Africa, the
South African Medical Research Council and the
Psychological Society of South Africa***

First Announcement



Message from the Conference Chair



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Chair, ICCP2016

The College of Graduate Studies and its Institute for Social and Health Sciences (ISHS), University of South Africa, the Medical Research Council Violence - University of South Africa Violence, Injury and Peace Research Unit (MRC-UNISA VIPRU), and the Psychological Society of South Africa (PsySSA) are pleased to host the 2016 International Conference on Community Psychology (ICCP), the sixth meeting in this successful series. South Africa's troubled history and development achievements and challenges; geo-political location on the African continent; globally contested identity; distinctiveness as a place of complexity, contradictions and many success stories; and contributions to community psychology, as well as its natural beauty that attracts visitors from all over the world, present the country as a natural choice for this prestigious conference.

We look forward to hosting you in South Africa in 2016.

Conference Theme

***Global Dialogues on Critical Knowledges,
Liberation and Community***

The conference is envisaged as a safe space to critique the assumptions and far-reaching influences underlying the dominant knowledge economy in community psychology, considered to be largely shaped by imperialism, colonialism, neo-colonialism, globalisation, ethnocentricism and racism. The conference theme calls for the conscious decolonisation of knowledge creation, methodologies and processes that are largely fixed in colonial discourses, and the recognition of the plurality of people and the many geographical, psychological and sociological locations that they occupy.

The conference is to be a space to reflect on how mainstream epistemologies, ideologies and worldviews tend to perpetuate exclusionary forms of scholarship, research and practice through the dislocation and silencing of critical forms of knowledge. As such, the conference will aim to stimulate global dialogues that seek to disrupt hegemonic influences; call into question that which is construed as critical knowledges; and reflect on the meanings of liberation and community. The conference will be a space to have deep conversations about the complexities underlying emancipatory, critical and compassionate forms of community engagements.

The conference will invite presentations that exemplify subversive community engagement illustrations; illustrations that challenge colonial and other dominant epistemologies and asymmetrical power relations, promote the inclusion of marginalised voices, and accord primacy to community involvement in praxis-oriented work.

Consistent with the core values and democratic ideals of community psychology, the conference theme seeks to accord representation, voice and space to theories and enactments of community psychology that contribute to robust debate and conversations about the identity and representational forms of community psychology, the critical roles of community psychologists, and the epistemological and ontological diversity present in global enactments of community psychology.



The 6th ICCP will therefore invite submissions that contribute to the larger global project that seeks to dislodge the ideological, intellectual and material arrangements of the hegemonic knowledge economy and enable liberatory praxis.

The conference programme will consist of keynote addresses; oral and poster presentations; symposia; thematic panels; roundtable discussions; innovative presentations; social events; cultural activities; and the opportunity to engage with exhibitors. Overall, the scientific programme will provide a balance of presentations, dialogue, networking opportunities, and interest-based working groups based on clusters of participant interests or sub-themes.

You are cordially invited to submit abstracts for oral and poster presentations, symposia, thematic panels, roundtable discussions, and innovative presentations, and attend the 6th International Conference on Community Psychology.

Important Dates

August 2015	Abstract submission opens
8 January 2016	Deadline for abstract submission
1 February 2016	Notification regarding abstract submission
29 February 2016	Deadline for early bird registration
1 March 2016	Late/on-site registration
27 May 2016	ICCP Opening Ceremony
30 May 2016	ICCP Closing & Handover to 7th ICCP

Conference Venue

Durban International Convention Centre (ICC)

Inkosi Albert Luthuli ICC Complex
45 Bram Fischer Road, Durban, South Africa
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Website: <http://icc.co.za>

Opened by former president, Nelson Mandela in 1997, the Durban ICC was South Africa's first International Convention Centre and has played a pioneering role in attracting international events to South Africa's shores since its inception.

This world-class facility, renowned for its high standards of service excellence, has successfully staged some of the world's most prestigious and complex events.

This multi-award-winning Centre has been voted Africa's Leading Meetings and Conference Centre by the World Travel Awards no fewer than 13 times in 14 years and has been rated amongst the World's Top 15 convention centres.

The Durban ICC offers first-world convenience and a proudly African meetings experience. The Centre is fully Wi-Fi enabled and connectivity is complimentary to its delegates and guests. The on-site business centre offers an internet café, as well as banking and foreign exchange facilities and medical services. The Centre is fully wheel-chair friendly and provides other facilities for the physically challenged. The Centre is located 30 minutes from the King Shaka International Airport and over 3 600 Hotel Rooms are within a 10-minute walk of the Centre.



Host City

Durban is the largest city in the South African province of KwaZulu-Natal. Durban is a natural paradise known for its beautiful coastline of sun-kissed beaches and subtropical climate, situated on the eastern seaboard of Africa. The City is built around one of the busiest ports in Africa. The City focuses on providing visitors with a unique set of experiences that go beyond the beach and into the realm of Durban's diverse culture, urban lifestyle and scenic diversity. The City of Durban is an elegant, mature and ambitious city. It is a trendsetter in offering great lifestyle, speckled with adventure activities, and blessed with natural beauty. Whether you are here as a business delegate or a leisure traveller, the City of Durban boasts a warm African flavour.

King Shaka International Airport is the primary airport serving Durban. It is a world-class facility that offers a variety of features to make travelling as comfortable and pleasurable as possible. King Shaka International Airport is situated at La Mercy, 35 kilometres north of the City of Durban.

Other transport infrastructure includes car hire services, taxi and shuttle services, the Myna Bus Service, and chartered buses.

Exhibitions

There will be a range of exhibits by leading publishers, technological innovators, national and international psychology organisations, and products of interest to delegates in the Durban ICC Exhibition Area. Potential exhibitors are requested to contact the Conference Secretariat.

Conference Language

The primary language of the Conference is English. Translation services for selected sessions will be availed, subject to cost.

Conference Website

Please visit www.iccp2016.co.za for information on the Conference. All relevant information, including abstract submission, registration, accommodation, travel and tourism details, will be made available online.



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