

## CONFERENCE

## GENERAL INFORMATION - 2025



Co-hosted by the  
Psychological Society of  
South Africa and the  
Institute for Social and  
Health Sciences.

# Healing Inter-and-Transgenerational Trauma: A Place for Psychology in Africa's Future

## The 8th Southern African Students' Psychology Conference: Call for papers and registrations

*Co-hosted by the Psychological Society of South Africa and the Institute for Social and Health Sciences.*

**Venue: Unisa Kgorong Function Hall, Pretoria, South Africa**

**Date: July 8-10, 2025**

### SYNOPSIS

This conference aims to explore the psychological challenges faced by today's youth, particularly the impacts of inter- and intragenerational trauma, as well as broader social issues affecting communities across Africa. While the focus remains on psychology's role in healing trauma, we welcome contributions from a range of disciplines, including mental health, social work, education, public health, and community development. We encourage any submissions that integrate indigenous knowledge systems and Western psychological perspectives, as well as those that propose innovative, culturally relevant interventions to address the psychosocial impacts of past and ongoing inequalities. Presenters are invited to share theoretical insights, research findings, practical strategies, and case studies that examine the current state of the field and its future directions. By bringing together diverse voices and perspectives, this conference seeks to foster interdisciplinary dialogue on how we can collectively support healing, resilience, and well-being for current and future generations across the continent. Submissions can be from current proposals, proposed or completed studies.

### Key dates:

Abstract Submissions Open	17 February 2025
Abstract Submission Deadline	15 April 2025
Conference Registration Opens	Monday, 17 March 2025
Notification to authors	(No later than) 1 month of receipt of abstract

# Registration

**Conference Registration Fees:** R350 p/p

Conference Registration Includes:


- Admission to all scientific sessions
- Admission to the poster sessions
- Conference material (welcome gift, online programme)
- Morning snack, tea/coffee breaks
- Lunch


**Conference Registration Link:** <https://invex.co.za/form/view/unisa-student-conference>


## Pre-conference workshops:

The conference will commence on the 8<sup>th</sup> of July with three different pre-congress workshops, each **R200**. Attendance is **strictly in-person only**. *Conference registration is a pre-requisite for Pre-Conference workshop registration.*

**See details below:**

Pre-Conference Workshop 1	
	<b>Title:</b> Using a scoping review approach to understand your literature review
	<b>Presenter:</b> Prof Curwyn Mapaling Associate Professor at North-West University, Potchefstroom Campus   Clinical Psychologist.
	<b>Time:</b> 09h00-10h30, 8 July 2025
	<b>Cost:</b> R200

Pre-Conference Workshop 2	
	<b>Title:</b> The role of psychologists in healing transgenerational trauma
	<b>Presenter:</b> Dr Letsoalo Daniel Lesiba Senior Lecturer at the Department of Psychology at the University of South   Clinical Psychologist
	<b>Time:</b> 11h00-12h30, 8 July 2025
	<b>Cost:</b> R200

Pre-Conference Workshop 3	
	<b>Title:</b> Construction in Research
	<b>Presenter:</b> Dr Julia Simango Lecturer at the Department of Psychology at the University of South Africa
	<b>Time:</b> 13h30- 15h00, 8 July 2025
	<b>Cost:</b> R200

## Abstract Submission:

Abstracts from any area of Psychology are welcome- see themes on the abstract submission platform.

**Abstracts can be submitted for any of the following:**

- Oral Presentation
- Poster Presentation

Please note that abstracts should not exceed 200 words. See all related information related to abstract submissions here: <https://www.psyssa.com/events/8th-southern-african-students-psychology-conference/abstract-submission/>

**Abstracts for papers should be submitted here:**

<https://www.securebackups.africa/SASPC2025/>

## Conference Timetable

The proposed timetable for the conference is as follows:

Date	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
18 March 2025			Free Workshop: 'Presenting at an Academic Conference'
8 July 2025	Pre-congress workshops	Pre-congress workshops	
9 July 2025	Welcome session  Student presentations	Student presentations	Social gathering (more information to be shared later)
10 July 2025	Student presentations	Student presentations  Conference close	

Please forward any queries by email to the conference team at: [sastudentconference@unisa.ac.za](mailto:sastudentconference@unisa.ac.za)