

SANRC WEBINAR



Continuing the Fight Against Racism in our Universities: How Do we Stay Hopeful?

This webinar is a discussion of race and racism at South Africa's universities in the wake of yet another incident of racism, this time at Stellenbosch University. This latest incident of racism, involving a first-year student, weighs heavily on our hearts. It is particularly distressing for South Africa's First-Year Experience community, because we are aware of the crucial importance of that first year of study, and that the first year can be a 'make or break' experience for young people coming into the university system for the first time. It goes without saying: *This should not be happening*. Such an incident should not be happening to any student, let alone a vulnerable first-year student. This incident may have happened at Stellenbosch University, but it demands deep introspection from all of us who are working to advance student success in our country.

Join us as we discuss this important topic with **Dr Cyrill Walters**, **Postdoctoral Research Fellow in Higher Education Studies at Stellenbosch University**, and **Dr Annsilla Nyar**, **Director of the South African National Resource Centre for the First-Year Experience and Students in Transition**. This webinar asks: Why does racism persist in our universities? What needs to happen next? What are the implications for the way in which we, as South Africa's First-Year Experience community, work with students? While we may feel deeply discouraged right now, we discuss ways to stay positive and hopeful, as we continue to support and serve our students in the full complexities of their journeys throughout the higher education system.

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