



Annual SANRC FYE Conference 2023



CALL FOR PAPERS

Understanding and Embracing the Higher Education 'Journey': Speed Bumps, U- Turns, Pot-Holes and all

DATE: 17-19 MAY 2023
VENUE: EAST LONDON ICC

The SANRC conference has traditionally focused on the transitions inherent in the first year of study. Although this remains a clear focus and topic for the 2023 conference, our mandate also includes the other important transitions students have to make (hence the full name of the SANRC, i.e. a centre for the First-Year Experience and Students in Transition).

Therefore, the 2023 conference has a broadened and inclusive theme that includes the critical examination of the broader Students in Transition (SIT) aspect of the work on student transitions and student success. As the SANRC moves toward almost a decade of existence, we recognise that the First-Year Experience is one part of a series of important transitions throughout the entirety of the higher education journey of students.

At the 8th Annual SANRC First-Year Experience we will therefore still examine the first into second year transition, and also include the progression into final year and the preparation for either postgraduate studies or the workplace with an eye to understanding:

- ❖ the transitions involved in each phase of the complex and multi-faceted journey through the higher education system;
- ❖ the factors that influence the student journey throughout the higher education system, and some of the difficulties faced by South Africa's students;
- ❖ some interventions and/or approaches which could be made to support a more coherent and ultimately, a 'smoother' higher education journey.

In doing so, we talk to the 'movement' that has developed over subsequent decades to support issues of First-Year Experience and Students in Transition, and position South Africa's universities within the context of this wider global movement which works to support students throughout the higher education journey.

We accept abstract submissions in the following formats:

- ❖ Full Critical Academic Papers
- ❖ Reflective Practitioner Papers
- ❖ Student Papers: Research Done by Students
- ❖ Work-in-Progress Reports or Proposals for Future Research

Criteria for submissions:

All submissions should speak to the overall conference theme, as well as sub-themes. Abstracts will be subject to a blind peer review process. Abstracts should be double-spaced and written in Arial Font, size 11. Abstracts should also be limited to 250-300 words.

Submission process:

Please submit your proposals in a Word format to both celinem@uj.ac.za and anyar@uj.ac.za by latest 31 March 2023.

Registration:

Registration will take place online, on the SANRC website, <http://www.sanrc.co.za>.

Costs:

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| Full conference registration | R4500.00 |
| Registration for NGOs | R4000.00 |
| Full-time unemployed students | R3000.00 |

