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*Knowledge, Praxes and the African-Purposed Curriculum*

## **FASHIONING QUEER FREEDOM: SOME PROVOCATIONS ON IDENTITY AND POLITICS IN TIMES OF VIOLENT EXCLUSION**

The violent racialisation, gendering and (hetero)sexualisation of colonial and apartheid governance cast an enduring shadow over contemporary struggles for equality and justice in South Africa. In the democratic dispensation, queer subjectivities have shifted, both materially and symbolically, from ‘outlaws’ to recognised subjects in law. To mark this year’s International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia, the paper will explore numerous dominant modalities for the theory and practice of queer liberation in post-apartheid South Africa. It will critically engage with sexual and gender identities, and the violence through which these are wrought as contested terrains in which hierarchies of domination and inequality are both sustained and disrupted. Reflecting on the racialised regulation of LGBT identities, the politics of queer injury, and fractured imaginaries of a decolonised freedom, the paper will pose a series of provocations for queer and feminist thinking and activism in present times.

**Date: Friday, 17 MAY 2019, INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST HOMOPHOBIA AND TRANSPHOBIA**

**Time: 14h30 – 16h00**

**Venue: Drawing Room (upstairs), Art Gallery, Bird Street Campus**

**RSVP: [CLICK HERE](#)**

**Copies of *Blackwashing Homophobia* will be on sale!**

***Refreshments will be served; transport will be available on request.***

A seminar hosted by the Chair for Critical Studies in Higher Education Transformation (CriSHET). T: 041 504 4036; E [crishet@mandela.ac.za](mailto:crishet@mandela.ac.za)