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Date: Tuesday 14th May 2019

Venue: The Graduate School TR4

Time: 3.15pm

Title: The 'Remains' of the University: #MustFall and Critical Studies in Higher Education Transformation in South Africa

Speaker: Professor André Keet, hosted by the Centre for Shared Education

Reflecting on the 'production' of the #MustFall imagination in the aftermath of the massively influential South African university student protests of 2015-2016, this talk explores the present openings and possibilities for 'retreating' higher education studies. I argue that this task presupposes the unfolding of a radical critique of the present 'persona' of universities, tagged by pragmatic and productive alternatives that can separate us from our attachment to either the simulation of transformation or the impossibility of change in socially-just directions. The angle of 'the critical', I further suggest, requires examining the academic self and one's complicity with institutional cultures, practices and traditions that work against progressive educational and political aims. To this end, I bring the interplay between the meanings of 'remains', 'must fall' and 'retreat' into conversation with possible routes that a programme on critical studies in higher education transformation may take.

About the speaker:

Prof André Keet is the Chair of 'Critical Studies in Higher Education Transformation' at Nelson Mandela University, and Visiting Professor of the Centre for Race, Education and Decoloniality, Carnegie School of Education at Leeds Beckett University. He is the current chairperson of the Ministerial Oversight Committee on Transformation in South African Public Universities.

Find out more about Professor Keet here: <https://nmmu.academia.edu/Andr%C3%A9Keet>

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