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Bursary Holders Workshop

NITheCS Seminar Room | 28-30 September 2026

PROGRAMME

Monday, 28 September

14:00-14:15	Welcome and Opening Remarks – NITheCS Director, Prof Francesco Petruccione
14:15-15:35	Masterclass: 'Generative AI in Academia: Building Critical Digital Literacies and Practical Approaches to Academic Writing' Dr Sonja Strydom (Stellenbosch University)

Tuesday, 29 September

09:00-10:30	Masterclass – *Continued (Part 1)* Selene Delport (Stellenbosch University)	
10:30-10:45	**TEA BREAK**	
10:45-11:15	Masterclass – *Continued (Part 2)* Selene Delport (Stellenbosch University)	
11:15-11:30	Introduction – NITheCS Director, Prof Francesco Petruccione	
11:30-13:00	Postdoctoral Presentations:	
	11:30-11:45	Dr Partha Nandi
	11:45-12:00	Dr Dean Brand
	12:00-12:15	Dr Blessing Apolayan
	PhD Presentations:	
	12:15-12:30	Goratamang Ann Gaedie
	12:30-12:45	Tasmiya Papiah
	12:45-13:00	Shaylyn Govender
13:00-14:00	**LUNCH**	
14:00-14:20	NRF Presentation – Melissa Govender	
14:20-15:35	PhD Presentations:	
	14:20-14:35	Bradley Mkhondo
	14:35-14:50	Matsobane Alex Mothibi
	14:50-15:05	Thabo James Lepota
	15:05-15:20	Morongwa Ralefeta
	15:20-15:35	Rethabile Thubisi
15:35-15:50	**TEA BREAK**	
15:50-16:20	PhD Presentations:	
	15:50-16:05	Keagan van den Heuvel
	16:05-16:20	Nontobeko Nondumiso Zavala
16:30	Close of Day	

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09:00-10:30	Master's Presentations:	
	09:00-09:10	Dylan Govender
	09:10-09:20	Volana Onisoa Herimanana
	09:20-09:30	Tiego Molele
	09:30-09:40	Saarisha Govender
	09:40-09:50	Kiasha Haridas
	09:50-10:00	Singo Lufuno Laurence
	10:00-10:10	Cheryl Mokoena
	10:10-10:20	Kudzai Mawere
	10:20-10:30	Mabotja Thapelo Moshima
10:30-10:45	**TEA BREAK**	
10:45-12:40	Master's Presentations:	
	10:45-10:55	Dhiya Dharampal
	10:55-11:05	Khanyisile Nkuna
	11:05-11:15	Galaletsang Onalenna Nyama
	11:15-11:25	Abenathi Nqweniso
	11:25-11:35	Keiasha Jade Gounden
	11:35-11:45	Kutloana Lephoto Nkojoana
	11:45-11:55	Michael Woods
	PhD Presentations:	
	11:55-12:10	Malala Rakotondrasoa
	12:10-12:25	Chanelle Matadah
	12:25-12:40	Riyaadh Jamodien
13:00-14:00	**LUNCH**	
14:00-15:00	Remaining Master's, PhD & Postdoctoral Presentations	
15:00	Close of Day	