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**Presidential Roundtables:
Science, Scholarship and Society**

Programme

'Is Scholarly Publishing becoming Unaffordable?'
**An Evidence-based Dialogue on the Implications of a European Plan S
on South African Research**

24 October 2019, 17:00 for 17:30

Auditorium - Stellenbosch University Library

- 17:30 – 17:35** **Welcome**
Ms Mimi Seyffert-Wirth
Deputy Director: Digital Scholarship, Stellenbosch University Library
- 17:35 – 17:45** **Introductions**
Prof Jonathan Jansen
President, Academy of Science of South Africa (ASSAf)
- 17:45 – 18:15** **Opening Statements**
Prof Robin Crewe
Senior Research Fellow in the Centre for the Advancement of Scholarship and a member of the Social Insects Research Group of the University of Pretoria
- Dr Tandi Matsha**
Founder and lead researcher at the Cardiometabolic Health Research Unit, CPUT
- Ms Linda Nordling**
Journalist and editor based in Cape Town
- Ms Ellen Tise**
Senior Director: Library and Information Services, Stellenbosch University Library
- Prof Keyan Tomaselli**
Distinguished Professor, Faculty of Humanities, University of Johannesburg, and Professor Emeritus, University of KwaZulu-Natal
- 18:15 – 19:20** **Discussions and Q&A (Moderated by Prof Jonathan Jansen)**
- 19:20 – 19:30** **Vote of Thanks**
Prof Himla Soodyall
Executive Officer, Academy of Science of South Africa (ASSAf)
- 19:30** **Refreshments**
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BIOGRAPHIES FOR PANELLISTS

PROF ROBIN CREWE

Robin Michael Crewe is a Senior Research Fellow in the Centre for the Advancement of Scholarship and a member of the Social Insects Research Group of the University of Pretoria, past President of the Academy of Science of South Africa and past Chair of the Network of African Science Academies. He is a council member of the World Academy of Sciences and is co-chair of an IAP working group entitled "Harnessing Science, Engineering and Medicine to address Africa's challenges".

PROF TANDI MATSHA

Tandi Matsha holds a PhD in Medical Biochemistry from UCT. She is the Founding Director of the South African Medical Research Council Cardimetabolic Health Research Unit at the Cape Peninsula University of Technology in Cape Town. She is also the recipient of the South African Research Chairs Initiative (SARChI) from the National Research Foundation. Her unit has carried out important studies on the prevalence and molecular determinants of diabetes and other cardiovascular risk factors in people of mixed ancestry who are in the majority in Cape Town. She has a growing list of publications having published over 100 academic papers in peer-reviewed journals, 2 book chapters, 2 Novel SNP database entries and 1 patent. Dr Matsha has achieved a high professional standing in her field having been awarded a number of honours, including the 2018/2019 NSTF-South32 Awards which recognises outstanding contributions to science, engineering and technology (SET) and innovation in South Africa. In addition to her academic work and the training of postgraduate students in medical research, she has contributed to several initiatives that promote the participation of women in science at institutional, regional and national levels.

MS LINDA NORDLING

Linda Nordling is a journalist and editor based in Cape Town, South Africa. Her work centres around science, education, medicine and development—and the politics and intersections between all four. Her work has appeared in *Nature*, *Science*, *The Guardian*, *Quartz*, *The Scientist* and *Tonic*, among others. She is the editor of both *Research Africa* and *Scientific African Magazine*. She has a special interest in how African research is portrayed globally as well as in the lived experience of scientists in the Global South.

MS ELLEN TISE

Ellen Tise is Senior Director, Library and Information Services at Stellenbosch University since January 2006. She currently serves as a member of the International Advisory Board of Beacon of Freedom of Expression of the National Library of Norway since 2012, the Qatar National Library Board in 2013, OCLC Board of Trustees in the United States of America since November 2014 and the IFLA Cultural Heritage Programme Advisory Committee since August 2015. Ms Tise has been appointed chair of the IFLA Freedom of Access to Information and Freedom of Expression (FAIFE) Advisory Committee for the period 2019 – 2021 at the recent IFLA World Library and Information Congress held in Athens. She is a recipient of several awards for distinguished leadership and outstanding contributions to librarianship, including honorary membership in LIASA and an honorary IFLA fellowship.

PROF KEYAN TOMASELLI

Keyan Gray Tomaselli is Distinguished Professor, Faculty of Humanities, University of Johannesburg, and Professor Emeritus, University of KwaZulu-Natal, where he is also a Sometime Fellow. He is also a Fellow of the International Communicological Institute and the South African Communication Association. B1 NRF rated. His research interests are critical indigenous methodologies, political economy, African cinema and visual anthropology. He was a founder member of the international Association for Cultural Studies and of the Academic and Non-Fiction Authors' Association of South Africa. He is editor of the Web of Science listed *Critical Arts: South-North Cultural and Media Studies* and founder and co-editor of *Journal of African Cinemas*. He has served as president of the SA Communication Association and on the Council of the International Council of the International Association for Semiotic Studies. He is a co-editor of book series' for UNISA Press and University of Toronto Press, and serves on an editorial panel for Michigan State University Press.