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# **RACIAL DISCRIMINATION: A COVERT DISRUPTER OF SOCIAL COHESION**

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**PROFESSOR JEREMY  
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(University of Cape  
Town)

**DR ELA GANDHI**  
(Gandhi Development  
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**PROFESSOR  
SIPHAMANDLA ZONDI**  
(University of Pretoria)

**PASTOR MICHELLE  
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**PROFESSOR NIRMALA GOPAL**  
(University of KwaZulu-Natal)

**DATE:**

**WEDNESDAY, 01 JULY 2020**

**TIME:**

**15H00 – 17H00**

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# PRESENTER BIOGRAPHIES



## JEREMY SEEKINGS

is Professor of Political Studies and Sociology and Director of the Centre for Social Science Research at the University of Cape Town, and a Visiting Professor at Yale and Princeton. His books include *Class, Race and Inequality in South Africa* (2005/2006) and *Policy, Politics and Poverty in South Africa* (2015, published in South Africa as *Poverty, Politics and Poverty in South Africa* in 2016) (both co-authored with Nicoli Nattrass) and multi-authored *Growing Up in the New South Africa* (2010). His most recent books are *Inclusive Dualism: Labour-Intensive Development, Decent Work, and Surplus Labour in Southern Africa* (2019, with Nicoli Nattrass) and a co-edited volume, *The Politics of Social Protection in Eastern and Southern Africa* (2019). His current research focuses primarily on the politics of welfare policy reform both historically and in contemporary Africa, and on party politics and voting behaviour in Southern Africa. Under the lockdown he has been writing about social grants and feeding schemes, including a series of online articles on GroundUp.

## DR ELA GANDHI,

is a social worker and political activist in South Africa. She retired after serving two terms in the South African Parliament representing the ANC. Presently works in honorary capacity as Chairperson of Gandhi Development Trust and Phoenix Settlement Trust and is a co President of Religions for Peace International. She has received four honorary doctorates from various Universities. In February 2020, she received the Papal Madallion from His Holiness Pope Francis.



## SIPHAMANDLA ZONDI

is a professor at the University of Pretoria, and coordinates the Department's Institute for Strategic and Political Affairs, which analyses strategic dynamics in national, continental and international affairs including decision-making, leadership, norms, values, and agency. He also oversees the Centre for the Study of Governance Innovation and the Centre for Mediation in Africa. He is the South African BRICS Think Tank Council (SABTT) Chair and official representative in the BRICS Think Tank Council (BTTC). As Head of the Department of Political Sciences at the University of Pretoria, and member of the South African National Planning Commission, his research interests are in the Decolonisation of Knowledge in Relation to Africa's Politics and International Relations including South African Foreign Policy and Political Dynamics. His recent publications include a co-edited book on the Decolonisation of University and its knowledge. An outstanding scholar, he is no stranger to SABTT and broader BRICS family given his long-standing contribution as a researcher, having presented various research papers, including *A decolonial south-centric perspective on BRICS in the era of globalization and a new type of global governance* (during 2018), among others. He is a mentor in the NIHSS doctoral mentorship programme. He is a passionate mentor of young thought leaders and committed activists in the cause for decolonial diversal futures.

## PASTOR MICHELLE TRYON

is a Minister of Religion and a Social Entrepreneur. She was ordained at New Covenant Fellowship as a Minister of Religion in 1999 and holds a BAdmin degree from the University of Durban-Westville where she majored in Industrial Psychology and Sociology in 1996. She is a firm believer of lifelong learning and holds a number of other certifications. Tryon is self-employed operating and practising fundamentally as an Independent Consultant, Minister of Religion and Part-Time Conference and Motivational Speaker focusing on the areas of Mentorship, Transformation and Change Management, Human Capital Development and Performance Management.

She has been involved in spiritual and social development and empowerment from her youth. Her focus of empowerment is around self-development, gender equity and youth empowerment. She has also been a social and political activist for as long as she can remember. Her passion has always been around issues of Justice and Transformation which have been driven by Training and Development. Michelle has developed a number of courses relating to Self Growth and Development and runs a number of mentorship programmes which facilitate personal and spiritual growth and development.

She has a Meditation CD and an Affirmation CD and is currently writing her book entitled "Single and Complete" which draws on her own personal journey and experience.



## NIRMALA GOPAL

is a Professor in Criminology and Forensic Studies in the School of Applied Human Sciences at the University of KwaZulu-Natal. Among her foci of research is 'hidden' and vulnerable communities as victims of crime, social injustices and discrimination with the aim of promoting justice and fairness for unequal groups in society. She has completed research on school based violence in disadvantaged communities. Prof. Gopal an NRF rated researcher has multiple publications in peer reviewed national and international journals. Her latest research interests include cybercrime which she showcased in a special peer reviewed journal released in November 2018. The journal is frequently referenced by national and international criminologists. The title of the Special edition is *Acta Criminologica a Southern African journal on Cybercrime*. In addition, she has concluded a national study entitled: *Cybercrime – Risks to South Africa*. She has a keen interest in the field of cybercrime/security especially through a human lens. She has been a political activist since she was 16 years old. Her activism for equality and Fairness continues.

CHAIR