

The University of KwaZulu-Natal and UMTAPO Board  
cordially invites you to the

**2019 Steve Biko Lecture**  
**BIKO: 50 YEARS LATER**

**“SOUTH AFRICA & THE  
PSYCHOLOGY OF VIOLENCE”**

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

**Professor Saths Cooper**

President of the Pan-African Psychology Union,  
Board Member of the International Science Council,  
Visiting Professor at the University of Johannesburg &  
Former Vice-Chancellor of the University of Durban-Westville

**Date:**

20 September 2019

**Venue:**

Howard College Theatre, Howard College Campus, UKZN

**Time:**

18h00

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**PROF SATHS COOPER, PHD**



President of the Pan-African Psychology Union, Past President of the International Union of Psychological Science (IUPsyS) and the Psychological Society of South Africa (SA), Cooper is a Fellow of the psychological societies of SA, India, Ireland and Britain. The first black chair of the Professional Board for Psychology at the Health Professions Council (HPCSA, 1999), he was the first non-medical/dental professional to become Vice President of the HPCSA (2002). A close colleague of the late Steve Biko, he was banned and house-arrested at 22 years of age<sup>(1)</sup> and jailed for nine years, spending over five in the same Robben Island cell-block as President Mandela. Accused No. 1 in the seminal SASO/BPC trial<sup>(2)</sup>, he was a leader of the struggle against apartheid from the late 1960s, playing various leadership roles after his release from Robben Island in December 1982. His house was petrol-bombed by the police in 1984 and his last imprisonment was during the state of emergency in June 1986, eventually being released in September. The granting of his first passport in October 1986 - valid only for the USA - meant that he had missed out on much of the first term at Boston University. He nevertheless completed his PhD in Clinical/Community Psychology as a Fulbright Scholar in a record three years in 1989. The Truth and Reconciliation Commission (chaired by Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu) declared him a 'victim of gross human rights violations' in 1998. Cooper was Vice Chancellor and Principal of the former University of Durban-Westville, and has achieved recognition from his peers through accolades such as the inaugural IUPsyS Achievement Against the Odds Award (2012), the American Psychological Association's Award for Distinguished Contributions to the International Advancement of Psychology (2014) and the HPCSA Presidential Merit Award (2019). Having knowledge and experience in a variety of sectors, he serves on boards in SA (e.g., the national Broadcasting Corporation) and abroad (e.g., the International Science Council).

<sup>(1)</sup> February 1973 together with Biko, Drake Koka, Bokwe Mafuna, Jerry Modisane, Strini Moodley, Harry Nengwekhulu, and Barney Pityana

<sup>(2)</sup> Jan 1975-Dec 1976 with Muntu Myeza, Terror Lekota, Aubrey Mokoape, Nkwenkwe Nkomo, Pandelani Nefolovodwe, Kaborone Sedibe, Zithulele Cindi, and Strini Moodley