



Professor Lynn Morris, Deputy Vice-Chancellor: Research & Innovation, cordially invites you to the

Inaugural Lecture of Professor Katijah Khoza – Shangase

School of Human & Community Development,
Faculty of Humanities

Title

Nibezwe, kodwa ningabalaleli: Defying Power towards Preventive Audiology?

Date: Wednesday, 18 October 2023

Time: 17:00

Venue: Senate Room, 2nd Floor, Solomon
Mahlangu House, Braamfontein Campus
East, Wits University

Parking: Solomon Mahlangu Basement 3,
off Jorissen Street, Braamfontein Campus
East, Wits University

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Prof Khoza-Shangase's inaugural lecture, titled "***Nibezwe, kodwa ningabalaleli***": ***Defying Power towards Preventive Audiology?***" unveils a thought-provoking exploration of preventive audiology within the intricate tapestry of South Africa. Centred around the burdens of hearing impairment – encompassing Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI), ototoxicity, Occupational Noise-Induced Hearing Loss (ONIH), and middle ear diseases – the lecture intricately weaves together a contextual narrative that challenges conventional wisdom.

At its core, the lecture delves into the art of discernment: "Hear them, but don't listen to them" – a play on words that encapsulates the essence of critically engaging with Euro-American-centric knowledge and its application within the unique South African milieu. It underscores the imperative of contextual relevance, responsiveness, and responsibility when implementing preventive audiology practices.

Through an astute analysis of prevailing practices, current evidence, challenges, and potential solutions, the lecture illuminates the intricate balance between embracing international best practices while honouring the distinct cultural, socio-economic, and regulatory intricacies of South Africa. The exploration of innovative strategies, including

tele-audiology, collaborative partnerships, regulatory reforms, and continuous monitoring, beckons a transformative journey towards enhanced preventive audiology. In this symphony of ideas, Prof Khoza-Shangase resonates with the call to action: a harmonious blend of global knowledge and local wisdom, orchestrating a symphony of preventive audiology that speaks to the heart of South Africa's diverse audiological landscape.