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# INAUGURAL LECTURE of Professor Nelesh Govender

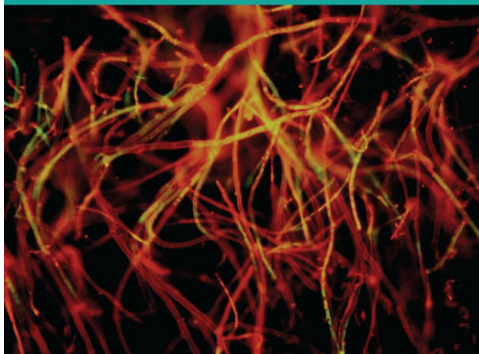
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## Entangled Life and Death

### Global Fungal Epidemics



Fungi are an astonishingly diverse form of life, underpinning entire ecosystems. Some fungi are harnessed for human use. Our bodies are colonised inside and out with beneficial fungi. Yet, a few fungal pathogens cause silent epidemics of deadly infections, particularly among people with weakened immunity. Lives can be saved by understanding how these pathogens interact with their environment and the human host, by tracking the burden of fungal illness and developing simpler diagnostic tests and better antifungal treatments.



**DATE:** Thursday, 14 April 2022  
**TIME:** 17h00

**VENUE:** Senate Room, Solomon Mahlangu House,  
2nd Floor or Online via Zoom

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