

The University of the Witwatersrand invites you to the

INAUGURAL LECTURE

of

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Achieving better infrastructure procurement and project outcomes

In the construction field, procurement is the process that creates, manages, and fulfils contracts for infrastructure projects. Despite the proliferation of procurement and project management guidelines and models, the construction field has failed to master procurement effectively enough to consistently achieve a project's intended outcomes.

The history of the management of construction and civil engineering projects, from ancient structures like the Roman aqueducts, to modern buildings like the Leonardo in Sandton, South Africa, shows little progress in consistent and efficient infrastructure procurement and project outcomes. It also shows little progress in the development, teaching, and application of a consistent and effective management approach to produce expected procurement outcomes.

The three focus areas of this lecture are procurement outcomes in construction, insights from research and projects on the relationship between construction procurement and outcomes, and a view on future pathways to achieve better infrastructure procurement outcomes.

Date: Tuesday, 7 November 2023

Time: 17:00

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

Register here for in-person attendance
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The lecture will be streamed live on the Wits University YouTube Channel.

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