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# BOOK LAUNCH

## Imagining the Futures of Higher Education in Southern Africa: An Exploration from Multiple Perspectives

Day/Date | **Friday 18 October 2024**  
Time | **10 05 – 10 35**  
Venue | **Frank Richard Lecture Theatre, MIE**

### Dr Avinash Oojorah

Dr Oojorah is a prominent figure in the field of education in Mauritius. He is currently a Senior Lecturer at the Mauritius Institute of Education (MIE) and has previously served as the Head of the Centre for Open and Distance Learning at MIE. Dr Oojorah is deeply involved in the digital transformation of education and is passionate about integrating new technologies into teaching and learning. Dr Oojorah has been a strong advocate for integrating technology into education. He has worked on various projects aimed at enhancing digital literacy and ICT integration among educators and students. He recently spoke at a Symposium on AI in Higher Education.

He has also co-edited books namely "Perspectives on Teacher Education in the Digital Age", "Multimodal Learning Environments in Southern Africa. His latest book edition entitled "Imagining the Futures of Higher Education in Southern Africa," explores various scenarios and perspectives on the future of higher education in the region. Dr Oojorah has published several research papers on technology integration in education and innovative teaching learning methods.

### Dr Waaiza Udhin

Dr Udhin is a senior lecturer at the Mauritius Institute of Education, specializing in learning with technology. She holds a Ph.D. on learning with technology from the University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa. Dr Udhin has contributed significantly to the field of digital education, focusing on teacher education and the integration of digital technologies in teaching and learning environments. Dr Udhin's work primarily revolves around enhancing educational practices using technology. She has coordinated a major national educational technologies project, namely the Early Digital Learning Programme and is presently coordinating Online Learning at the Mauritius Institute of Education. She frequently conducts workshops and seminars to share her insights and findings with educators and policymakers. Dr Udhin has published several papers and articles on digital education, contributing to the academic discourse on the subject. She has co-edited three books in the field of digital pedagogies, multimodal assessment and imagining futures of Higher Education. These publications are valuable for scholars, educators, and policymakers interested in the intersection of technology and education. Her research interests are in the field of Innovation in Education, Online Learning, Digital Transformation and E-Assessment.





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# SEMINAR

## Online Assessment in Higher Education

Day/Date	<b>Friday 18 October 2024</b>
Time	<b>10 00 – 15 00</b>
Venue	<b>Conference Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, MIE Tower</b>

### Professor Karen Ferreira-Meyers

Professor Ferreira-Meyers (Institute of Distance Education, University of Eswatini, Eswatini and Research Fellow, University of the Free State, South Africa) holds a PhD in French and Francophone literature – autofiction and autobiography and four MA degrees (Licence en Philologie romane, MA in Linguistics – English, LLM, MIDT). She also has a strong track record in teacher development in Southern African contexts and expertise in the area of blended, distance and e-learning and teaching. Her research interests are varied: from teacher training, ODeL, Open Education, Open Schooling, teacher professional development, Artificial Intelligence, online facilitation, digital transformation, self-directed learning, quality assurance in education to autofiction and autobiography, crime and detective fiction, African literatures in so-called European languages. She has published over 100 papers, various book chapters, two books and more than 100 book reviews.

She enjoys working collaboratively and has been tasked with the leading of project teams on several occasions.

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