

POSTGRADUATE EDUCATION RESEARCH CONFERENCE

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Conference Programme Outline

DAY 1 WEDNESDAY 15 APRIL 2026	
08 50 - 09 10	Registration
09 15 - 09 35	Welcome and opening
09 40 - 10 40	Keynote
10 45 - 11 10	Refreshments and networking
11 15 - 12 15	Plenary
12 20 - 13 05	Lunch
13 10 - 14 40	Parallel Session 1
14 45 - 15 00	Refreshments and networking
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16 10 - 16 25	Rapporteurs' report

DAY 2 THURSDAY 16 APRIL 2026	
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09 15 - 10 45	Parallel Session 1
10 50 - 11 10	Refreshments and networking
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15 40 - 15 55	Rapporteurs' report

DAY 3 FRIDAY 17 APRIL 2026	
09 00 - 09 10	Registration
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11 20 - 11 35	Refreshments and networking
11 40 - 12 40	Rapporteurs' report Closing ceremony
12 45 - 13 30	Lunch

08 50 - 09 10	Registration	
09 10	Guests are seated	
09 15 - 09 35	<p>Welcome and opening</p> <p>Master of ceremony: Ms Suryakanti FULENA, Mauritius Institute of Education (MIE)</p> <p>Address: Dr Shalini RAMASAWMY, MIE; Convenor</p> <p>Address: Mrs Mila Devi SEWRUTTUN-DOSIEAH, Director, MIE</p> <p>Vote of thanks: Professor Hyleen MARIAYE, MIE</p>	<p>Venue: Frank Richard Lecture Theatre, Ground Floor, MIE</p>
09 40 - 10 40	<p>Keynote</p> <p>Title: Counting graduates or cultivating scholars? Reclaiming postgraduate studies as a public good</p> <p>Presenter: Professor Michael Anthony SAMUEL, University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa</p> <p>Chair: Dr Anwar RUMJAUN, MIE</p> <p>Rapporteur: Dr Wedsha APPADOO-RAMSAMY, MIE</p>	
10 45 - 11 10	Refreshments and networking	
Plenary		
11 15 - 12 15	<p>Chair: Dr Shameem OOZEERALLY, MIE</p> <p>Rapporteur: Joann PERMALL, MIE</p> <p>Title: Between proximity and interpretation: Narrative inquiry as ethical practice in a Mauritian teacher education institution</p> <p>Presenter: Suryakanti FULENA, Mauritius</p> <p>Title: Decolonising EdTech: Safeguarding epistemic diversity in the global South</p> <p>Presenter: Gangadharsing Gulshan SOOKLALL, Mauritius</p>	<p>Venue: Room 3E, 3rd Floor, Classroom Block</p>
12 20 - 13 05	LUNCH	
		<p>Venue: Common Room, 1st Floor, MIE Canteen</p>

Parallel Session 1		
13 10 - 14 40	Sub-theme: From knowledge to action: Advocacy and policy change	Venue: Room 3A, 3 rd Floor, Classroom Block
	Chair: Mangala JAWAHEER, MIE Rapporteur: Dr Wedsha APPADOO-RAMSAMY, MIE Title: The importance of integrating values in Zimbabwean secondary school history: Towards a framework Presenter: Hlengiwe NCUBE, Zimbabwe Title: Reimagining resilience: Leveraging Unhu/Ubuntu and community action to address intergenerational school dropouts in Zimbabwe Presenter: Dadirayi MUDZENERERE, Zimbabwe Title: Exploring the innovation-practice gap in high school history: A call for targeted policy support Presenter: Nkanyiso William MPANZA, South Africa	
13 10 - 14 40	Sub-theme: Methodological innovations	Venue: Room 3B, 3 rd Floor, Classroom Block
	Chair: Divyashali SOWDAGUR, MIE Rapporteur: Suryakanti FULENA, MIE Title: From screen reel to really seen: Using re-visioned fairy tales in films as pedagogical tools for gender-critical literacy in English classrooms Presenter: Sohani Natasha CHUNDHUR, South Africa Title: Using an exploratory mixed methods case study to explore secondary school educators' perceptions of Generative AI in professional development Presenter: Tejsree BEHAREE, Mauritius Title: Exploring creative methods through a reflective research exhibition Presenter: Malini CALLIMOOTOO-JEEWON, Mauritius	
		Venue: Room 3F, 3 rd Floor, Classroom Block

13 10 - 14 40	Sub-theme: Research insights beyond borders	Venue: Room 3E, 3 rd Floor, Classroom Block
	<p>Chair: Aartee JODHEEA, MIE Rapporteur: Joann PERMALL, MIE</p> <p>Title: Bridging horizons: Enhancing engineering education and curriculum transformation for the Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR) in the United States and South Africa Presenter: Leroshka (Leroo) MURUGAN, South Africa</p> <p>Title: Bridging the neuro-cognitive gap: Empowering Mauritian educators through metacognitive and neuroscience-informed training Presenters: Tandabarni Aroonassala PATTEN and Farouk HAMUTH, Mauritius</p>	
14 45 - 15 00	Refreshments and networking	Venue: Lobby, 3 rd Floor, Classroom Block

Parallel Session 2

Parallel Session 2		
15 05 - 16 05	Sub-theme: Research insights beyond borders	Venue: Room 3A, 3 rd Floor, Classroom Block
	<p>Chair: Dr Wedsha APPADOO-RAMSAMY, MIE Rapporteur: Suryakanti FULENA, MIE</p> <p>Title: Beyond the Eco Club: Learner voices advancing sustainability in school curriculum policy Presenter: Bibi Nazneen RUSTOM-HUSNOO, Mauritius</p> <p>Title: Exploring the role of non-formal education delivered through non-governmental organisations in promoting social justice in Mauritius Presenter: Preetima MOTEEA, Mauritius</p>	
15 05 - 16 05	Sub-theme: Methodological innovations	Venue: Room 3B, 3 rd Floor, Classroom Block
	<p>Chair: Joann PERMALL, MIE Rapporteur: Divyashali SOWDAGUR, MIE</p> <p>Title: "It's not fair that kids don't get to have their voice heard just because we're little" - Developing a child-centred collaborative approach to research Presenter: Karen FOX, England</p> <p>Title: Weaving stories: Exploring primary teachers' lived experiences in design and technology through creative narrative methods Presenter: Janine PAVLIS, England</p>	

<p>15 05 - 16 05</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Sub-theme: Methodological innovations</p> <p>Chair: Dr Kavish MOHEEPUTH, MIE Rapporteur: Mangala JAWAHEER, MIE</p> <p>Title: Beyond the classroom walls: Amplifying women students' voices in resisting and transforming the hidden curriculum Presenter: Phakamile MAZIBUKO, South Africa</p> <p>Title: Voicing praxis from the global South: A methodology for democratising knowledge in education research Presenter: Thandi GUMBI, South Africa</p>	<p>Venue: Room 3E, 3rd Floor, Classroom Block</p>
<p>16 10 - 16 25</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Rapporteurs' report</p>	<p>Venue: Room 3E, 3rd Floor, Classroom Block</p>

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09 15 - 10 45	Sub-theme: Research insights beyond borders	
	<p>Chair: Dr Navin HURREERAM, MIE Rapporteur: Joann PERMALL, MIE</p> <p>Title: Is the FIT-Choice framework globally applicable? Examining its relevance in understanding teacher motivation in Mauritius Presenter: Divyashali SOWDAGUR, Mauritius</p> <p>Title: Learner autonomy in higher education: Insights from mature students in Mauritius Presenter: Shanita BURRUN-JOOTUN, Mauritius</p> <p>Title: Narratives of inclusion in higher education - The case of female academics in Mauritius Presenter: Kishan THUMADOO, Mauritius</p>	
	<p>Venue: Frank Richard Lecture Theatre, Ground Floor, MIE</p>	
09 15 - 10 45	Sub-theme: From knowledge to action: Advocacy and policy change	
	<p>Chair: Bhima RAMKISSOON, MIE Rapporteur: Mangala JAWAHEER, MIE</p> <p>Title: Investigating the washback effects of end-of-year high-stakes standardised assessment at primary school level Presenter: Dheenishaa Bye ITTOO, Mauritius</p> <p>Title: A study on dialogic talk: Preliminary findings Presenter: Komal Reshma GUNGAPERSAND, Mauritius</p>	
	<p>Venue: Room 3B, 3rd Floor, Classroom Block</p>	
10 50 - 11 10	Refreshments and networking	
		<p>Venue: Quadrangle, Ground Floor, MIE</p>

Plenary

11 15 - 12 15	<p>Chair: Suryakanti FULENA, MIE Rapporteur: Bhima RAMKISSOON, MIE</p> <p>Title: Investigating tutor-student relationships in online teacher education: Methodological insights from a small-scale qualitative study Presenter: Faraknaaz Bibi ESSMALLGEE, Mauritius</p> <p>Title: Exploring school leadership behaviours that can contribute to enhancing teacher job satisfaction: The case study of a Rodriguan secondary school Presenter: Melanie FELICITE GOPAUL, Rodrigues</p>	Venue: Frank Richard Lecture Theatre, Ground Floor, MIE
12 20 - 13 05	LUNCH	Venue: Quadrangle, Ground Floor, MIE

Parallel Session 2

13 10 - 15 10	<p align="center">Sub-theme: Research insights beyond borders</p>	<p>Venue: Frank Richard Lecture Theatre, Ground Floor, MIE</p>
	<p>Chair: Dr Rajendra KORLAPU-BUNGAREE, MIE Rapporteur: Suryakanti FULENA, MIE</p> <p>Title: Across epistemic borders: Decolonial feminist praxis in black African women's writing Presenter: Nomonde CELE, South Africa</p> <p>Title: From theory to practice: Preparing pre-service English teachers for culturally responsive poetry teaching Presenter: Sibongile Melody DLAMINI, South Africa</p> <p>Title: Addressing language barriers during clinical placements: The case of international students in a higher technical and vocational education training (TVET) institution in Mauritius Presenter: Rajeshwaree CHENGELVOYEN, Mauritius</p> <p>Title: Placing a premium on the natural world: An ecolinguistic analysis of proverbs in Akan Presenter: Abdulai AKUAMAH, Ghana</p>	
13 10 - 15 10	<p align="center">Sub-theme: Methodological innovations</p>	<p>Venue: Room 3A, 3rd Floor, Classroom Block</p>
	<p>Chair: Dr Shakeel ATCHIA, MIE Rapporteur: Bhima RAMKISSOON, MIE</p> <p>Title: Analysis of small data sets: Insights from partial least squares structural equation modelling Presenter: Devendra BABOOA, Mauritius</p> <p>Title: The role of visual aid tools as methodological innovation for improving accessibility and inclusivity in online teaching and learning settings Presenter: Onick GWAYI, Malawi</p> <p>Title: Deconstructing the supervision process: Perspectives of a Gen Z student and a Gen Y supervisor Presenter: Asmara MARI, South Africa</p> <p>Title: A systematic literature review on next-generation teaching and learning frameworks in global South higher education: A critical application of the Kitchenham approach Presenter: Chitisha GUNNOO, Mauritius</p>	

13 10 - 15 10	Sub-theme: From knowledge to action: Advocacy and policy change	Venue: Room 3B, 3 rd Floor, Classroom Block
	<p>Chair: Gian SANDHAYA, MIE Rapporteur: Divyashali SOWDAGUR, MIE</p>	
	<p>Title: Deconstructing Procrustean practices: Developing a pedagogical framework for recognising tacit knowledge in South Africa's occupational qualifications Presenter: Elector (Electra) NYANDORO, South Africa</p>	
	<p>Title: Cultivating positive learner behaviour in my teaching: Secondary school self-study Presenter: Mdletshe LINDOKUHLE, South Africa</p>	
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	15 40 - 15 55	Rapporteurs' report

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	<p>Chair: Dr Evelyn KEE MEW WAN KHIN, MIE Rapporteur: Mangala JAWAHEER, MIE</p>	
	<p>Title: Teacher voice in professional identity construction Presenter: Joann Davenia PERMALL, Mauritius</p>	
	<p>Title: Transforming teacher education beyond borders: Student-teachers' voices in a philosophical pedagogy of disruption Presenter: Clive Jimmy William BROWN, South Africa</p>	
<p>Title: Beyond the policy-practice divide: Stakeholders' voices on teacher professional development within an educational reform Presenter: Moohktaseemah HEETUN, Mauritius</p>		<p>Venue: Frank Richard Lecture Theatre, Ground Floor, MIE</p>
<p>Title: From knowledge to action: Advocacy and policy change - An exploration of foundation phase teachers' experiences in supporting learners with reading challenges Presenter: Bheki Welcome MASONDO, South Africa</p>		

09 15 - 11 15	Sub-theme: From knowledge to action: Advocacy and policy change	Venue: Room 3A, 3 rd Floor, Classroom Block
	Chair: Dr Wedsha APPADOO-RAMSAMY, MIE Rapporteur: Divyashali SOWDAGUR, MIE	
	Title: Shaping school leadership policy: Insights from educators' perspectives on job satisfaction Presenter: Mohammad Yassine Ibne Dawood AUMERALLY, Mauritius	
	Title: From knowledge to action: Advancing advocacy and policy reform to strengthen interpersonal and intrapersonal skills development in Mauritius secondary schools Presenter: Devasree GANGIAH, Mauritius	
	Title: Investigating the impact of digital readiness of educators on teaching mathematics at upper secondary level in Rodrigues Presenter: Mary Jane Hilary CASIMIR, Rodrigues	
	Title: Digital literacy as a pathway to rehabilitation: Technology access and educational rights in South African correctional centres Presenter: Ntuthuko Sibonelo MATHENJWA, South Africa	
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11 40 - 12 40	Rapporteurs' report Closing remarks by Professor Michael Samuel Vote of thanks	Venue: Frank Richard Lecture Theatre, Ground Floor, MIE
12 45 - 13 30	LUNCH	Venue: Quadrangle, Ground Floor, MIE

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