

# THE MEANING OF UBUNTU

Invitation to join the DEB online meeting

Thursday 5 September | 18:30

*Guest Speakers*

**Dr Precious Simba**



Dr Simba is a university teacher and interdisciplinary researcher. Her primary research interests lie at the nexus of feminist theory and philosophy of education. Her doctoral research was a feminist critique of Ubuntu as a philosophy of education centred on education policy in Zimbabwe. Her research interests are Ubuntu as a philosophy of education, education policy, feminist theory, intersectionality, and democratic citizenship education, social justice in/through education. Presently she is involved in collaborative research on inclusive education in South Africa, a book project on Xenophobia and higher education, research on teaching sexuality in African school contexts and journal article writing around the issue of Ubuntu in education. She has both qualitative and quantitative research experience - excelling at narrative data processing. Besides her academic experience she has a background in the third sector having founded a girl empowerment school based organisation in Bulawayo in 2011. She also has corporate experience working with an online start-up and a retail corporation. She has a MA from University of Sussex's Institute of Development Studies (IDS) where her studies focused on gender, development and education. She was a Mandela scholar (2013/14), a Sol Plaatje scholar (2018/2020) and an Andrew W. Mellon Ubuntu Dialogues fellow (2020).

**Jacob Meiring**



Jacob Meiring joined the Desmond and Leah Tutu Legacy Foundation in early 2020 with 15+ years of experience in research-based learning and narrative therapy, incorporating embodied meaning-making into program development. He now manages the Leading for Humanity programme and firmly believes in hope as an act of resistance against despair and that it is young people that carries this hope. A highlight in his career was completing his doctoral studies in Theological Anthropology at the Free University (VU), Amsterdam. He enjoys writing and is the author of various articles and papers, also on the notion of Ubuntu, Desmond Tutu, embodiment and social justice. His hope is to stay curious, creative and connected.

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