Present

Symposium on "Psychological Science & Violence: A Global Call to Action"

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: SATHS COOPER, PhD
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Dr. Saths Coopers is a Clinical Psychologist & Extraordinary Professor, University of Pretoria & Honorary Professor at the University of Limpopo. He was a colleague of late Steve Biko and one of the founders of Black Consciousness in South Africa (SA); He played a key role in the anti-apartheid struggle in SA and internationally, the advent of democracy in SA, the unification and ascendance of psychology and youth and community reconstruction and development during and after apartheid. He was banned and house-arrested when he was 22 years of age, and jailed for nine years. His longest period of incarceration was from 25 September 1974 to 20 December 1982, being the first accused in the seminal SA-SO/BPC trial in Pretoria (January 1975-December 1976). He spent over five years in Robben Island in the same cell-block as former President Mandela, Govan Mbeki and Walter Sisulu, and in 1988 was declared a ‘victim of gross human rights violations’ by SA’s Truth and Reconciliation Commission (chaired by Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu). He was a leader of the struggle against apartheid oppression and exploitation from the late sixties. The first National Director of the Institute for Multi-Party Democracy, which engaged with political parties across the spectrum in 1991 leading up to the CODESA negotiated settlement, he was the Executive Director of The Family Institute (1992-1995) that established the first national toll-free 24/7 multilingual (violence) helpline and ran numerous violence intervention, skills training, public awareness and policy advocacy programs in the run-up to SA’s first democratic elections in 1994. Cooper has been the recipient of many citations and awards, has been relied on by foreign and South African agencies, institutions and leaders to advise and inform them on socio-economic-political developments in SA, and has facilitated foreign and local investment and development in Southern Africa.

Introduction: Florence Denmark, PhD
Discussants: Sonia Suchday, PhD, Ava Thompson, PhD, & Oscar Barbarin, PhD
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