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in the College of Human Sciences, Unisa, in collaboration with the Psychological Society of South Africa and the Pan-African Psychology Union cordially invites you to the

18th Annual Peace, Safety And Human Rights Memorial Lecture

TREADING THE SHORELINE: WATER AS LIFE AND DEATH

We have entered the planetary epoch. Through climate catastrophe, the natural world has insisted itself into a putatively anthropocentric world. However, old hierarchies persist, and impoverished and oppressed communities continue to bear the brunt of floods, drought, rising oceans, polluted water and depleting fish and other water species. Life-giving waters from the River Jordan, Nile, Klipspruit, Tyume and Kuils rivers have become the sites of intensifying hydro-politics over who owns the water, who can live off it, and who might die in the necropolitics of water. The Atlantic and Mediterranean are again becoming waters of black death for North and West Africans attempting to flee death by migrating to Europe. Small boats depart bearing hope but are stymied by high tides and xenophobic aquatic immigration police. What are the material and psychological dimensions and costs to these planetary threats? To sketch the planetary century, the Annual Lecture treads the shorelines of water bodies to surface the hydro-politics and duality of water as life and death.

The Lecture Series seeks to highlight the new frontiers and challenges facing the culture of democracy, peace, safety and human rights in South Africa and globally.

DATE: 14 OCTOBER 2023

TIME: 15:00 – 17:00 (SAST)

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