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# SYMPOSIUM

09h00 - 13h00

Decolonising  
the University, decolonising  
the world

LECTURE  
9h00-10h45

## VENUE:

Graduate Seminar Room,  
South West Engineering Building  
- East Campus, Wits

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**Professor Nelson Maldonado-Torres:**  
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Whiteness Must Fall: The Gift of Black Consciousness and the Imperative of Decoloniality in the South African University

Abstract: Contrary to common belief, whiteness is not a colour, but a project, a structure, and a form of consciousness that includes the Eurocentralisation of being, power, and knowledge. Decolonising the university means that whiteness must fall, and with it the continued efforts to maintain white privilege and Eurocentrality as the animating principle of scientific research and knowledge production in the academy. In this context, Black Consciousness can be understood as a "decolonial gift" that works as venom and cure, seeking to advance the project of creating a new humanity, including another university beyond Eurocentralisation and the imperatives of whiteness.

DISCUSSION  
11h15-13h00

**Zimitri Erasmus**  
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SWOP/Politics PhD Fellow, EFF spokesperson

**Moshibudi Motimele**

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