



The annual Library Research Week will take place during the week of 12 - 16 May 2025. Research Week 2025 will be launched on the 12th of May 2025.

This year's theme is Let's partner for research impact and there will be several webinars based on the themes: **Let's work together throughout the research process, Let's drive research impact with emerging, Let's strengthen your research impact, Let's support researcher well-being.**

To register for these webinars, click on one of the links below to view the available sessions:

**12 May:** [Programme Launch](#)

**13 May:** [Let's work together throughout the research process](#)

**14 May:** [Let's drive research impact with emerging technologies](#)

**15 May:** [Let's strengthen your research impact](#)

**16 May:** [Let's support researcher wellbeing](#)

Each day will cover theme-specific aspects related to the research process.

These webinars will be presented by Library staff, experts from other SUN divisions and vendors from well-known research databases.

## Launch of Research Week

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### Change and Transformation, Centre for the Study of the Afterlife of Violence and Reparative Quest

**Date:** Monday, 12 May

**Time:** 15:30 - 16:30

**Presenter:** Prof. Pumla Gobodo-Madikizela, Professor and Chair of Research for Social

My project in this lecture is exploratory. I start with a reflection on my own research, and on how one's foundational ideas find new life when revisited in light of new questions, especially when the inquiry is ethically rich and motivated by intellectual honesty – revisiting one's ideas is part of intellectual life in academia. My work on dialogues after mass violence has moved from a focus on forgiveness and reconciliation to a close study of the subtleties of encounters between people from different sides of violent histories. I will show that this approach enables a language in which the focus is on experience and might help us discover the possibility that people can, and do face one another in a way that enables solidarity to emerge as fragile, unfolding processes of orientation toward one another rather than positioning them against each other in moral standoffs. The lecture underscores the importance of critical reflection within academic research, particularly when dealing with the complexities of historical violence and its transgenerational afterlife.

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