



**The University of KwaZulu-Natal
Teaching & Learning Office (UTLO)**
Cordially invites you to a seminar on
Systems Thinking for Higher Education



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SEMINAR DETAILS

DATE: Wednesday, 29 March 2017
TIME: 10:00am—11:30am
VENUE: UNITE Building, School of Engineering, Gate 8, Rick Turner Road, Howard College Campus

RSVP Essential before 24 March 2017

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WORKSHOP OVERVIEW

This interactive workshop is focussed on the theory and application of systems thinking as applied to the Higher Education sector.

We live in a world that is characterised by volatility, uncertainty, complexity and ambiguity (VUCA). Conventional models of analysis, diagnosis and problem solving are unable to provide enduring solutions to complex problems. The Higher Education sector, especially in the South African context is in constant flux and turmoil, perhaps aptly described as being in a “vortex of turbulence”.

- ◆ How can we understand this complex terrain?
- ◆ What is the HE leadership role in a VUCA world?
- ◆ What is Systems Thinking?
- ◆ How can Systems Thinking assist in re-envisioning and creating sustainable futures?

This workshop will delve into these questions theoretically and practically.

ABOUT THE FACILITATORS

Dr Shamim Bodhanya has an engineering degree, an MBA and a PhD. He is a consultant, researcher, facilitator, and keynote speaker that draws on inter-disciplinary research to work with complex real-world problems. He is recognised internationally as an expert in systems thinking and complex adaptive systems. Shamim is the Editor of *Large Scale Systemic Change: Theories, Modelling and Practices*, published by Nova Science in 2016. He is currently focussed on the application of systems thinking and the development of system dynamic models to help companies, government institutions and other organisations to improve their strategic orientation and effectiveness amidst a volatile, uncertain, complex and ambiguous (VUCA) world. This encompasses both strategic and operational components. Shamim is a partner at the Leadership Dialogue, and Chairman of the Institute of Natural Resources (INR).

Prof Kriben Pillay was the Dean of Teaching and Learning in the College of Law and Management Studies and an associate professor in the Graduate School of Business and Leadership, University of KwaZulu-Natal. He is a writer across many genres; his poems appear in four South African anthologies, and his short stories appear in two. He was a finalist for the Bertrams African Literature Award in 1992, and was nominated for the 1995 CNA Literary Prize. In 2014 Kriben co-edited the first volume of its kind, *Teaching and Learning in the College of Law and Management Studies: Shared Approaches, Lessons and Good Practices*. A second volume was published at the end of September 2016. He has also recently contributed a chapter on leadership in the 2016 book *Large Scale Systemic Change* published by Nova in New York. In 2008 Kriben was awarded the Distinguished Teacher's award.