

## REGISTRATIONS ARE OPEN

5th Annual National Postgraduate Student Conference  
on Local Government & Urban Governance

THEME

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**Urban Inclusivity as a  
Complex Process:  
Reflections on South  
African Cities Post-1994**

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In the wake of South Africa's democratic transition in 1994, the country embarked on a journey towards social cohesion and inclusive development, particularly within its urban landscapes. Key drivers of this agenda include the *Constitution of the Republic of South Africa*, 1996, the National Development Plan (NDP), and the *Spatial Planning and Land Use Management Act* 16 of 2013. From a global perspective, Sustainable Development Goal number 11 also serve as a guiding policy instrument in this endeavour.

The pursuit of urban inclusivity extends beyond mere policy and legislative frameworks however, and include tangible actions such as city and street renaming to name but a few. This does not transpire without opposition though, as can be evidenced from cases such as *City of Tshwane Metropolitan Municipality v Afriforum and Another* 2016 (6) SA 279 (CC).

As such it is trite that urban inclusivity efforts in South Africa nevertheless remain complex and nuanced, especially considering the intersection of historical legacies and competing interests. In view of the above, the SARCHI CLES Chair will be hosting its 5th Annual Postgraduate Student Conference with the aim to delve into the intricacies of urban inclusivity, reflecting on the challenges, progress, and prospects within the context of South Africa's cities since 1994.

We hope that this conference will provide a comprehensive platform for post-graduate scholars to engage in critical discussions, share insights, and explore strategies that can promote urban inclusivity in the post-apartheid cities landscape.

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## CONFERENCE DETAILS

Date: 2 - 3 October 2024  
Location: Potchefstroom Campus @ the NWU  
\*hybrid event

## HOW TO REGISTER:

Please follow the instructions on the link below to register to attend the conference.

<https://forms.office.com/r/NrHthX4r3f>

Attendance is **free and open** to anyone interested in the topic. Also note that we will have a lunch and / or a cocktail event for all those that attend in person.

The programme, virtual links, and more information on the conference will be made available in due course.

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