



The student-centred university

What is a student-centred university? What are the narratives, notions and prevalent debates regarding student-centredness? What are the challenges and opportunities for implementation at institutional level?

In this ENGAGE, we examine a recently released research project, undertaken by the University of the Free State and spanning two years. The aim of the project was to create a deeper understanding of how institutional cultures could be reshaped to create a student-centred higher education system in South Africa.

The project arose out of USAf's Transformation Strategy Group (TSG) who initiated a project to design student-centred universities and a student-centred higher education system in South Africa. An important aspect of the TSG's transformation agenda is the advancement of thinking about the ways in which institutional cultures could be changed and how the developmental needs of students could become central to the configuration of the higher education system.

The lead researcher, Dr WP Wahl, Director: Student Life, will be joined by Prof André Keet, Deputy Vice-Chancellor: Engagement and Transformation at Nelson Mandela University on **Tuesday, 28th March 2023 (14:00–15:30)**. Together, they will unpack these findings and consider the implications for the future of our universities.

Once you have registered you can immediately add the event to your calendar (with all the Zoom details) or you will receive an email with the Zoom details shortly before the engagement. Please feel free to pass this invitation on to other colleagues who may be interested in attending.

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