

# THEME: AFRICA IN WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKING

To commemorate our 23rd anniversary of our company, Adonis & Abbey Publishers is happy to organise a free webinar on the above topical theme.



**PROFESSOR OLUSOLA OYEWOLE**

## TOPIC:

### What the World University Rankings mean to African Universities?

Secretary-General of the Association of African Universities, based in Ghana, and a former Vice Chancellor of the Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta, Nigeria. He has held senior advisory positions at the African Union Commission (Quality Assurance and Scholarships) and worked with global bodies like UNESCO and the OECD. His intervention will try to provide answers to such questions as: What accounts for regional and country disparities in these rankings? What benefits and challenges accrue to the Universities that make it into the rankings? What must African universities do to make it into these rankings (or improve on their rankings)?



**PROFESSOR DAVID JOHNSON**  
(CPsychol, AFBPsS)

## TOPIC:

### Outreaching Rankings

University Reader in Comparative and International Education, and Professorial Fellow of St Antony's College, Oxford, United Kingdom. Professor Johnson has worked on several assignments for the World Bank and UNICEF across many countries in Africa, including Nigeria, Sudan, and Somalia. He is the founder of a new University of Oxford Social Impact Spin-out Company (OxTrack), designed to assess and support the professional capabilities of African teachers. His intervention interrogates the idea of the University in Africa, the nature of knowledge, and the meaning of scientific endeavour, in a world rapidly changing world.



**DR PETER J. WELLS**

## TOPIC:

### Avoiding the Rankings Rabbit Hole: Know yourself, know your contexts, and know where your own warren of higher education is leading

Head of Education for Southern Africa at UNESCO's office in Harare, Zimbabwe, and former Chief of Global Higher Education at UNESCO, Paris, where he drafted the text of the Addis Ababa Convention for Africa, the Buenos Aires Convention for Latin America and the Caribbean, and the revised Convention for the Arab States—each of which has quality assurance and university cooperation in teaching and research as a foundation. He is the author of policy papers, articles, and monographs on the topics of higher education reforms, quality assurance, internationalization, digital transformation, university rankings, and equity and inclusion in national HE systems.



**PROFESSOR SIOUX MACKENNA**

## TOPIC:

### Gameplaying and Universality Ranking

Leading voice in reimagining the purpose of higher education, with a special focus on epistemic justice (the question of whose knowledge is valued and who gets access to it). She is Professor of Higher Education Research at Rhodes University in South Africa. Professor McKenna's intervention will critically examine the various controversies surrounding the World University Ranking.



## PROF. JIDEOFOR ADIBE

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## PROF. TONY NWAFOR

**Moderator**  
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