

**9<sup>th</sup> Annual ARESA Research Ethics Seminar**  
**Ethical challenges raised by COVID-19 in Southern Africa**  
**16 – 17 September 2021**  
**Final Programme**

**Day 1 –Thursday 16 September 2021**

10.00-10.10                      Welcome and Introduction  
**Prof Keymanthri Moodley, Centre for Medical Ethics & Law, Stellenbosch University**  
**A/Prof Stuart Rennie, Centre for Bioethics, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill**

**Plenary session 1: Ethical challenges with COVID-19 research**

10.15-10.30                      Ethical issues in public health emergency research in South Africa: The case of COVID-19  
**A/Prof Theresa Burgess, University of Cape Town, South Africa**

10.30-10.45                      Conducting research on COVID-19 during the pandemic: a clinician/researcher perspective  
**A/Prof Brian Allwood, Stellenbosch University, South Africa**

10.45-11.00                      Experiences of Malawian REC members and Administrators in reviewing research protocols during the COVID-19 pandemic  
**Francis Masiye, Malawi University of Science and Technology (MUST), Malawi**  
**Tiwonge Mtande, Malawi**

11.00-12.00                      **PANEL DISCUSSION**

Chair: Prof Keymanthri Moodley      Stellenbosch University, South Africa

A/Prof Theresa Burgess                      University of Cape Town, South Africa  
A/Prof Brian Allwood                      Stellenbosch University, South Africa  
Francis Masiye                      Malawi University of Science & Technology  
Tiwonge Mtande                      Stellenbosch University, South Africa

**Plenary session 2: Public health challenges on the African continent during COVID-19**

14.00 -14.15                      Impact of vaccine passports on LMICs during a public health emergency  
**A/Prof Stuart Rennie, Centre for Bioethics, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, USA**

14.15 -14.30                      Health system responses and ethical challenges to the health needs of refugees: the case of the COVID-19 pandemic in Zambia  
**A/Prof Victor Chalwe University of Zambia, Lusaka, Zambia**

14.30 -14.45                      COVID-19 vaccine uptake challenges in Kenya  
**Prof Walter Jaoko, University of Nairobi, Kenya**

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A/Prof Stuart Rennie                      UNC-Chapel Hill, USA  
A/Prof Victor Chalwe                      University of Zambia, Zambia  
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**Plenary session 3: Regulatory and Guideline Updates: POPIA and SAGCP 2020**

10.00-10.15	Protection of Personal Information Act : how does POPIA impact on research during a pandemic? <b>Prof Jerome Singh, University of Toronto, Canada and University of Kwa-Zulu Natal, South Africa</b>
10.15-10.30	Challenges to biobanking in LMICs during COVID-19: time to reconceptualise research ethics guidance for pandemics and public health emergencies? <b>Prof Shenuka Singh, University of Kwa Zulu Natal, South Africa</b>
10.30-10.45	Dissemination and return of results of research: protecting personal information <b>A/Prof Joseph Ochieng, Makerere University, Uganda</b>
10.45-11.00	SAGCP 2020: Whats new? <b>Dr Gonasagrie (Lulu) Nair, Centre for Medical Ethics &amp; Law, Stellenbosch University, South Africa</b>
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