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Career Summary

André joined the higher education sector for the first time on a full-time professional basis in October 2008 when he became the Director of the Transdisciplinary Programme at the University of Fort Hare. Between 1996 and 2008, he worked in and with independent public institutions responsible for navigating the crucial transitional phase in South Africa's contemporary history, whilst also teaching part-time and on a visiting basis at universities across the country. Much of his post-1994 work focussed on processes aimed at deepening democracy, social justice and the promotion and protection of human rights. André merges astute executive management, intellectual creativity, strategic leadership and vast practical experience into an industrious combination.

Joining the South African Human Rights Commission in 1996, André later became its Deputy Chief Executive Officer. On a unanimous recommendation from parliament, the president appointed André as a part-time Commissioner to the Commission for Gender Equality in 2008. Proficient in engaging at grassroots, community, organisational, management, strategic and executive levels, André maintains his links to the human rights structures of the United Nations and the African Union in addition to his work that is linked to ministerial appointments, state agencies and organs, civil society organisations and social movements. He is a frequently invited speaker at South African universities and universities abroad, as well as at academic conferences.

André's first professorial appointment was as an adjunct-professor at the University of Pretoria in 2009; this was followed by professorial appointments at the University of Fort Hare in 2010 and the University of the Free State in 2011, where he is currently based as the Director of the Institute for Reconciliation and Social Justice, and, until recently, as an advisor to the Rectorate. He was also appointed to serve as the Acting Vice-Rector (Student Affairs and External Relations) from June 2016 to January 2017. André serves on various structures in the human rights and higher education sectors, including his position as chairperson of the Centre for Educational Rights and Transformation (CERT) at the University of Johannesburg; member of the Ministerial Committee on Higher Education Transformation in South Africa; member of the Council on Higher Education (CHE); member of the Higher Education Quality Committee (HEQC); member of Universities of South Africa (USAf) – Transformation Managers Forum; a social cohesion advocate for the Department of Arts and Culture; and member of the Stellenbosch University Council.

Originally from Kylemore in the Stellenbosch region, André is acknowledged as a productive social justice researcher, higher education practitioner and academic citizen. He conducts peer-reviews for national and international journals; lectures on a visiting basis at national and international universities; serves as an external examiner for Masters and Doctoral studies at universities across the country; and is a peer assessor for the National Research Foundation (NRF). His research and postgraduate supervision focus on four areas: critical studies in higher education transformation; social justice, social cohesion and reconciliation; human rights, democracy and citizenship education; and public participation, critical citizenship and democracy development.

Education

Degrees and Diplomas

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| 2007 | PhD – Education Management, Law and Policy, University of Pretoria |
| 1995 | M.Ed <i>cum laude</i> , University of the Western Cape |
| 1993 | B.Ed, University of the Western Cape |
| 1987 | HDE, University of the Western Cape |
| 1986 | BA, University of the Western Cape |

Short Courses

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| 2007 | Strategic Planning |
| 2007 | Corporate Governance |
| 2007 | Public Finance Management |
| 2006 | Human Resource Management |
| 2006 | Supply Chain Management |
| 2001 | United Nations Peace Keeping (ACCORD - Botswana) |
| 1998 | Human Rights Education and Training (Centre for Human Rights - Denmark) |
| 1997 | Human Rights and Organisational Management (Management Institute - Uganda) |

Key Skills

- ◆ Research and Research Management
- ◆ Academic Programme Design
- ◆ Teaching, Supervision and Facilitation
- ◆ Strategic Planning
- ◆ Financial, Organisational, Change and Supply Chain Management
- ◆ Monitoring and Evaluation
- ◆ Project Management and Fundraising

Work Experience

Full-Time

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| 2011 – Present | Director - Institute for Reconciliation and Social Justice, University of the Free State |
| 2014 – 2016 | Advisor to the Vice-Chancellor and Rectorate, University of the Free State |
| 2016 – 2017 (Jan) | Acting Vice-Rector (Student Affairs and External Relations), University of the Free State |
| 2008 – 2011 | Director - Transdisciplinary Programme, University of Fort Hare |
| 2005 – 2008 | Deputy Chief Executive Officer, South African Human Rights Commission |
| 2000 – 2005 | Director, National Centre for Human Rights Education and Training, South African Human Rights Commission |
| 1997 – 2000 | Senior Education and Training Officer, South African Human Rights Commission |
| 1996 – 1997 | Education and Training Officer, South African Human Rights Commission |
| 1987 – 1996 | Teacher and Head of Department (Geography), Cloetesville Senior Secondary School, Stellenbosch |

Part-Time

2008 – 2010 Commissioner, Commission for Gender Equality

Selected Appointments, Affiliations and Memberships

2016 – Present Member – Higher Education Quality Committee (HEQC)
 2015 – Present Social Cohesion Advocate, Advisory Body to Minister of Arts and Culture
 2014 – Present Council Member, Council on Higher Education
 2014 – Present Research Associate, Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University
 2013 – Present Member, Ministerial Oversight Committee on the Transformation of Higher Education in South Africa
 2013 – Present Chairperson, Centre for Education Rights and Transformation, University of Johannesburg
 2013 – Present Council Member, Stellenbosch University Council
 2012 – 2015 Board Member, Insurance Education and Training Authority
 2011 – 2015 Board Member, Human Rights Education Associates
 2009 – 2012 Adjunct Professor, University of Pretoria
 2004 – 2008 Board Member, Freedom of Expression Institute
 2004 – 2007 Board Member, Education Policy Unit - University of Witwatersrand
 2002 – 2004 Convenor, Human Rights, Inclusivity and HIV/AIDS Working Group: Curriculum Development for senior secondary schools, Department of Education
 2002 – 2003 Member, Advisory Committee – Advanced Certificate in Education (Values and Human Rights), Department of Education
 2001 – 2003 Convenor, Human Rights and Inclusivity Working Group: Curriculum Development for primary and junior secondary schools, Department of Education
 2000 – 2001 Member, Local Organising Committee – World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance – South African Human Rights Commission, the Government of South Africa, United Nations
 1999 – 2002 Member, National Standards Body (NSB) – Education, Training and Development, South African Qualifications Authority
 1997 – 2004 Member, Reference Group on World Programme for Human Rights Education, United Nations
 1997 – 2001 Founding Member, Standards Generating Body (SGB) for Peace, Human Rights and Democracy Education, South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA)
 1996 – 2002 Founding Member, Forum for Democracy and Human Rights Education, South African Human Rights Commission

Selected Scholarly Publications

1. Keet, A. (2018). *Knowledge and Higher Education Transformation in South Africa*. SUNMedia. Forthcoming. (Collected Works).
2. Keet, A. (2018). Criticism and Critique: Critical Theory and the Renewal of Citizenship, Democracy and Human Rights Education. In Zembylas, M. and Keet, A. (eds.). *Entanglements and Regenerations: Critical Human Rights, Citizenship and Democracy Education*. Bloomsbury. Forthcoming. (Edited Book).
3. Keet, A. and Zembylas, M. (2018). Conceptual Considerations. In Zembylas, M. and Keet, A. (eds.). *Entanglements: Critical Citizenship, Democracy and Human Rights Education*. Bloomsbury. Forthcoming. (Edited Book)
4. Keet, A. (2018). The Perfect Crime Reloaded: Racism's Knowledge. In *Diversity and Scholarship in Higher Education*. In Ghorashi, H., Valenzuela, A. and Keet, A. (eds.). Forthcoming.
5. Keet, A. (2017). An Awkward, Uneasy (De) coloniality (editorial). *Education as Change*. Forthcoming.
6. Keet, A. (2017). Does Human Rights Education Exist? *International Journal of Human Rights Education*. Forthcoming.
7. Keet, A., Nel, W. and Sattarzadeh, S.D. (2017). Retreating rights: Human Rights, Pre-theoretical praxes and Student Activism in South African Universities. *South African Journal for Higher Education*.
8. Keet, A., Nel, W. and Sattarzadeh, S.D. (2017). #MustFall – The Event: Rights, student activism and the transformation of South African universities. Praeg, L. and Lange, L. (eds.). *#MustFall: Understanding the Moment*. Durban: UKZN Press.
9. Tibbitts, F. and Keet, A. (2016). Curriculum Reform in Transitional Justice Environments: The South African Human Rights Commission, Human Rights Education and the Schooling Sector. In Zajda, J. (ed.). *Globalisation and Human Rights Education*. Dordrecht, Netherlands: Springer.
10. Keet, A. and Nel, W. (2016). Rights, Regulation and Recognition: Making sense of student leaders' experiences of citizenship within a university. *International Journal for Educational Sciences*.
11. Keet, A. (2015). It is Time: Critical Human Rights Education in an Age of Counter-Hegemonic Distrust. *Education as Change*.
12. Keet, A. (2015). Rethinking the 'social' in the social justice mandate of social work in post-conflict societies. In Franger, G. & Lohrenscheit, C. (eds.). *Peacebuilding-Gender-Social work*. Oldernberg: Paulo Freire Verlag.
13. Keet, A. (2015). Higher Education Institutional Cultures, Commissioned paper. *Higher Education Transformation Summit*.
14. Keet, A. (2014). Plasticity, critical hope and the regeneration of human rights education. In Bozalek, V., Leibowitz, B., Carolissen, B. and Boler, M. *Discerning critical hope in educational practices*. London & New York: Routledge.
15. Keet, A. (2014). Spectacles and spectators: Higher education and the 'disappearance' of democracy. *South African Journal for Higher Education*.
16. Keet, A. (2014). Epistemic 'othering' and the decolonization of knowledge. *Africa Insight*.
17. Keet, A. (2014). Plastic knowledges: Transformation and Stagnations in the Humanities. *Alterations*.
18. Keet, A. (2014). Refractions: Social Theory, Human Rights and Philosophy. *Acta Academica*.

19. Keet, A. (2012). Discourse, betrayal, critique. In Roux, C. (ed.). *Safe Spaces: Human Rights Education in Diverse Contexts*. Netherlands, Rotterdam: Sense.
20. Keet, A. (2012). Overview: Africa. In Glenn and De Groof (eds.). *Balancing freedom, autonomy and accountability in education*. Volume 1. Netherlands, Nijmegen: Wolf Legal.
21. Keet, A. (2012). Rethinking Citizenship and Social Justice in Education (editorial). *Perspectives in Education*.
22. Keet, A. (2010). *Human Rights Education: A Conceptual Analysis*. Lambert Academic Publishing.
23. Keet, A. (2010). A Conceptual Typology of Human Rights Education and Associated Pedagogical Forms. *Journal for Social Science Education*.
24. Keet, A. (2010). Human Rights, Juridical Forms and the Crisis of Values in Education. *Journal for Juridical Sciences*.
25. Keet, A. (2010). A Conceptual Typology of Human Rights Education and Associated Pedagogical Forms. *Journal for Social Science Education*.
26. Keet, A., Zinn, D. and Porteus, K. (2009). Mutual vulnerability: a key principle in a humanising pedagogy in post-conflict societies. *Perspectives in Education*.
27. Keet, A. (2009). Reflection on the Colloquium within a Human Rights Discourse. In Nkomo, M. and Vandeyar, S. (eds.). *Thinking Diversity, Building Cohesion: A Transnational Dialogue on Education*. Amsterdam: Rozenberg.
28. Zinn, D. and Keet, A. (2009). *Diversity and Teacher Education: Explorations of a social justice framework*. In Sporre, K. and Mannenberg, J. (eds.). *Values, Religion and Education in Changing Societies*. Springer.
29. Keet, A. (2006). Education as a Human Right: Conceptual Challenges and Practical Concerns: A South African Experience. In De Groof, J., Lauwers, G. and Singh, S. (eds.). 2006. *The Right to Education and Rights in Education*. Nijmegen: MLP.
30. Keet, A. and Carrim, N. (2006). Human rights and curricular reform in South Africa. *Journal for Social Science*.
31. Carrim, N. and Keet, A. (2005). Infusing human rights into the curriculum: The case of the South African Revised National Curriculum Statement. *Perspectives in Education*.
32. Keet, A. (2002). Human Rights and Curriculum Transformation, *Quarterly Review of Education and Training in South Africa*.

Scholarly Editorships

1. Book Series Editor: *Critical Studies in Higher Education Transformation*. SUNMedia (2015-2021)
2. Associate Editor: *Acta Academica* (Humanities).
3. Associate Editor: *Education as Change*.
4. Editorial Board: *Journal on Higher Education Transformation*.
5. Editorial Board: *Human Rights Education Review*
6. Associate Editor: *International Journal on Human Rights Education*.
7. Editorial Board: *Educational Research for Social Change*.
8. Guest Editor: *South African Journal for Education*.
9. Guest Editor (Special Issue): 'Social Theory, Human Rights and Philosophy'. *Acta Academica*. 2014.
10. Lead Guest Editor (with Nel, W. and Alexander, G.) (Special Issue): 'Social Justice, Human Rights and Inclusivity in Education'. *International Journal for Educational Sciences*. 2014.
11. Lead Guest Editor (with Carolissen, R.) (Special Issue): 'Rethinking Citizenship and Social Justice in Education'. *Perspectives in Education*. 2012.

Selected Keynotes and Prestige Lectures

1. 9 May 2017 (Invited Input): #MustFall – The Event. Coburg University, Germany.
2. 4 May 2017 (Invited Input): Student Protests and the Decolonial Turn. Justus-Leibig University, Giessen, Germany.
3. 4 April 2017 (Keynote): Martin Luther King Legacy Lectures: Universities as Spaces for Transformation. Georgetown University, Washington, United States of America.
4. 14 September 2016 (Invited Input): Reflections of Human Rights Education Five Years after the Adoption of the Declaration on Human Rights Education and Training, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, United Nations, Geneva. (Could not attend / student protests).
5. 5 February 2016 (Keynote): The Perfect Crime Reloaded: Racism's Knowledge, Diversity and Scholarship in Higher Education. Diversity in Higher Education, International Colloquium. University of California, Los Angeles.
6. 16 October 2015 (Invited / Commissioned Input): Institutional cultures / environments. 2nd National Higher Education Transformation Summit. Durban, South Africa.
7. 12 August 2015 (Invited Input): Epistemic "Othering" and the Decolonization of Knowledge. Theory and Methodology Seminar Series. University of Johannesburg, South Africa.
8. 21 May 2015 (Invited Input): Spectacle and spectators: Higher Education and the 'disappearance' of democracy. Theory and Methodology Seminar Series. University of Johannesburg, South Africa.
9. 12 May 2015 (Keynote): Rethinking the 'Social' in Social Work: Work- Peace Building, Gender and Social Work. International Conference. University of Coburg, Germany.
10. 18 December 2014 (Keynote): It is time: Critical Human Rights and Multicultural Education in the 21st Century. Multicultural and Special Education. International Conference. Chiang Mai, Thailand.
11. 31 October 2014 (Keynote): The Importance of Human Rights Education. Sustainable Rural Learning Ecologies. International Conference. University of the Free State, South Africa.
12. 9 October 2014 (Keynote): Human Rights Education and the Role of the United Nations Association of South Africa (UNASA). UNASA launch programme. University of Stellenbosch, South Africa.
13. 18 September 2014 (Prestige Lecture): The Flesh of Ghosts: Heritage, Memory and Identity in Stellenbosch. University of Stellenbosch Annual Heritage Lecture. Stellenbosch, South Africa.
14. 29 August 2014 (Keynote): Anti-Racism as a pillar of Social Justice and Transformation. Anti-Racism Network in Higher Education. Vaal University of Technology, South Africa.
15. 14 August 2014 (Keynote Respondent): South African Education Research Association. Annual Conference. Durban, South Africa.
16. 29 July 2014 (Keynote): The Soul on Strike: Reconciliation in the Context of Exclusion. The Tutu-Jonker Dialogue Series. University of the Free State, South Africa.
17. 26 June 2014 (Invited Input): Academic Freedom. The Academy of Science of South Africa. Humanities Conference. Pretoria, South Africa.
18. 12 June 2014 (Keynote): National Human Rights Institutions and the Promotion of Human Rights. Colloquium – Human Rights Education Associates. Boston, United States of America.
19. 26 February 2014 (Invited Input): What is an African University? Critical Consciousness Seminar Series. Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University, South Africa.

20. 13 January 2014 (Keynote): Plastic Education: Research, Epistemic Justice and the Decolonization of Knowledge. Education Association of South Africa. Conference. Golden Gate, South Africa.
21. 3 February 2014 (Keynote): Shared complicities: African Approaches to Reconciliation. Seminar on African Solutions for African Problems: Reflections on Peace and Security on the African Continent. Jointly hosted by the Faculty of Humanities, University of the Free State and the Osaka School for International Public Policy, Osaka University, Japan.
22. 20 September 2013 (Special Guest Input): Guiltiness-Retreating education rights and research discourses in South African Education. Lecture at the Annual General Meeting of the Centre for Education Policy Development. Johannesburg, South Africa.
23. 28 August 2013 (Keynote): Architecture and Dialogue. The Architecture Student Congress (ASC2013). University of the Free State, South Africa.
24. 23 January 2013 (Keynote): Power, Knowledge and the Betrayal of Transformation in Higher Education in South Africa. Higher Education and Leadership Management – Higher Education South Africa (HESA). Cape Town, South Africa.
25. 2 August 2012 (Keynote): A Clean shaven Marx[s]? Rights, Necromancy and conceptions of Feminist Justice. 1st Annual IFJP Conference. Leaving the Camp – Gender Analysis across Real and Perceived Divides. University of the Free State, South Africa.
26. 25 November 2011 (Keynote): Freedom of Expression. Seminar – Hate Speech. South African Human Rights Commission. Bloemfontein, South Africa.
27. 20 May 2011 (Keynote): Knowledge and Higher Education Transformation. Seminar – Higher Education Transformation. University of South Africa, Pretoria, South Africa.
28. 7 April 2011 (Keynote): Discourse, Critique, Betrayal. Colloquium – Human Rights Education. North West University, South Africa.
29. 29 September 2010 (Keynote): Betrayal, Hope and Solidarity. Social Justice in Education Research. Colloquium on Education for Social Justice. University of the Free State, South Africa.
30. 12 February 2010 (Invited Input): National Human Rights Institutions and the Concept of Accountability. United National Development Programme and Human Rights Education Associates. Nairobi, Kenya.
31. 24 November 2009 (Invited Input): The Perfect Crime – Educational Research in post-apartheid South Africa. Invited presentation and the National Research Foundation Workshop. Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University, South Africa.
32. 9 April 2009 (Keynote): Post-conflict pedagogies. Harvard Kennedy School. Cambridge, United States of America.
33. 19 September 2007 (Keynote): Troubling Education: Human Rights Mythologies and Educational Research. Kenton Conference. Durban, South Africa.
34. 14 September 2007 (Prestige Guest Lecture): National Human Rights Institutions and the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights. University of Fort Hare, South Africa.
35. 27 August 2007 (Keynote): Human Rights Mythologies and the Crisis of Values in Education. Annual Conference of the South African Education Law Association. Rustenburg, South Africa.
36. 15 November 2002 (Keynote): Human Rights and Transformation in Higher Education. Conference organised by the Free State Forum for Democracy and Human Rights Education. Bloemfontein, South Africa.
37. 6 July 2001 (Keynote): Human Rights as the Basis for Democratic Education. School Safety Conference. Department of Education. Pretoria, South Africa.

Selected Conference, Colloquium and Seminar Presentations

1. 19 March 2014: Hearing All Sides – Race-Equality-Transformation. Seminar. University of the Free State, South Africa.
2. 9 August 2013: Incompleteness – Epistemic Justice and the Decolonization of Knowledge. Critical Consciousness Seminar Series. Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University, South Africa.
3. 21 June 2013: Race and Gender – Respondent to Keynote. Anti-Racism Network in Higher Education. University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa.
4. 22 May 2013: Africa Inc. Development, Knowledge and the Politics of the Possible. Africa Day Seminar. University of the Free State, South Africa.
5. 9 September 2012: The Intellectual and the State. Fort Hare Colloquium Series. Alice, South Africa.
6. 25 October 2011: The Role of Education in Combating Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and related intolerance. United Nations Human Rights Council. Geneva, Switzerland.
7. 5 October 2010: Internationalization and Intercultural Challenges for Universities in South Africa: Lessons to Learn. University of Fort Hare, South Africa.
8. 29 September 2010: Fantasies and Delusions: The Discourse of Curriculation in Higher Education. Education Faculty Conference. University of Free State, South Africa.
9. 22 September 2010: Cultural Excellence in Schools. Seminar. University of Fort Hare, South Africa.
10. 15 June 2010: The Perfect Crime. World Congress of WCCES (World Council of Comparative Education Societies). Istanbul, Turkey.
11. 29 April 2010: The Inhumanity of Being Human. Philosophy Seminar Series. University of Fort Hare, South Africa.
12. 17 March 2010: The Right to Education: Rights, Law and Legal Activism. Rhodes University Law Students Association. Rhodes University, South Africa.
13. 26 February 2010: National Human Rights Institutions and the concept of Accountability. United Nations Development Programme. Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.
14. 22 September 2009: Heritage and the Life, Knowledge Action Programme. Heritage Lecture. Vaal University of Technology, South Africa.
15. 29 May 2009: Regional Integration and Dialogue in the Southern African Development Community (SADC). Centre for Education Policy Development, SADC Conference. Johannesburg, South Africa.
16. 24 March 2009: Education as a Right, Traded Service. Comparative and International Education Society, Annual Conference. South Carolina, United States of America.
17. 10 March 2009: Evidence, quality and analysis in Conceptual Research. Rhodes University, Faculty of Education, Doctoral Programme. South Africa.
18. 31 September 2008: Great Expectations or False Hope, EFA Framework in Southern Africa, OSISA. Johannesburg. South Africa.
19. 19 June 2008: When Democracy is not Enough: A response to Odora-Hoppers. UNISA Seminar Series. South Africa.
20. 16 April 2008: Understand, Value and Respect. North West University Human Rights Lecture. South Africa.
21. 18 July 2007: Integrating Human Rights in Educational Processes. Centre for Human Rights International Human Rights Training Programme. University of Pretoria, South Africa.
22. 4 August 2006: Human Rights in Education and Human Rights Education: Alternative Conceptual Frameworks. Seminar Presentation. Wits University, South Africa.
23. 2 June 2006: How to Implement Education in Human Rights in Schools. Seminar-Centre for Human Rights Education. Lucerne, Switzerland.

24. 26 November 2004: Education as a Human Right. World Conference on the Rights to Education. Amsterdam, Netherlands.
25. 29 March 2004: Education for Human Rights, Democracy and Citizenship. South African Democratic Teachers' Union Conference on curriculum. Johannesburg, South Africa.
26. 16 August 2001: Mobilising against Racism. Northern Cape Pre-WCAR Conference. Kimberley, South Africa.
27. 9 May 2001: Deracialising our Institutions – Practicing Diversity. Second Annual Educationally Speaking Conference. Johannesburg, South Africa.
28. 19 April 2001: Gender, Schooling and HIV: A Human Rights Perspective. SADTU Education Policy Conference. Johannesburg, South Africa.

Research Management and Postgraduate studies

Separate Annexure

Referees

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