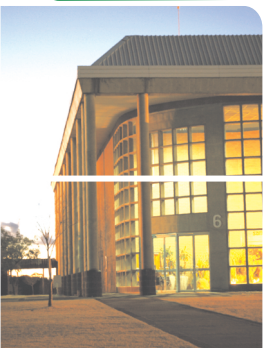




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**2nd South African Positive Social Sciences
Symposium - Towards Thriving Youth**

28 & 29 October 2013

Optentia Research Focus Area
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Call for Abstracts and Invitation to Register

Optentia Research Programme at the Vanderbijlpark Campus of North-West University is pleased to announce that it will be hosting the 2nd South African Symposium on Positive Social Sciences 2013: Towards Thriving Youth on 28-29 October 2013 in Vanderbijlpark, South Africa. Workshops will be presented on 30 October 2013.

Aim

The youth in southern Africa is an important focus area for research and intervention. For example, in South Africa, unemployment is mostly experienced by youth. Almost all of the job losses in 2009/10 were experienced by those under the age of 30, and with less than a Grade 12 education. Poor health and well-being, crime and corruption are serious issues in South Africa. Education also faces important challenges and young people are poorly prepared for further training and work. Therefore, research and intervention regarding leadership, employability, resilience, talent, positive relations and thriving are vital to optimise potential of individuals, institutions and communities. The aim of the conference is to provide an update on theory, measurement and application in the domain of positive social sciences in general, and in particular as pertains to individual, social and institutional potential of youth in a multi-cultural context. The conference will provide opportunities for discussion, debate, promotion of knowledge, development of skills, and future networking.

Topics/Themes

We invite you to submit abstracts for papers. General symposium themes are:

- Employment, unemployment and flourishing of youth
- Pathways to resilience and posttraumatic growth
- Positive education
- Positive relations
- Intergenerational relations
- Thriving of youth: Indigenous knowledge
- Community well-being and thriving in cultural context
- Talent management and positive institutions
- Employability
- Youth and family

Keynote Speakers

Visit our website (<http://www.optentia.co.za>) for a list of keynote speakers and their topics.

The Conference Venue

The conference takes place at the scenic campus of the North-West University in Vanderbijlpark, South Africa. A wide variety of guesthouses in the Vanderbijlpark area will be available to conference participants. A list of addresses of guesthouses appears on the conference website (<http://www.optentia.co.za>).

Key Information

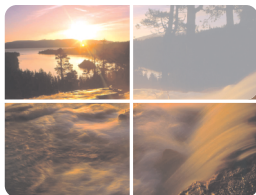
Positive Social Sciences Symposium 2013
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Website: <http://www.optentia.co.za>

Registration forms, abstract submission forms and full conference details are available on the website.

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