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2023 Academy of Science of South Africa (ASSAf)
Humanities Book Award Lecture
on

GANG ENTRY AND EXIT IN CAPE TOWN
Getting Beyond the Streets in Africa's Deadliest City

by
Dr Dariusz Dziewanski, Faculty of Law, University of Cape Town

Date: 20 September 2023

Time: 10:00 – 11:30

Platform: Zoom

RSVP: [Click here](#) to register (After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.)

With his book *Gang Entry and Exit in Cape Town: Getting beyond the streets in Africa's deadliest city*, Dr Dariusz Dziewanski provides a detailed qualitative account of what it is like to join and later disengage from gangs in Cape Town. Through the life histories of 24 former gang members, Dariusz seeks to understand the structural forces that push people into gangs and street culture, as well as the potential pathways that gang members have for escaping the streets.

About Dr Dariusz Dziewanski

Dr Dariusz Dziewanski was titled the Joint winner of the ASSAf Humanities Book Award in the category of 'Emerging Researcher' in 2023 for the book titled *Gang Entry and Exit in Cape Town: Getting Beyond the Streets in Africa's Deadliest City*. These awards are made biennially to honour the importance and contribution of scholarly texts to humanist knowledge production and intellectual endeavour in South Africa.

Dariusz Dziewanski is a social scientist whose research focuses on gangs in Cape Town. Based on this work he has written the aforementioned book and published numerous articles in peer-reviewed journals on gangs and street culture. He also has over fifteen years of professional experience carrying out research projects and evaluations in diverse international development and humanitarian settings around the world. As a journalist, Dariusz has written features and editorials for *Al Jazeera*, *The Guardian*, *The Globe and Mail*, and many other media outlets. He holds a doctorate from SOAS University of London, and is currently an Honorary Research Affiliate at the Centre of Criminology, at the University of Cape Town's Faculty of Law.



Programme

10:00 – 10:15	Welcome and introduction to the Lecture Dr Naomi Nkealah, University of the Witwatersrand, Humanities Book Awards Panel Member
10:15 – 10:50	Gang Entry and Exit in Cape Town: Getting Beyond the Streets in Africa's Deadliest City Dr Dariusz Dziewanski, University of Cape Town
10:50 – 11:25	Discussions
11:25 – 11:30	Closure Prof Crain Soudien, University of Cape Town, Humanities Book Awards Panel Member