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Technology, Free State

CENTER FOR INNOVATION  
IN LEARNING AND TEACHING  
(CILT)

# 8th Annual International Conference on Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL) in Higher Education

**05 -06 October 2023**

**Bloemfontein,  
Free State,  
South Africa**

**SoTL and Transformation:  
Responding to changes in  
Educational Policies, Curricula  
and Pedagogies in Higher  
Education**

## **CALL FOR PAPERS**

**Closing date for  
submission of abstracts  
11 August 2023**

**NO REGISTRATION FEES FOR ALL DELEGATES**



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### CALL FOR PAPERS

The Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL) invites the submission of abstracts for its 8th Annual SoTL conference to be held from the 5th to the 6th of October 2023.

### CONFERENCE FOCUS

Transformation of Education including Higher Education needs to be responsive to the needs of the local communities from where our students are drawn. This means that educational policies, curricula and the pedagogical practices of Higher Education Institutions should be context specific whilst aiming to be globally relevant. While Covid-19 has had devastating effects on different spheres of our lives, including economic, social and educational spheres, there are many good lessons to be shared from the experiences of living with Covid-19. The abrupt change from face-to-face mode of delivery of the curriculum and assessments to on-line and hybrid modes have helped many lecturers to improve their digital fluency.

In responding to, and keeping up with an ever-changing dynamic educational landscape, the Centre for Innovation in Learning and Teaching (CILT) through the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL) at the Central University of Technology, Free State presents the following theme for its 2023 Annual Conference:

## SoTL and Transformation: Responding to changes in Educational Policies, Curricula and Pedagogies in Higher Education

The aim of this conference is to stimulate debate and conversations on issues aimed at addressing current students' learning needs as well as innovative ways of teaching, learning and assessment in higher education. This conference will encourage collaborations within and across universities as it will enable delegates and presenters to explore their innovative and transformative scholarly work in an open and collegial manner.

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## CONFERENCE SUB-THEMES

- **Artificial Intelligence in Education**
- **Promotion of Quality Teaching and Learning**
- **Transformative assessment practices or pedagogies**
- **Educating for sustainability**
- **Decolonisation and Africanisation of the curriculum**

## ABSTRACT SUBMISSIONS

Abstracts are invited on any of the identified sub-themes. Papers may be of empirical, theoretical, or philosophical nature on any of the sub-themes.

## SUBMISSION INFORMATION

We welcome extended abstracts of not more than 500 words. Submissions must be sent electronically to the email address supplied below. All abstracts will be internally and externally peer reviewed. The extended abstracts should include the authors' name and affiliations, contact details of the author/s email address and the conference subtheme. The following elements of the paper should be indicated in the abstract. Aim/purpose/objective of the paper, thrust/focus of the paper, methodology if necessary, or theoretical and or conceptual frameworks, preliminary findings and conclusion.

## EVALUATION OF PAPERS

- Reviewers for the SoTL conference will consider all abstracts received by the submission deadline (see dates below) to ensure that the proposed abstract is relevant to the conference.
- The authors of abstracts will receive a notification of their reviewed abstracts and recommended amendments where necessary.
- Full papers will be double-blind peer-reviewed by members of the Scientific Conference Committee to ensure an adequate standard, that the proposed subject of their abstract has been followed, that the paper is of a suitable length, the standard of English is adequate, and the paper is appropriately referenced.
- The SoTL Conference does not have peer reviewed conference proceedings. We are working towards that but might not be ready for 2023. Abstracts that are accepted will be published in the conference programme provided that at least one author registers and presents the paper at the conference (see the registration section of the conference website for more information about registration).

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## TIME FRAME FOR SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS AND PAPERS:

30 June 2023	Submission of abstracts opens
Extended to 23 August 2023	Closing date for submission of abstracts
14 August - 7 September 2023	Review period
from 07 till 22 September 2023	Notification of acceptance of abstracts

## PRESENTATION FORMAT

<b>Paper Presentation</b> (Face to face / Virtual presentations)	25 minutes presentations for scholarly papers with 5 minutes for discussions (2 presenters per one-hour session)
<b>Posters</b> (Face to face / Virtual presentations)	20 minutes presentation of posters with 10 minute discussions.

## REGISTRATION DATES

Conference registration opens	10 September 2023
Late registration	25 September 2023

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