OPENING OF ANNUAL TEACH-IN (2013)

Colleagues, students, ladies and gentlemen

Welcome to the 2013 edition of our Annual Teach-In.

Each year, through the Teach-In we focus on an issue of contemporary public interest and concern, and the Teach-In has become an important and welcome annual fixture during the University's third term.

In past years we have focused on the Washington Consensus, the FIFA World Cup, LGBTI rights, and the ANC's idea of a second transition, (the notion of the ANC ruling till Jesus' coming might also have been interesting).

This year, for our 11th Annual Teach-In we focus on Rape, for many good reasons. As is usual, we once again have a wonderful line up of fantastic scholars, political analysts, public commentators and social activists who will deliver public lectures and engage with us on the theme of Rape.

Once again too, we have the Department of Political and International Studies to thank for the 2013 edition of the Teach-In. My thanks to these colleagues for organizing this five-day lunch-time event; to the colleagues in the Events section of the Communication Division for their support; to our guest speakers, who often travel long distances to be with us, and to all of you who attend and support this event.