



CENTRE FOR  
SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT  
IN AFRICA

**Our Future  
Reimagined**

# INVITATION

The University of Johannesburg's (UJ) **Centre for Social Development in Africa (CSDA)**, in partnership with the **Department of Sociology**, invites you to the Launch Webinar on:

## **Enhancing Postgraduate Teaching, Learning and Supervision through AI Chatbots: A SoTL-Based Evaluation of Ulwazi and SociBot**

The project is supported by UJ's Division for Teaching Excellence.

The initiative introduces two customised ChatGPT-powered bots:

- **SociBot**, developed for Honours in Sociology students
- **Ulwazi**, designed for the Masters in Sociology and MPhil in Social Policy and Development students.

These tools aim to provide on-demand academic guidance, support research design and writing, and enhance student confidence and autonomy, while enabling supervisors to focus more deeply on mentorship.

Aligned with SDG 4: Quality Education and the University of Johannesburg Strategic Plan 2035, CSDA's project advances people-centred digital innovation in teaching and contributes to the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL) through empirical research on AI in postgraduate education.

**CHAIR: Professor Ingrid Palmay**, University of Johannesburg (UJ)

### **OPENING REMARKS:**

- **Jayna Devani**, Lead: Education for Countries Initiative, OpenAI, US

### **PANEL DISCUSSION WITH:**

- **Professor Helen Crompton**, Executive Director: Research Institute for Digital Innovation in Learning, Old Dominion University, US
- **Professor Jeannie Beatrix Law**, Coordinator: Graduate Certificate in AI & Writing Technologies Programme, Kennesaw State University, US
- **Professor Muhsinah Morris**, Founder and CEO: Metaverse United & Professor of Practice: Morehouse College, US
- Discussion facilitated by **Dr Anthony Kaziboni**, Senior Researcher: CSDA

**DEMONSTRATION: Dr Anthony Kaziboni**

**CLOSING REMARKS: Professor Sadiyya Haffejee:** Director: CSDA

**DATE:** Thursday, 26 March 2026 | **TIME:** 17:00–19:00 (SAST)

**PLATFORM:** [https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_z57dGmHJQuiltZGrmw7LLw](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_z57dGmHJQuiltZGrmw7LLw)



DISCLAIMER: The event may be photographed and video recorded for media and marketing purposes. By participating you grant the University of Johannesburg permission to use and publish any recorded material. The University of Johannesburg encourages academic debate and discussion that are conducted in a manner that upholds respectful interaction, safety of all involved, and freedom of association as enshrined in the law, the Constitution, and within the boundaries of the University policies. The views expressed during events are expressed in a personal capacity and do not necessarily reflect the views of the University of Johannesburg.