



## PERSONAL DETAILS

SURNAME : Mnguni  
FIRST NAME : Lukhona Afika  
DATE OF BIRTH :  
PLACE OF BIRTH :  
GENDER : Male  
RACE : Black  
MARITAL STATUS : Married  
NATIONALITY : South African  
KNOWN LANGUAGES : IsiXhosa, IsiZulu, English, SeSotho  
(semi-literate)  
HEALTH : Excellent  
CRIMINAL OFFENCE : None  
DRIVERS LICENCE : Code – B  
HOBBIES : Reading, socialising, travelling  
and initiating dialogue.

## CONTACT DETAILS

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## EDUCATION & TRAINING

**University of Edinburgh**, Edinburgh, Scotland, (Graduated in November 2015)  
MSc in Africa and International Development.

**University of KwaZulu-Natal**, Durban, South Africa, (Graduated in April 2014)  
Honours Degree, Bachelor of Social Sciences: Conflict Transformation and Peace Studies (*cum laude*)

- Conducted fieldwork at the African Union Head Quarters, meeting the Chief Advisor (Ambassador Sangqu) to the Commission Chairperson Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma
- Passing all my modules for the degree with a Certificate of Merit – all first class marks
- Was the lead author in a paper co-authored by three students which was accepted for presentation at the University of Manchester (Sept. 2013) during the *3rd International Conference on Management in Africa*

**University of KwaZulu-Natal** (Graduated in April 2013)  
Undergraduate Degree, Bachelor of Community and Development Studies: Community Development and Political Science (*cum laude*)

## PUBLISHED WRITINGS

- Mnguni, L. (2015). “Book Review – A Nation in crisis: An appeal for morality”. *African Journal on Conflict Resolution*. Vol. 15 (2), pp.135-139
- Mnguni, L. (2016). “Grassroots grievances: Why the country’s municipalities are failing and how to fix them”. *Africa in Fact*. Issue 36, pp. 66-72
- Mnguni, L. (2017). “African presidential systems and how to fix them”. *Africa in Fact*. Issue 42, pp. 10-19
- Mnguni, L. (2019). “South African Political Parties Face the World in an Election Year - 2019: Reflecting on Manifestos and their take on Foreign Policy”. *Occasional Paper Series - Friedrich-EbertStiftung South Africa* [view: [https://www.fes-southafrica.org/fileadmin/user\\_upload/Foreign\\_Policy\\_final\\_draft\\_paper\\_L\\_Mnguni\\_final.pdf](https://www.fes-southafrica.org/fileadmin/user_upload/Foreign_Policy_final_draft_paper_L_Mnguni_final.pdf)]

## WRITTEN WORK PRESENTED BUT UNPUBLISHED

- Submission, in March 2017, to the Portfolio Committee on Justice and Correctional Services (RSA National Assembly) responding to the *Implementation of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court Act Repeal Bill*.
- Two submissions in 2016 to the Presidential Commission of Inquiry on Fees Must Fall
- Mnguni, L. (2016). “The rise and fall of Public Higher Education?” Input as a panellist in the University of South Africa’s 2016 Research and Innovation Week launch.

- Mnguni, L. (2016). ““South Africa belongs to all who live in it””, Public Lecture in Msunduzi Museum commemorating Human Rights Day.
- Mnguni, L. (2014). “Commodification of Higher Education: Challenges and Consequences For a Transformation Agenda” Public Seminar in UKZN
- Mnguni, L. (2013). “Bringing the mind and its consciousness to the UKZN Transformation Charter: An Auto-Ethnographic Account”. *Ongoing paper presented in the College of Humanities 2nd Annual Postgraduate Conference and Staff Research Colloquium in UKZN*
- Mnguni, L.; Ricardo, D. and Van der Valt, S. (2013). “Defining NEPAD’s role in creating the necessary human and social capital for Africa’s development”. *Presented in the University of Manchester’s 3rd International Conference on Management in Africa*
- Mnguni, L. (2013). “The ANC Roadtrip: From Polokwane to Mangaung”. *A complete manuscript*
- A book review published online: Mnguni, L. (2015). “Songezo Zibi’s Book Raises the Bar on SA Sociopolitical Life”. Published on New24 Voices: <http://voices.news24.com/lukhona-mnguni/2015/01/songezo-zibis-book-raises-bar-sa-sociopolitical-life/>
- About 250 articles of differing length (from 500 words to 3000 words) published in nationwide newspapers and online blogs since November 2008.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- **Good Governance Africa**, (Ad-hoc secondment since July 2017-present), Lead Researcher for projects focused on local government and grassroots democracy, Johannesburg, South Africa
- **University of KwaZulu-Natal**, (September 2015 – Present) PhD intern Research Fellow in the Maurice Webb Race Relations Unit, Durban, South Africa
- **African Centre for Technology Studies**, (May and June 2015), Work-based placement as a research intern for Master’s Dissertation research, Nairobi, Kenya
- **University of KwaZulu-Natal**, (May 2014 – August 2014) Junior Research Assistant in the office of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor: Humanities College
- **University of KwaZulu-Natal**, (February 2013 – November 2013) Tutor in Community Development Studies, Durban, South Africa
- **University of KwaZulu-Natal**, (July 2012 – November 2012) Tutor in History of Political Thought, Durban, South Africa
- **Ubumna Foundation**, (Ad-hoc Basis - Ended) Strategist and Documents Development, Johannesburg, South Africa

## **COMMUNITY OR VOLUNTEER WORK (unpaid)**

- Democracy Development Program Board Member (July 2019-present)
- The McCord Trust Trustee (February 2016-present)
- Newspaper Columnist, ongoing
- The Giveback Initiative (Founder), May 2008-present
- Open Mindz (Founder), July 2012
- Black Management Forum-Student Chapter, UKZN, Oct 2011-Oct 2012

## **AWARDS & HONORS**

- Recipient of the Open Society Foundation South Africa Democracy Fellow for 2019
- Recipient of the National Institute for Humanities and Social Sciences PhD Scholarship (2017-2019)
- Received the Deputy Vice-Chancellor's Community Engagement Award at the College of Humanities Staff Excellence Awards 2016
- Recipient of the UKZN Graduate Development Programme PhD Scholarship (2016-2018)
- Resident Political Analyst for eNCA, a 24-hour television network, during the 2016 South African Local Government Elections and 2017 ANC National Policy Conference
- Invitation to the 2015 Clinton Global Initiative University
- Commonwealth Scholarship for a Master's in the United Kingdom 2014/15
- Abe Bailey Travel Bursary, Sir Abe Bailey Trust, July 2013, Cape Town and Durban
- 2012 Distinguished Students Award, University of KwaZulu-Natal, March 2013, Durban
- 1 of 100 Brightest Young Minds (BYM) Summit Delegates, Brightest Young Minds SA, May 2013, Johannesburg
- Certificate of Achievement in the International Youth Leadership Conference and IYLC Alumni, IYLC-Prague, 26 July 2012, Prague
- Member of the Golden Key International Honour Society, Golden Key International Honour Society, Oct/Nov 2011, Durban
- Good Fellowship Award, Port Shepstone High School, November 2006, Port Shepstone

## SELECTED PUBLIC TALKS, SEMINARS AND LECTURES

- Conversations @ Diakonia: “South Africa’s socio-political climate: Prospects for the future” by Lukhona Mnguni – 17 October 2017
- 54th Rotary Youth Leadership Course 2017: “Leadership that moves the country forward” – Lukhona Mnguni, 03 October 2017.
- PUBLIC LECTURE: Constitutional Provisions towards building a better future through youth excellence in education – 19 June 2017, on the occasion of opening the KZN Youth Parliament
- Politics, Democratisation, Good Governance and Human Rights as Pillars of Restorative Justice: The Case of South Africa, 14 February 2017 seminar for visiting parliamentarians from some West African countries at Good Governance Africa
- Mnguni, L. (2016). “The rise and fall of Public Higher Education?” Input as a panellist in the University of South Africa’s 2016 Research and Innovation Week launch.
- Mnguni, L. (2016). ““South Africa belongs to all who live in it””, Public Lecture in Msunduzi Museum commemorating Human Rights Day.

## SKILLS

**Languages:** English (Highly Competent), IsiXhosa (Highly Competent), Sesotho (Fair), IsiZulu (good)

**Computer:** MS Word, MS Excel, MS PowerPoint

## LIST OF REFERENCES

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*Position Held*

: Director at Maurice Webb Race Relations Unit, School of Social Sciences, UKZN

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Africa, Southern Africa office

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and Community Development, University  
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*Position Formerly Held*

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: Associate Professor in the School of  
Built Environment and Development  
Studies, University of KwaZulu-Natal

*Current Position Held*

: KwaZulu-Natal Commissioner for the  
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