



South Africa's silent killer: stifling dissent and public disclosure

Date: 23 March 2023

Time: 11h00 to 13h00 (GMT+2)

Venue: Online via Zoom ([register](#) to attend online) or in person, ISS Conference Room, Pretoria ([register](#) to attend in-person)

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Public health workers are severely constrained in their ability to speak out about the corruption and maladministration that is driving health institutions towards collapse. Those who try to do so are faced with disciplinary action, intimidation or death.

Free speech and access to information are vital for holding governments to account. However, a new report by the Campaign for Free Expression on the limits of free speech in the public health sector uncovers how the public service regulatory framework worsens the problem.

This seminar is a partnership between the Campaign for Free Expression (CFE), the Progressive Health Forum (PHF) and the Institute for Security Studies (ISS).

Moderator: Gareth Newham, Head, Justice and Violence Prevention, ISS

Panelists:

- Prof Alex van den Heever, Chair, Social Security Systems Administration and Management Studies, Wits School of Governance, and affiliated to the PHF
- Prof Ebrahim Variava, Adjunct Professor at Wits, Internal Medicine (Johannesburg Hospital), Head of Department, Internal Medicine at Klerkorp Tshepong Hospital, North-West, and affiliated to the PHF
- Hanifa Manda, Project Manager, Campaign for Free Expression and Young African Leaders Fellow 2021, School of Transnational Governance, European University Institute

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